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U.S. Senator and candidate for TN Governor Marsha Blackburn sues Jack Smith for violating her rights



By U.S. Sen. and Candidate for Tennessee Governor Marsha Blackburn

October 6, 2026 - The record is clear: Jack Smith, who served as “Special Counsel” in the Biden Department of Justice, perpetrated one of the worst abuses of government power in our nation’s history. A year ago this

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month, our country learned that Arctic Frost, a corrupt, politically motivated investigation led by Smith, had targeted not just President Trump but elected members of Congress—including me—along with hundreds of conserva-

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Last week, we learned even more about the lengths Smith took to weaponize government and target conservatives. According to whistleblower disclosures received by the Senate Judiciary Committee, Smith’s team obtained at least 4,782 personal checks—exposing home addresses, bank account numbers, and signatures—from Americans across all 50 states, including 102 Tennesseans. Their only offense: that they donated to President Trump.

While disturbing, this disclosure should come as no surprise. Just days after President Trump announced his 2024 presidential campaign, Biden’s Attorney General named Smith as Special Counsel. In the following months, Smith’s team issued 197 subpoenas seeking records and sensitive information on over 430 conservative organizations

and individuals, all with the stamp of approval from the Biden Justice Department. In a gross violation of the U.S. Constitution’s separation of powers and Speech or Debate Clause, Smith obtained my phone toll records—along with those of more than a dozen sitting members of Congress—learning whom we called, when, and for how long. What we all shared in common: We’re all Republicans, we all support President Trump, and we all had valid questions about the 2020 election.

Jack Smith went to great lengths to ensure we did not find out about this deep invasion of our privacy and violation of our constitutional rights. He went to an Obama appointee, Judge James Boasberg, who signed non-disclosure orders that kept the subpoenas secret from us. His basis for the gag orders? That notifying the members of Congress being spied on could “result in

destruction of evidence, intimidation of potential witnesses, and serious jeopardy to the investigation.”

We also learned that Smith’s team consulted with the Biden Justice Department’s Public Integrity Section about the subpoenas. They were informed that there was “litigation risk” for violating the Speech or Debate Clause, which provides members of Congress with broad, constitutional protection from executive branch interference. But the Biden Justice Department ultimately concluded that they could go ahead with the subpoenas because they believed we would never find out about the witch hunt.

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ciary Committee brought Smith in for questioning under oath to explain his appalling actions. One day later, I filed a lawsuit against the former special counsel for unlawfully subpoenaing my cell phone toll records during the Arctic Frost investigation.

Through my suit, I am asking that the Court declare Smith’s appointment unlawful under the U.S. Constitution’s Appointments Clause and to hold Smith accountable, in his personal capacity, for his gross abuses of power. If the Deep State can trample on the constitutional rights of sitting members of Congress and even the President of the United States, then they can do it to any American.

This lawsuit—which seeks an award of nominal damages of one dollar—is solely about ensuring that our nation’s justice system can never again be weaponized against the American people.

Tigers Rifle team ranked No. 10 in CRCA Poll for third consecutive season

MEMPHIS, Tenn., September 30, 2026 – For a third straight year, the University of Memphis rifle program will begin the 2026-27 season as the No. 10 team in the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association (CRCA) preseason poll, the organization announced.

Memphis finished the 2025-26 campaign with a 6-7 record, with ranked wins over then No. 12 Ohio State, No. 13 Akron, No. 1 Kentucky, No. 16 Morehead State and No. 19 North Georgia, going 3-1 in Great American Rifle Conference (GARC) competitions.

The Tigers start this season with four matches against teams in the preseason top five in Ole Miss, West Virginia and a pair of competitions against Nebraska. All six programs in the GARC were ranked within the top 15, with Memphis ahead of conference opponents Akron and Army.

FULL CRCA PRESEASON TOP 20 POLL

1. West Virginia*
2. Kentucky*
3. TCU
4. Nebraska
5. Ole Miss
6. Georgia Southern
7. Alaska Fairbanks
8. Navy*
9. Murray State
10. Memphis
11. Air Force
12. UTEP
13. Army*
14. Ohio State
15. Akron*
16. Jacksonville State
17. Morehead State
18. UT Martin
19. UAB
20. The Citadel

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Systems selected for the JIATF 401 Directed-Energy Counter-Drone pilot program will work with FAA

From The Dept. of War

October 5, 2026 - The Department of War announced the directed-energy systems selected following the Joint Interagency Task Force 401's (JIATF-401) counter-unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) directed energy pilot program, marking the next phase of efforts to expand the operational use of high-energy laser (HEL) and high-powered microwave (HPM) capabilities across the homeland.

Systems selected for the pilot include:

- AeroVironment Palletized High-Energy Laser system
- Epirus Leonidas High-Powered Microwave system
- Kord Firefly High-Energy Laser system
- Boeing Compact Laser Weapon system

"High-energy lasers and high-powered microwave systems are tools that can be effectively used

in a layered drone defense," said U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Matt Ross, director of JIATF 401. "This pilot program will test these capabilities in an operational environment so we can understand how best to integrate and sustain them to defend the homeland."

Directed by the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, the pilot will evaluate these systems' performance providing real-time data and feedback on the systems' requirements, costs, and best practices.

JIATF-401 is conducting this pilot program in close coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Northern Command and the Services. Earlier this year, JIATF-401 partnered with the FAA to conduct a safety risk assessment during a live-fire HEL demonstration at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. As a result of this testing, the FAA determined that the system posed minimal risk to the National Airspace System and established a

framework for continued coordination.

"There is no silver bullet, or one size fits all solution to countering the threat of drones," Ross said. "Directed energy gives commanders another option within a layered defense, complementing existing counter-UAS capabilities with a scalable, safe, and effective way to respond to drone threats. This pilot program will give us vital information in a real-world environment so we can employ these systems to protect the homeland."

While these systems represent the first capabilities selected for the pilot program, the DoW and JIATF-401 will continue to evaluate additional directed-energy technologies. In December, the Department will host a directed-energy shoot-off at Dugway Proving Ground to assess additional high-energy laser and high-powered microwave systems to identify promising capabilities for future operational use.

SAF urges Supreme Court to reject lifetime gun ban for non-violent felons

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Oct. 1, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) joined the National Rifle Association in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *Johnson v. United States*, urging the Court to review the Tenth Circuit's decision upholding a lifetime federal firearms ban for nonviolent felons.

Joseph Frederick Johnson is challenging 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) as applied to a peaceable person. The Tenth Circuit treated Heller's reference to "presumptively lawful" felon prohibitions as conclusive and foreclosed an as-applied challenge. The brief argues that Bruen and Rahimi require every arms regulation – including those Heller called "presumptively lawful" – to be justified by historical tradition. That tradition supports disarming only dangerous persons, not everyone whose offense happens to be classified as a felony.

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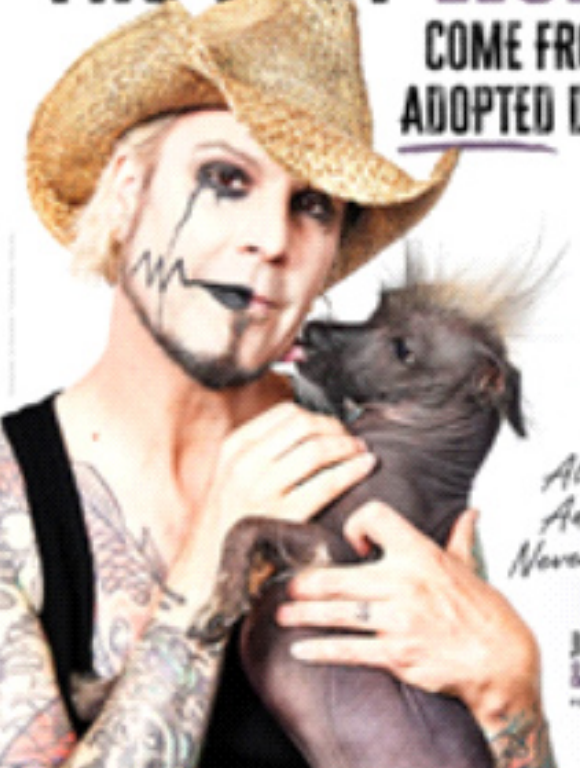
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