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Memphis Safe Task Force reaches another milestone with more than 1,500 narcotics arrests to keep citizens safe

MEMPHIS, October 26, 2026—The Memphis Safe Task Force has reached another milestone with narcotics arrests. Out of over 13,800 cumulative arrests, more than 1,500 specific arrests have been for illegal narcotics like fentanyl and other controlled substance violations.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration special agents assigned to the MSTF, working alongside the Memphis Police Department Organized Crime Unit and the West Tennessee Drug Task Force, have repeatedly seized fentanyl, as well as illegal firearms and cash.

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“The Memphis Safe Task Force proves what’s possible when we stand united: families are safer, neighborhoods are protected, and criminals face justice,” said DEA Administrator Terrance Cole. “We know drug crime drives violent crime, and we’re breaking that cycle one arrest at a time. Memphis is safer today thanks to this unprecedented interagency effort.”

“Homeland Security Investigations is proud to stand alongside our federal, state and local partners in the Memphis Safe Task Force to combat the illicit drug trade and the violence it fuels,”

said HSI Acting Executive Associate Director John A. Condon. “Fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics devastate families and communities, while the criminal networks that distribute them often profit from firearms trafficking, money laundering and other serious crimes. HSI will continue using our unique investigative authorities and global reach to identify, disrupt and dismantle the organizations responsible for bringing these deadly drugs into our communities and threatening the safety of Memphis residents.”

Bryant Presley, 36, was arrested during a traffic stop Sunday at the Florida and Parkway intersection on outstanding warrants

for possession, tampering with evidence, theft of property valued between \$1,000-\$10,000, burglary of a motor vehicle and possession of marijuana (weighing 8.5 grams) with intent to distribute. He was taken into custody without incident and MPD transported him to jail.

Also arrested on Sunday was Marrico McMickens, 26, stopped for reckless driving on DuPont Avenue. A probable cause search led to the discovery of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. McMickens was taken into custody without incident and MPD transported him to jail.

Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force, law enforcement has made 13,876 arrests, in-

cluding 147 for homicide, 1,372 for firearms violations, and 126 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 448 were juveniles and 1,561 were known gang members. The task force has seized 2,329 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods. MSTF is one of the largest, most

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The MSTF is a multi-agency initiative established via a Presidential Memorandum signed by President Donald Trump on Sept. 15, 2025. Aimed at addressing violent street crime, the task force coordinates federal, state, and local law enforcement and includes mobilized members of the Tennessee National Guard. The MSTF is focused on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 198 missing children. This operation reflects the MSTF’s commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety. For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

Conservation: Tennessee State Parks dedicates Buffalo River State Park; This 69th state park will expand its access to outdoor recreation on biodiverse Buffalo River

LINDEN, Tenn. – Tennessee State Parks dedicated Buffalo River State Park last Friday, formally welcoming 448 acres of rolling pastures and wooded hill-sides in Wayne County along the scenic and biodiverse Buffalo River as the state’s 69th state park.

Located in Linden near the Perry County line, the new state park will feature more than two miles of river frontage, including the largest horseshoe bend on the river, providing visitors with increased opportunities to reconnect with nature.

“The Buffalo River is the longest free-flowing tributary of the Tennessee River, and this newest state park will offer Tennesseans and visitors greater access to experience its beauty and biodiversity,” said David Salyers, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). “The investments made by Gov. Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly will protect this high value river corridor while preserving traditional outdoor recreation opportunities in rural Tennessee.”



TDEC leadership, Tennessee State Parks rangers and staff, and conservation partners help dedicate Buffalo River State Park in Linden, Tenn. as the 69th state park. (Photo/Courtesy: Tennessee State Parks)

The current state budget includes \$34 million designated for development of a visitor center, campground, maintenance facility, roadways, river access and other amenities.

“In addition to the support from

Gov. Lee and our state legislators, we are grateful for the resources from the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund and the Tennessee State Parks Conservancy which helped us acquire the land,” said TDEC Deputy Commissioner Brian Clifford.

“Buffalo River State Park has truly been a collaborative effort and an investment in conservation that will benefit Tennesseans for generations to come.”

“The Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board is proud to

support the acquisition of land for Buffalo River State Park. This investment will help protect the river’s outstanding natural resources while expanding opportunities for Tennesseans to enjoy and connect with this special landscape,” said Drew Goddard, board chairman of the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund.

“The Buffalo River is an incredibly special place, and we are proud that the Tennessee State Parks Conservancy could play a role in protecting it for generations to come,” said Alex Wyss, executive director of the Tennessee State Parks Conservancy. “Through support from the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund, we were able to help preserve the natural beauty of the Buffalo River. This new state park will give people more opportunities to experience this remarkable part of Wayne County. This is exactly what can happen when public and private partners work together to protect the places that make Tennessee special.”

As the longest unpounded river in Middle Tennessee, the

TDOC and law enforcement work to apprehend escaped inmate Jacob Allen Morley

NASHVILLE, Tenn., October 26, 2026 – The Tennessee Department of Correction continues to work in close coordination with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to apprehend inmate Jacob Allen Morley #674793, who escaped from the Northwest Correctional Complex late last night.

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