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Senator Blackburn joins FBI Director Patel for fireside chat on public safety and law enforcement in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 2, 2026 – U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) joined FBI Director Kash Patel for a fireside chat on how local, state, and federal law enforcement can strengthen cooperation to keep Tennesseans safe.

"From spearheading the Memphis Safe Task Force to dismantling criminal cartel networks, the Trump administration has been an invaluable partner in keeping Tennesseans safe," said Senator Blackburn. "It was an honor to welcome FBI Director Patel to Nashville to speak to our state's law enforcement community about how we can continue to work together to enhance public safety across America."



Senator Blackburn was joined in this discussion by Senator Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Representative Matt Van Epps (R-Tenn.), Special Agent in Charge Terence Reilly, and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Director David Rausch.

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Blackburn Honors Nuclear Workers on National Day of Remembrance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) released the following statement after her resolution designating October 30, 2026, as a "National Day of Remembrance for the Workers of the Nuclear Weapons Program of the United States" passed the Senate unanimously:

"It is an honor to recognize the men and women who have helped keep our nation safe through their work in our nuclear weapons programs. Since World War II, more than 1 million Americans have worked in this essential industry," said Senator Blackburn. "As a Tennessean, I'm especially honored to represent the many scientists, engineers, and other workers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 National Security Complex. Since 2009, the Senate has designated October 30th as a National Day of Remembrance for nuclear weapons workers—and this year, I am pleased to lead this resolution once again. To all our nuclear weapons workers, thank you so much for your service to this great country, and for the support you provide to the nuclear defense community."

This resolution is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.), John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), and Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.).

BACKGROUND

•Since 2009, the Senate has recognized the contributions, services, and sacrifices that the workers of the nuclear weapons program made for the defense of the United States on October 30 of each year.

•The Nuclear Weapons Workers Day of Remembrance Resolution:

•Honors the hundreds of thousands of patriotic men and women that have served the United States by building nuclear weapons for the defense of the United States since World War II;

•Recognizes the contributions, services, and sacrifices that those patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States;

•Designates October 30, 2026, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, plutonium processors, and onsite participants at atmospheric nuclear weapons tests; and

•Encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2026, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

Tennessee prison escapee captured in Missouri

Kansas City, MO , November 3, 2026– Around 12:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026, Jacob Morley was captured in Norborne, Missouri near Kansas City by federal, state and local law enforcement.

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) in the Western District of Tennessee was requested by the Tennessee Department of Correction to assist in the search after Morley escaped from the Northwestern Correctional Complex in Tiptonville, Tennessee on the night of October 25, 2026.

Morley was serving a life sentence after being convicted of First-Degree Murder.

"Over the past nine days, the U.S. Marshals Service, alongside our partners, was engaged in a relentless pursuit of prison escapee, Jacob Morley, which ended today with his capture in Missouri," said Tyreece Miller, U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee. "We are glad to assist in his return back to the Tennessee Department of Correction."

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ern Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Southern Illinois.

Other federal agencies who assisted: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations.

The following state and local agencies in Tennessee assisted: Tennessee Department of Correction, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tiptonville Police Department, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Bartlett Police Department, Madison County Fire Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Obion County Sheriff's Office, Dyer

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FPC sues Pennsylvania again, asserting that Second Amendment rights don't start at 21

After defeating Pennsylvania's age-based carry restrictions in the Third Circuit, FPC and NRA return to federal court to challenge the Commonwealth's ban on licensed carry by 18-to-20-year-old adults.

Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) announced today that it filed a new federal Second Amendment lawsuit, Maines v. Bethel, challenging Pennsylvania's unconstitutional ban on lawful firearm carry in most public places by adults under 21. Filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the lawsuit is brought by FPC and the National Rifle Association (NRA), alongside a member whose right to carry firearms for self-defense is being denied by the Commonwealth.

Under Pennsylvania law, individuals generally must obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm, carry a firearm in a vehicle, or carry a firearm in public in Philadelphia. But Pennsylvania categorically prohibits adults under 21 from even applying for the license they need to exercise those rights. As a result, peaceable 18-to-20-year-old adults who are legally eligible to possess firearms face criminal prosecution, potentially including felony charges and years in prison, simply for exercising the same rights available to other adults.

Although Pennsylvania generally allows unlicensed open carry in some circumstances, that does not solve the problem. Adults under 21 still cannot generally carry firearms for self-defense in their vehicles or on Philadelphia's public streets. Even a routine trip to work, the grocery store, or another destination by car can put the exercise of their rights out of reach.

The consequences extend even further because of the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act. That federal law generally criminalizes firearm possession within 1,000 feet of school grounds unless the person has a qualifying license issued by the state where the school is located or qualifies for another narrow exception. Because Pennsylvania refuses to issue carry licenses to 18-to-20-year-old adults, even those who could otherwise lawfully carry firearms openly under state law face federal criminal prosecution for carrying through these expansive school zones. Pennsylvania's age-based licensing ban thus creates a massive labyrinth of prohibited areas throughout the Commonwealth, effectively disarming peaceable adults under 21 across vast portions of the places they live, work, and travel.

"Pennsylvania already lost in the Third Circuit when it tried to deny 18-to-20-year-olds their right to carry firearms, but the Commonwealth still insists on

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