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Judge rules Biden era ATF frame and receiver rule unconstitutional

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Aug. 18, 2026 — A judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas has ruled in favor of the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and Defense Distributed in *Defense Distributed v. Blanche* (formerly *VanDerStok v. Bondi*), holding the ATF’s “Frame or Receiver” Rule, which expanded the definition of a “firearm,” unconstitutional on both Second Amendment and due process grounds.

In April 2022, under the Biden administration, the ATF published its Rule amending the regulatory definition of “firearm” to encompass partially manufactured firearm frames and receivers. In seeking to regulate these “non-firearm objects” the ATF’s Rule impermissibly infringed on the Second Amendment’s protection of the right to personally manufacture and gunsmith firearms, as well as establishing a convoluted and opaque set of non-exclusive “factors” that informed when an inert piece of raw material became a “firearm” under federal law. The court declared the rule unconstitutional as applied to all SAF members and issued a permanent injunction protecting Defense Distributed and current and future Second Amendment Foundation members as it relates to the specific gun kits involved in the case. SAF and its partners filed for a motion summary judgment in April of this year, which today, the Court granted.

As the judge stated in the opinion, “The decision of when a hunk of metal or plastic ‘may readily be completed, assembled, restored, or otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver’ is left to the subjective determination of the ATF and does not provide fair notice to

“This rule was such a mess that it not only violated the Second Amendment but was so terribly drafted that it managed to be ruled unconstitutional vague,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “The Court rightly held that the Biden ATF’s rule not only sought to outright prohibit Second Amendment protected conduct but was written in such a vague and vaporous manner as to chill that protected conduct by making it impossible to even know what was legal and what wasn’t.”

the reader about when a component becomes subject to enforcement.”

“It was obvious from the outset that the Biden ATF’s definition of a ‘firearm’ was intentionally vague and provided no clear guidance to the average law-abiding American as to what was actually legal,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “As it stood previously, the updated definition, in essence, made a law-abiding citizen a criminal for nothing more than owning a piece of plastic that could be converted into a firearm. That isn’t how it works. Congress set the definition and the ATF can’t unilaterally trump up a revised version to suit their political agenda. The ruling also affirms that you are indeed allowed make firearms in your own home without fear of prosecution.”

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Memphian Petty Officer 3rd Class Alexander Aguilar Santiago defends America from sports-Military 2

precise delivery of missiles. The Columbia-class ballistic-missile submarines will be the largest, most capable and most advanced submarine produced by the U.S., replacing the current Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarines to ensure continuous sea-based strategic deterrence into the 2080s.

Guided-missile submarines provide the Navy with unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities from a stealthy, clandestine platform. Each guided-missile submarine is capable of carrying 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles, plus a complement of heavyweight torpedoes to be fired through four torpedo tubes.

Strategic deterrence is the nation’s ultimate insurance program, according to Navy officials. As a member of the submarine force, Aguilar Santiago is part of a rich 126-year history of the U.S. Navy’s most versatile weapons platform, capable of taking the fight to the enemy in the defense of America and its allies.

The Pacific Submarine Force provides strategic deterrence, anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, precision land strike, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, early warning and special warfare capabilities around the globe.

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber-optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Aguilar Santiago has many op-

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portunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

“I’m working toward getting my ‘Fish’ (Submarine Warfare Pin),” Aguilar Santiago said. “It’s so I can help out my buddies on the boat in an emergency instead of standing around. It’s good to know what to do in case of an emergency.”

Aguilar Santiago serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation’s prosperity and security.

“For me, serving in the Navy is just helping out the country, but it’s also setting an example for everyone I’ve met,” Aguilar Santiago said. “It shows there are good things you can do to help the community.”

Aguilar Santiago is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

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This year, the Navy is commemorating its contribution to the nation’s defense as the United States celebrates 250 years of independence. According to Navy officials, for more than 250 years, the Navy has sailed the globe defending freedom and protecting prosperity. For more information, visit: <https://www.navy.mil/navy-250/>



The Brook & The Bluff release new EP ‘Lookout Pond’ on September 25th

August 12, 2026 - In continuation of their banner year, beloved indie/rock group **The Brook & The Bluff** have announced a new EP titled **Lookout Pond** will release on September 25th through **Dualtone Records**. Comprised of five brand new songs, along with a reimagined version of “Moving Along,” Lookout Pond finds the Nashville-based quartet reuniting with acclaimed producer **Micah Tawilks** (Hayley Williams, Mat Kearney), who also produced their latest full-length **Werewolf**. They also shared the lead single from the EP titled “**It Can’t Be**,” a driving, piano-drenched sing-along “about the first fall,” described the band. “When you really start to love a person and you feel like you are floating through the air and the only thing that can touch you is the breeze.” Listen To “It Can’t Be”

After a packed spring headline tour, plus festival appearances at Hinterland and more, The Brook & The Bluff will jump back on the road this fall for a new round of US headline dates, true to their roadwarrior spirit. Kicking off at the top of October, the route includes stops in Alabama, Knoxville, Savannah, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Florida among many others. The band will also appear at this year’s **Americana-Fest** in September, which will include a performance at **Dualtone’s 25th Anniversary Bash at The Basement East** on September 17th. For the full list of dates, see below or visit the band’s website.

Lookout Pond arrives on the heels of their critically acclaimed full-length album **Werewolf**, released earlier this year through Dualtone Records. Heavily inspired by the band’s blistering live show, **Werewolf** is both energizing and electrifying — a transformative record shaped by the sharp songwriting and stacked vocal arrangements that have always been hallmarks of the band’s catalog, fueled by re-



Nashville-based **The Brook & The Bluff** fish at what could be “**Lookout Pond**” or you can wait for the “**Lookout Pond**” EP set to be released on September 25th. *(Photo Credit: Noah Tidmore)*

discovery, amplification, and a decade’s worth of brotherhood. Relix hailed it as an “infectious blend of indie-folk, soul and rock” while MAGNET called it “soul-inflected, harmony-rich folk/rock,” Atwood raved “fun, radiant, and irresistibly spirited,” and The Tennessean stated “[Their] most rock-forward, high-voltage work yet. Through buoyant four-part harmonies and bright melodies, the band captures shadowy times,” among many other praises.

Tour Dates:

08/24 - Kansas City, MO @ Starlight Theatre*
08/26 - Indianapolis, IN @ Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park*
10/01 - Greenville, SC @ The Foundry
10/02 - Opelika, AL @ John Emerald Distilling Company
10/03 - Huntsville, AL @ Mars Music Hall
10/05 - Chattanooga, TN @ The

Signal
10/06 - Knoxville, TN @ The Mill & Mine
10/07 - Athens, GA @ Georgia Theatre
10/08 - Asheville, NC @ The Orange Peel
10/10 - Wilmington, NC @ Bowstring
10/11 - Columbia, SC @ The Senate
10/13 - Savannah, GA @ Victory North
10/15 - Pittsburgh, PA @ Thunderbird Cafe & Music Hall
10/16 - Richmond, VA @ The Broadberry
10/17 - Saxapahaw, NC @ Haw River Ballroom
10/19 - Cleveland, OH @ House of Blues
10/20 - Grand Rapids, MI @ The Stache
10/22 - Bloomington, IN @ The Bluebird
10/23 - Lexington, KY @ Manchester Music Hall
10/24 - Cincinnati, OH @ Bogart’s

10/25 - Columbus, OH @ A&R Music Hall
10/28 - Madison, WI @ Majestic Theatre
10/29 - St. Louis, MO @ Delmar Hall
10/31 - Fayetteville, AR @ Ozark Music Hall
11/01 - Little Rock, AR @ The Hall
11/03 - New Orleans, LA @ Gasa Gasa
11/04 - Mobile, AL @ Soul Kitchen Music Hall
11/06 - Gainesville, FL @ Heartwood Soundstage
11/07 - Orlando, FL @ The Social
11/08 - St. Petersburg, FL @ Janus Live
11/10 - Fort Lauderdale, FL @ Culture Room

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Oct. 5–6: Cullen Brown Invitational (Host: Kentucky / Lexington, Ky.)
Oct. 18–19: Quail Valley Collegiate (Host: South Florida / Vero Beach, Fla.)
Oct. 31–Nov. 1: Steelwood Collegiate Invitational (Host: South

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