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Photo of the week: President Donald Trump, with Attorney General Pam Bondi, visits the Department of Justice on March 14.

Weekly Update and Analysis

March 21, 2025

Brooks Bawden Moore's Weekly Update and Analysis highlights congressional, administrative, and regulatory activity related to justice, public safety, and homeland security. Feel free to reach out to us if you would like to discuss any items described in the update. Additionally, please feel free to distribute this product as you see fit.

What Happened This Week?

This week, both the House and Senate were out of session for a scheduled recess. Lawmakers will return next week for a busy three-week stretch. With the FY25 government funding fight now behind them, Republican leaders are turning their focus to advancing a filibuster-proof reconciliation bill. The first step is passing a compromise budget resolution between the House and Senate, which House GOP leadership aims to complete during the week of April 7.

At the White House, President Trump signed an executive order aimed at simplifying federal preparedness and response policies, while empowering states to play a more active role in preparing for incidents such as cyberattacks and extreme weather events. The order establishes a National Resilience Strategy and creates a National Risk Register to identify and measure risks to national infrastructure and related systems. This action follows a January executive order focused on reforming FEMA's role in preparedness and response efforts.

You can read the EO [here](#) and a fact sheet [here](#).

BBM Blog Posts of the Week

BBM posts timely updates on topics of interest to the public safety community. Please explore this week's blog posts below and click on any topic that interests you to stay updated. Email a member of the BBM team today to get our blog content delivered directly to your inbox.

- [The Hill: "DOJ creating path for people with criminal convictions to again own guns"](#)

- [The Hill: "Marco Rubio announces deportations day after judge blocks using Alien Enemies Act"](#)

Major Public Safety Associations Participate in Congressional Briefing on Drone Threats (Briefing Recording)



Drone Threats

How the Malicious Use of Drones Threatens Public Safety



On March 4, 2025, the American Correctional Association (ACA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), and the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA) participated in a Congressional briefing to discuss the growing threat posed by the malicious use of drones.

Drones are being used to deliver narcotics, weapons, cell phones, and other illegal contraband into prisons, as well as violating sensitive airspace. These incidents not only pose a direct risk to the safety and security of correctional facilities but also raise significant concerns about the ability of state and local governments to combat the growing use of drones in criminal activities.

The panelists also shared insights from law enforcement investigations that have uncovered links between organized drone operators and dangerous drug cartels, illustrating how criminal enterprises are leveraging this technology for illicit purposes.

The discussion highlighted the importance of enhanced collaboration between public safety agencies at all levels and stronger federal legislation to tackle the growing drone threat.

For those who were unable to attend or wish to revisit the discussion, the recording of the event is available below.

[View the Recording Here](#)

Revisiting a Rapid DNA Briefing

Policymakers continue to engage in ongoing discussions on Rapid DNA technology. To provide additional background, we wanted to revisit a Capitol Hill briefing hosted by the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA) during National Police Week 2024.

During the briefing, a panel of experts provided an overview of Rapid DNA technology. This technology is being used for several purposes, including:

- Developing investigative leads to quickly solve violent crimes
- Linking arrestees to past crimes while in custody
- Processing sexual assault kits
- Identifying victims of disasters
- Preventing human trafficking at the border

You can listen to the full briefing below.

[Listen to the Briefing Here](#)

Law Enforcement Voices Continued Support of NIBIN



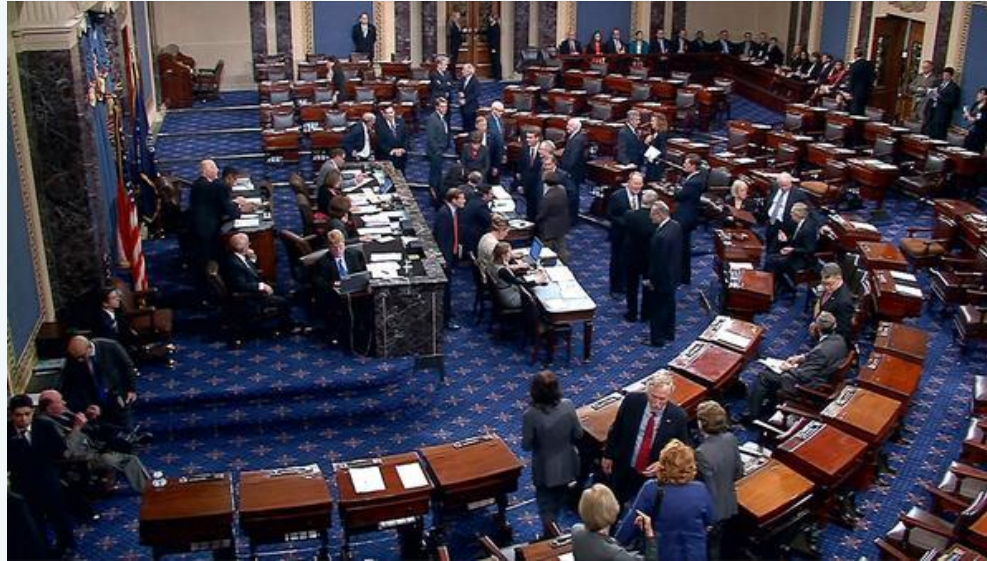
A Call for Continued Support of NIBIN: A Vital Tool in Combating Violent Crime

The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA), and National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) urgently call for continued and expanded support of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

NIBIN is a cornerstone in the fight against gun violence and violent crime that local and state agencies rely on every day. By enabling rapid matching of shell casings from crime scenes across the entire country, NIBIN enhances our ability to solve crimes and prevent future violence. Since 1997, NIBIN has processed over 6.5 million pieces of ballistic evidence, generating over 1 million investigative leads that have connected crimes and identified criminals. This tool is indispensable in linking gun-related crimes across jurisdictions and disrupting violent criminal activity.

[Download the Letter Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

The Senate was out on scheduled recess.

House of Representatives

The House was out on scheduled recess.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Past Week

The House and Senate were out on scheduled recess.

Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

House Judiciary Committee
Legislative Markup

- H.R. 38, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. 60, the Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2025 Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. 2184, the Firearm Due Process Protection Act [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. ____, the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. ____, the LEOSA Reform Act of 2025 [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. ____, the NICS Data Reporting Act Bill Text [\[PDF\]](#)
- H.R. ____, the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act of 2025 [\[PDF\]](#)

Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee,
House Homeland Security Committee
**Part 1: Consequences of Failure: How Biden's
Policies Fueled the Border Crisis**

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Hearing to Examine Worldwide Threats

Legislative Branch Subcommittee, House
Appropriations Committee
**Oversight Hearing – Capitol Complex Public Safety
and Security**

Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee,
House Homeland Security Committee
Legislative Markup

- **H.R. 1327**, (Mr. Luttrell) the “Syria Terrorism Threat Assessment Act” **[PDF 229KB]**
- **H.R. 1508**, (Ms. Titus) the “DHS Special Events Program and Support Act” **[PDF 230KB]**
- **H.R. 1736**, (Mr. Pfluger) the “Generative AI Terrorism Risk Assessment Act” **[PDF 245KB]**
- **H.R. 2116**, (Mr. Evans of CO) the “Law Enforcement Support and Counter Transnational Repression Act” **[PDF 243KB]**
- **H.R. 2139**, (Mr. Magaziner) the “Strengthening State and Local Efforts to Counter Transnational Repression Act” **[PDF 247KB]**
- **H.R. 2158**, (Mr. Pfluger) the “Countering Transnational Repression Act of 2025” **[PDF 252KB]**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Annual Worldwide Threats Assessment Hearing

National Security, Department of State, and Related
Programs Subcommittee, House Appropriations
Committee

Member Day

Government Operations Subcommittee, House
Oversight and Government Reform Committee

**Oversight of the Federal Emergency Management
Agency: Operational Challenges and Opportunities
for Reform**

Senate Judiciary Committee

Hearing to Examine Pending Nominations

Oversight Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee

**Inside the Biden FBI: Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and a
Bureau Leadership in Decline**

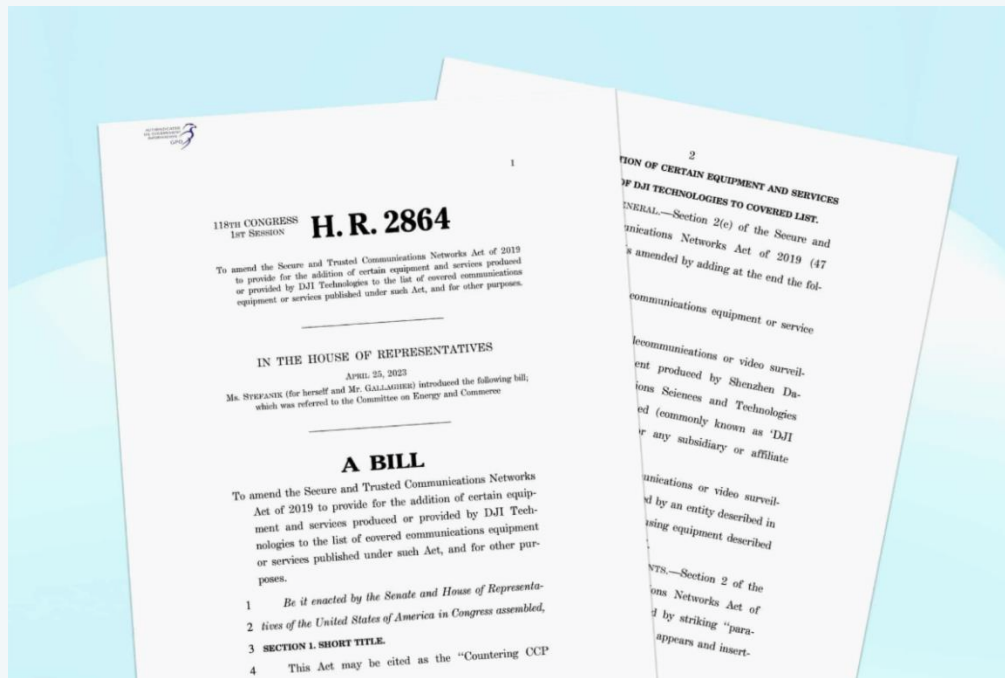
Thursday, March 27

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Legislative Markup

· **S.860**, A bill to modify the information about countries exporting methamphetamine that is included in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, to require a report to Congress on the seizure and production of certain illicit drugs, to impose sanctions with respect to the production and trafficking into the United States, of synthetic opioids, and for other purposes.

New Bill Introductions



BBM has compiled a list of this week's newly introduced legislation relevant to Justice, Public Safety, and Homeland Security in the 119th Congress.

You can download the information as an Excel spreadsheet by clicking [below](#).

[Newly Introduced Legislation](#)

Congressional Calendar

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 House and Senate in Session

 House in Session Only

 Senate in Session Only

 Federal Holidays



NW3C Upcoming Training

The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) provides federally funded training and other services at no cost to state, local, tribal, and territorial practitioners around the U.S. You can see upcoming training opportunities – which are highly relevant to today's threats and enforcement priorities below.

[Upcoming Tainings](#)



Digital Data: The “Silent Witness”

Using Digital Evidence to Advance Investigations



Upcoming Webinar: Digital Data, “The Silent Witness”: Using Digital Evidence to Advance Investigations

Join Justice Clearinghouse and LeadsOnline for an April 30 webinar about the critical role of digital data in criminal investigations, including how it can be obtained and analyzed to help identify, arrest, and prosecute suspects. A real-world homicide case study will demonstrate the value and timely analysis of digital data in uncovering evidence related to criminal activity. You’ll hear directly from the homicide detective and crime analyst who worked that case, both of whom serve on the Digital Data Team of the Denver Police Department’s Homicide Unit and are highly regarded subject-matter experts in digital forensics.

[Register Here](#)



Last Chance to Register for the 2025 Technology Conference Before Rates Increase

Don't miss out on reduced registration rates for the 2025 IACP Technology Conference. Register by March 26, 2025 to take advantage of these discounted rates and join the discussion on police technology in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 5-7, 2025.

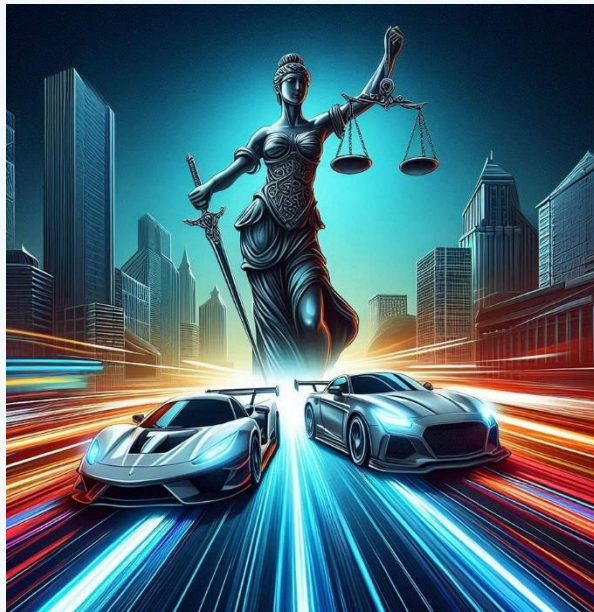
[Register Here](#)



**Skydio featured in Bloomberg Businessweek
A US Drone Maker Tries to Take Back the Country's Skies**

The rivalry between the US and China looms over America's largest drone maker. The story of how that came to be is a case study in the different trajectories of the two nations' high-tech manufacturing. Skydio has a lot going for it—elite Silicon Valley talent, friends in government and blue-chip venture capital. Yet the lifespan of American drone makers thus far has tended to be short. For Skydio a ban keeping its Chinese competitors out of the US market would be an enormous opportunity. It would also be a test.

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Driving the V11: A Fast Track to Justice **By: Pete Gagliardi**

Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy, supported by local law enforcement officials, delivered a firm message to criminals: Any behavior threatening public safety will be met with swift and decisive action. This declaration followed recent updates on Mulroy's Fast Track Violent Crime initiative, designated as V11, which has made significant strides since its launch in January 2024.

The V11 initiative prioritizes and expedites the prosecution of 11 violent crime categories. The goal is to hold violent offenders accountable and ensure that their crimes are handled with urgency and thoroughness. Since its

inception, the DA's office has identified 411 cases for special V11 priority, which accounts for at least 15 percent of the felony cases filed in the district during this period.

In 2024 over half of these cases have progressed through General Sessions and are now set for adjudication in Criminal Court. This achievement underscores the office's commitment to fast-tracking the legal process and delivering justice to the victims and community members affected by violent crime.

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Justice for Princess Miya
By: Ray Guidetti

Described as selfless and full of life, Miya was known for her infectious optimism and the way she made strangers feel like friends. She possessed an unwavering work ethic, driven by her ambitions and the causes she believed in. Then, on August 24, 2021, at just 24 years old, Miya's promising life was cut short in a drive-by shooting as she bid farewell to a friend in Providence. Authorities believed she was not the intended target, but for her grieving family, the pain of her loss was just as profound.

For months, Miya's parents, family, and friends desperately sought answers, justice, and closure. Their breakthrough came on December 12, 2021, when Providence police stopped a vehicle for a routine traffic violation. Inside was a passenger named Isaiah Pinkerton.

What seemed like an ordinary stop quickly unraveled into an extraordinary piece of investigative work.

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Articles We Read This Week



Volusia County Sheriff's Office adopts technology to help with crime scene investigations

The Volusia Sheriff's Office has a new tool to help in crimes involving guns. The technology is called IBIS ClearCase, made by a company called LeadsOnline. According to the company, the technology can be used to quickly examine bullet casings from a crime scene, and determine the number and caliber of firearms used.

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They worked to prevent violence and terrorism at the agency created after 9/11. Then they got fired

A federal program designed to prevent targeted violence and terrorism in the United States has lost 20% of its staff after layoffs hit its probationary staffers.

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Kash Patel Pushes Command Changes at F.B.I.

Kash Patel, the F.B.I. director, is pushing ahead with a plan to decentralize the agency's command structure and divide the bureau into three regions, according to an internal email obtained by The New York Times.

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Trump's new Secret Service boss faces calls for agency overhaul

Congressional lawmakers and outside experts want Curran to shake up the agency's leadership, overhaul security planning at big events, and even rethink the structure of the 8,000-person agency. Its problems include a chronically overworked staff and a multibillion-dollar budget that service officials say has not kept pace with rising threats against U.S. leaders.

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Emphasis on emerging technology could be behind boost in Fairfax Co. police applications

As law enforcement agencies across the D.C. region grapple with staffing challenges, there may be help on the way in Fairfax County, Virginia. Applicants to the Fairfax County Police Department increased 10% in 2024, according to police data, and the agency suspects its emphasis on emerging technology could be behind the boost. “We’re early adopting a lot of innovative technology, which I think contributes to the draw of why people choose Fairfax County,” said Deputy Chief Wilson Lee.

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Teen charged in Newark cop’s murder was firing a ghost gun with device that converted it into ‘world’s smallest machine gun’

The 14-year-old boy who allegedly shot and killed Newark, N.J., Detective Joseph Azcona in a barrage of 29 bullets used a ghost gun with a device that turned it into “the world’s smallest machine gun,” a source told The Post. Machine gun conversion devices, or “Glock switches,” enable a weapon to fire multiple rounds with a single squeeze of the trigger, the law enforcement source said.

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Spokane law enforcement leaders propose new strategies, state policy changes to drive down homicides

He plans to use “hot spot policing,” hospital-based violence intervention, social network analysis and a gun crime intelligence unit that would use the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives’ National Integrated Ballistic Information Network to bring shootings down in the city.

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Houston police directed to call ICE on undocumented immigrants with deportation orders

Houston police are being instructed to call federal immigration authorities if they come across an individual who has deportation orders listed in the national crime database. The new guidance to law enforcement in Texas’ largest city comes after the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials added 700,000 individuals with deportation orders to the National Crime Information Center database, which is used widely by local law enforcement across the country to track warrants, missing persons, stolen property and other criminal records.

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Trump signs order to shift disaster preparations from FEMA to states, local governments

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order that seeks to shift responsibility for disaster preparations to state and local governments, deepening his drive to overhaul the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The order, first previewed by the White House on March 10, calls for a review of all infrastructure, continuity, and preparedness and response policies to update and simplify federal approaches.

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Upcoming Events



National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event 2025

Washington, D.C.

April 22- April 24, 2025

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2025 Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Spring Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi

April 27- April 30, 2025

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NAWLEE 2025 Annual Conference

Orlando Florida

April 14 - April 17, 2025

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International Association of Chiefs of Police Technology Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana

May 5th - 7th, 2025

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