



Photo of the Week: Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., talks with reporters in the Capitol about DHS funding on Thursday before the Senate passed a bill to fund most of the Homeland Security Department while excluding funding for ICE and most of Customs and Border Protection.

Weekly Update and Analysis

March 27, 2026

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?

BBM is tracking a lot of action this week in the House and Senate. Check out details below on high priority public safety items we are monitoring and working on.

Appropriations & Spending Negotiations

- [Senate Passes DHS Funding, House Up Next](#)
- [Graham Signals Second Reconciliation Bill in the Works](#)
- [Trump Budget Expected April 3](#)

FISA

- [The Hill: "Trump makes public call for clean 18-month 702 extension"](#)

Firstnet Reauthorization

- [FirstNet Reauthorization Advances to House Floor](#)

Homeland Security Developments

- [Mullin Confirmed as DHS Secretary Amid Ongoing Shutdown](#)
- [The Hill: "Trump to sign executive order to fund TSA agents amid DHS shutdown"](#)

Drug Policy

- [Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Combating Illicit Xylazine Act](#)
- [House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Hearing: MCSA Urges Whole-of-System Response to Emerging Drug Threats](#)

New Grant Opportunities

- [Federal Public Safety Funding Is Moving: What Agencies Need to Know Now](#)
- [New OJP Funding Opportunities](#)
- [OJP Posts Additional FY25 Grant Opportunities, Including COSSUP](#)

Other Developments

- [The Hill: "Supreme Court backs officer seeking immunity from Vermont House protester's excessive force claims"](#)

- [Washington Post: Oklahoma Governor Names Temporary Senate Replacement](#)

New BBM Resource on How Federal Public Safety Funding Is Moving: What Agencies Need to Know Now

Federal public safety funding is moving. DOJ is actively releasing FY25 grant opportunities now, including major programs like Byrne JAG, with additional solicitations expected in the coming weeks. At the same time, supplemental funding from last year's One Big Beautiful Bill Act is still pending, and FY26 opportunities could begin posting as early as this spring.

This creates a compressed and overlapping funding environment as multiple funding streams move on similar timelines. Meanwhile, FY26 DHS funding remains unresolved, adding another layer of uncertainty.

BBM has developed a [short resource](#) outlining what's available now, what's coming next, and what agencies should be doing to prepare.

Click below to learn more.

[Read More Here](#)

New BBM Resources on Public Safety Funding and Drone Policy

Federal Public Safety Funding—What's Available Now and What's Coming Next

BBM has assembled a concise [snapshot of current and near-term federal public safety grant opportunities](#) so agencies can see what funding is available now and what's coming soon. While DOJ is issuing FY 2025 grants on a rolling basis, several major solicitations - including the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program - have not yet been released and are expected in the coming weeks.

The snapshot also flags additional funding that may become available in the near term, including supplemental resources tied to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and early FY 2026 DOJ grant announcements that could arrive as soon as this spring.

Why this matters: agencies that start planning now - by identifying priority technology needs, staffing gaps, and project timelines - will be in the strongest position to move quickly once solicitations and eligibility requirements are finalized.

Click [here](#) to view BBM's public safety funding resource guide.

[View the BBM Public Safety Funding Guide Here](#)

Public Safety Drone and Counter-Drone Issues Key Developments Brief

BBM has also released [a new resource](#) summarizing key recent federal developments affecting public safety drone operations, including:

- New counter-UAS authorities for state and local law enforcement and corrections agencies enacted in the FY26 NDAA
- Expanded use of Byrne JAG and COPS grants for public safety drone purchases
- Additional counter-UAS and law enforcement funding provided through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Recent FCC actions affecting certain foreign-made drones and components
- Potential operational impacts of the FAA's proposed Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) rule

The full resource is available [here](#).

[View the BBM Drone Policy Guide Here](#)



House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Hearing: MCSA Urges Whole-of-System Response to Emerging Drug Threats



The House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee considered a broad package of bills Thursday targeting illicit drug threats—from xylazine to counterfeit pills.

Testifying on behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Sheriff Dennis Lemma emphasized that the drug landscape is evolving faster than policy – and requires a whole-of-system response. From law enforcement and public health to treatment and prevention, Sheriff Lemma stressed that no single approach will be sufficient to address the scale and complexity of the current crisis.

On the ground, agencies are seeing xylazine increasingly mixed with fentanyl, along with a surge in counterfeit pills driving overdoses. Sheriff Lemma underscored that local agencies are dealing with these impacts in real time, often without the authorities or tools needed to keep up.

A key priority is the Combatting Illicit Xylazine Act, which would schedule xylazine while preserving legitimate veterinary use. Additional bills discussed reflect similar

priorities, including the STOP Nitazenes Act and efforts to target pill production through the PRESS Act and Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act.

Bottom line: MCSA and its partners are calling for a coordinated, whole-of-system response—closing policy gaps, strengthening enforcement tools, and ensuring prevention, treatment, and public safety efforts are aligned to keep pace with a rapidly changing illicit drug market.

Details on the hearing are available [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.

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OJP Grant Opportunities



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

OJP posted new [funding opportunities](#) (see below). We'll keep you updated as other FY 2025 funding opportunities post.

OJP - Current Funding Opportunities

Bureau of Justice Assistance

- Deadline Grants.gov **04/01/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/03/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **03/30/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/06/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)
 - [FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/07/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/14/2026 5:00 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program – State Formula](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/21/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/28/2026 5:00 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program – Local Formula](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/10/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/17/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)
 - [FY25 Tribal Justice Infrastructure: Physical Plant and Corrections Operations Support Program](#)
 - [FY25 John R. Justice Formula Grant Program](#)
 - [FY25 State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training \(SLATT\) Program Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/04/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Adult Treatment Court Program](#)
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative](#)
 - [FY25 Veterans Treatment Court Program](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **05/04/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/11/2026 8:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site-Based Program](#)

- [FY25 Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults in Confinement Facilities Program](#)
- [FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment \(RSAT\) for State Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)
- [FY25 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes](#)
- [FY25 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program](#)

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- Deadline Grants.gov **05/04/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/11/2026 8:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 National Prison Rape Statistics Program \(NPRSP\) Assessment](#)

National Institute of Justice

- Deadline Grants.gov **05/11/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/18/2026 8:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **05/19/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/26/2026 8:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **05/19/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/27/2026 8:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Graduate Research Fellowship](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- Deadline Grants.gov **03/30/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **04/06/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children](#)
 - [FY25 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program](#)
 - [FY25 Victims of Child Abuse Act Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/04/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Title II Formula Grants Program](#)
 - [FY25 Family Treatment Court Program](#)
 - [FY25 Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

- Deadline Grants.gov **04/30/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/07/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Title II Formula Grants Program Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)
 - [FY25 Nonparticipating States: Connecticut, Texas, and Wyoming](#)
- Deadline Grants.gov **04/27/2026 11:59 p.m. EST** and JustGrants **05/11/2026 08:59 p.m. EST**
 - [FY25 Opioid Affected Youth Initiative](#)
 - [FY25 Family-Based Alternative Justice](#)
 - [FY25 Expanding Youth Access to Community-Based Treatment](#)
 - [FY25 National Mentoring Resource Center](#)

Nearly 150 Attend January 22 Capitol Hill Public Safety Grant Briefing



On January 22, 16 national public safety associations held a fast-paced, in-person [public safety grant briefing on Capitol Hill](#), drawing nearly 150 Congressional and stakeholder staff.

We encourage you to listen to the [recording](#), which provides a high-level overview of critical federal public safety grant programs and how they support state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies on the ground.

Check out the recording [here](#).

The briefing provided Congressional offices with a concise, operational look at how key federal public safety grant programs are used on the ground as Congress works to finalize FY 2026 appropriations and begins looking ahead to FY 2027.

Participating Organizations

- American Correctional Association
- Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training
- Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute
- Major County Sheriffs of America
- National Association of Police Organizations
- National Criminal Justice Association
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- National Fusion Center Association
- National HIDTA Directors Association
- National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition
- National White Collar Crime Center
- Secure Community Network
- SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics
- University of Chicago Policing Leadership Academy

Grant Programs and Resources Discussed

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program
- Critical Response Incident Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)
- Hate Crime Reporting Resources (Law Enforcement Transition to NIBRS)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program
- High-tech Crime Training and Technical Assistance
- Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act Implementation
- Law Enforcement Leadership and Training Resources
- Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Programs, including the Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act
- Missing and Exploited Children Programs Funding and Resources
- National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)
- National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP)
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Priority forensic science grant programs / Rapid DNA Technology
- Resources Supporting Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) and Drones for Public Safety
- State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
- VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program

Why It Matters

Speakers emphasized that public safety is built locally, but depends on sustained federal partnerships to support staffing, training, technology, officer wellness, and coordinated responses to evolving threats. The briefing offered Hill staff a practical perspective on how federal investments translate into real-world public safety outcomes and inform current funding and policy decisions.

BBM will continue to track FY 2026 and FY 2027 public safety funding developments and keep you updated as appropriations discussions move forward.

[Watch the Briefing Recording Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

Confirmation of Markwayne Mullin, of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of Homeland Security; **Confirmed: 54-45**

Confirmation of Colin McDonald, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General; **Confirmed: 52-47**

House of Representatives

H.R. 5103 – Make the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Act of 2026

This bill codifies key components of President Trump's Executive Order 14252. The bill establishes a commission in the executive branch to advise on certain criminal and immigration matters in the District of Columbia (DC). It also establishes a federal program to ensure that commonly visited areas in DC are cleaned and maintained. (On March 27, 2025, President Donald Trump issued an executive order titled Making the District of Columbia Safe

and Beautiful, which established a similar task force and program.)

House Passed (218-206)

H.R. 8029 - Pay Our Homeland Defenders Act

This bill provides appropriations to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the remainder of FY2026. It also ends the partial DHS shutdown that began on February 14, 2026, because the continuing resolution (CR) that was funding DHS expired and a regular FY2026 DHS appropriations bill had not been enacted.

House Passed (218-206)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings This Week

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Arctic Frost: A Modern Watergate

Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)

Hearings Next Week

The House and Senate will be out of session next week.

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

**Full Committee Markup of Two Bills
to Reauthorize FirstNet and
Modernize Emergency Alert System**

House Energy and Commerce
Committee

10:15 AM, 2123 RHOB

**Protecting American Citizenship II:
Federalism, Sanctuary Cities, and the
Rule of Law**

The Constitution Subcommittee (Senate
Judiciary Committee)

2:00 PM, 226 DSOB

**Funding Lapse and Security Gaps:
Assessing the Harmful Impacts of the
DHS Shutdown on Americans**

House Homeland Security Committee

10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

Markup

Senate Commerce, Science, and
Transportation Committee

- **S.3618** - No Fentanyl on Social
Media Act (Sen. Husted)

10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Executive Business Meeting

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **S. 545**, Combating Illicit Xylazine
Act (Sen. Cortez Masto)
- **H.R. 2159**, Count the Crimes to Cut
Act (Rep. Roy)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

**Health Subcommittee: Policies to
Protect Our Communities from Illicit
Drug Threats**

House Energy and Commerce
Committee

- **H.R. 1266**, Combatting Illicit Xylazine Act (Reps. Panetta and Pfluger)
- **H.R. 5630**, To amend the Public Health Service Act to require additional information in State plans for Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services block grants (Rep. Houchin)
- **H.R. 5629**, To provide that the final rule of the Department of Health and Human Services titled “Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder”, except for the portion of the final rule relating to accreditation of opioid treatment programs, shall have no force or effect. (Rep. Houchin)
- **H.R. 2004**, Tyler’s Law (Reps. Lieu and Latta)
- **H.R. 7970**, STOP Nitazenes Act (Rep. Latta)
- **H.R. 8000**, END 7-OH Act (Rep. Bilirakis)
- **H.R. 7184**, PRESS Act (Rep. McDowell)
- **H.R. 8005**, Stop Pills That Kill Act (Rep. Evans)
- **H.R. 5880**, Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act (Reps. Hageman and Stansbury)
- **H.R. 1561**, ALERT Communities Act (Reps. Crockett and Gooden)
- **H.R. 7994**, HERO Act (Rep. Ruiz)
- **H.R. 7407**, Prohibiting Tianeptine and Other Dangerous Products Act of 2026 (Rep. Pallone)

2:00 PM, 2123 RHOB

Homeland Security - Member Day

Homeland Security Subcommittee
(House Appropriations Committee)

10:00 AM, 2362-B RHOB

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies – Member Day

Congressional Calendar

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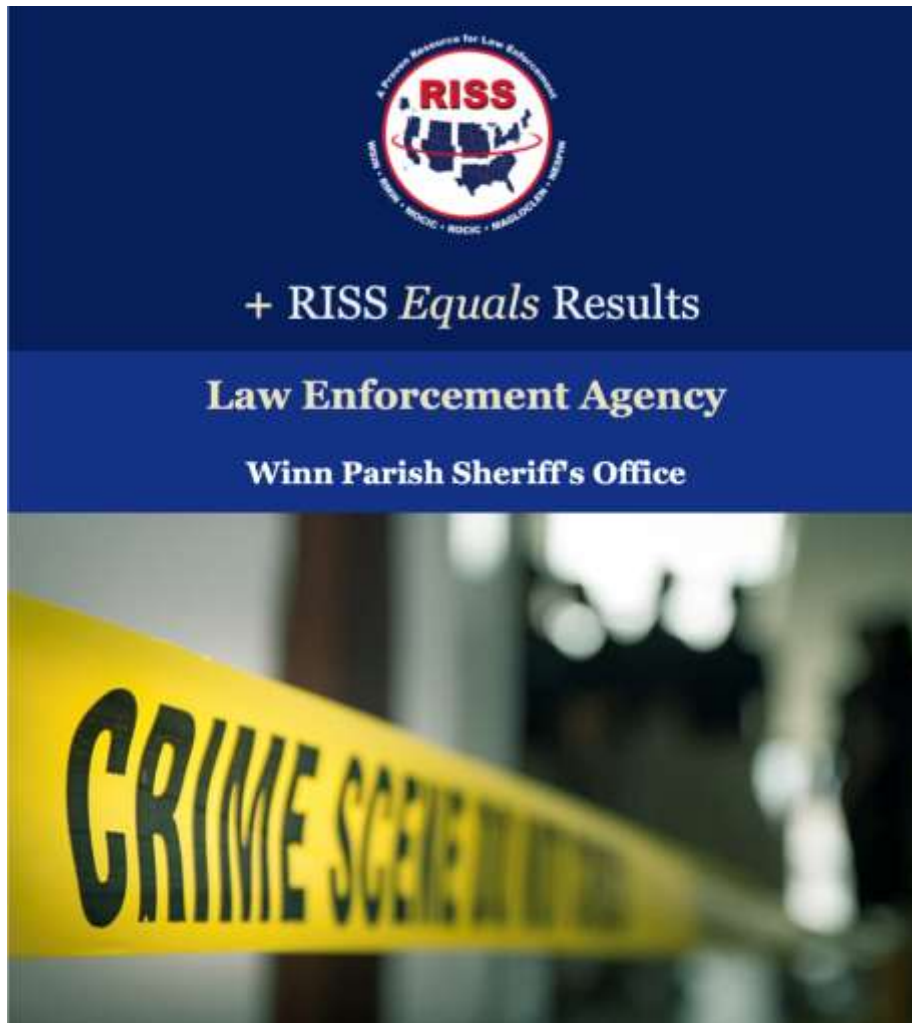


Federal Holidays

Check out and download the **BBM 2026 Combined Congressional Calendar** below.

[BBM 2026 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



The Winn Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office responded to the discovery of a homicide victim in a rural residence.



Once authorities developed a suspect, investigators contacted the ROCIC intelligence research staff for a comprehensive report on the suspect and two additional persons of interest. The ROCIC analytical staff provided a sketch of the crime scene.

Upon presentation of the entire package developed by the ROCIC staff, the defendant pled guilty to first-degree murder. The information provided aided in a quick resolution to the case.

Articles We Read This Week



New York Times: Inside the Supply Line Delivering American Guns to Mexican Cartels

A surge of weapons is flowing from the U.S. to Mexico. These firearms — sourced from gun shops, shows, websites and apps — are funneled across the border to fuel the country's most violent crimes.

[Article Link](#)

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Newsom 6: OBN says powerful opioid Cychlorphine confirmed in Oklahoma

Oklahoma narcotics officials say Cychlorphine has been confirmed in the state and linked to at least one overdose death, prompting a public warning and a push to ban the drug.

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WTOP: US Capitol Police chief says threats to lawmakers keep rising - WTOP News

U.S. Capitol Police Chief Michael Sullivan has requested the department's first budget over \$1 billion.

[Read More](#)



Reuters: Trump orders government to pay airport security workers

President Donald Trump said on Thursday he will take executive action to pay 50,000 airport security workers as a deal stalled in Congress to address staff shortages that have snarled travel around the country.

[Read More](#)



Roll Call: First-responder network reauthorization advances

House lawmakers are moving forward with a reauthorization of the federally supported communications network for emergency services, despite mixed support from the public safety community for changes

in the measure. The House Energy and Commerce Committee voted, 51-0, on Wednesday to forward a bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the First Responder Network Authority through [...]

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Associated Press: Jewish communities boost security and continue observances amid rise in hateful incidents

Jewish and Muslim communities in the United States observed some of the most sacred holidays of their respective religions despite increased security measures and concerns over hateful rhetoric as the war in the Middle East continues.

[Read More](#)



New York Times: No Pills or Needles, Just Paper: How Deadly Drugs Are Changing

Lab-made drugs soaked into the pages of letters, books and even legal documents are being smuggled behind bars, killing inmates and frustrating investigators.

Upcoming Events



**National Fusion Center
Association
2026 Annual Training
Event**

Washington, DC
March 30, 2026 - April 2,
2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**NAWLEE 30th
Anniversary Conference**

Los Angeles, California
April 13, 2026 - April 16,
2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**IACP 2026
Technology (Tech)
Conference**

Fort Worth, Texas
May 19, 2026 - May
21, 2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**2026 ASCIA Spring
Conference**

Phoenix, Arizona
June 7, 2026 - June 10,
2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**NSA 2026 Annual
Conference**

Omaha, Nebraska
June 8, 2026 - June 11,
2026

[Learn More Here](#)



**NOBLE 50th Annual
Training Conference**

Dallas, Texas
July 24, 2026 - July 28,
2026

[Learn More Here](#)



SRLEEA 2026 National Conference and Training Summit

Orlando Florida
July 26, 2026 - July 28, 2026

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