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Photo of the Month: During National Police Week, events centered in Washington, D.C. and included the Candlelight Vigil hosted by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S) National Survivors Conference and the cornerstone of the week, the Fraternal Order of Police National Peace Officers Memorial Service on May 15th at the West Front of the United States Capitol.

## **Weekly Update and Analysis**

### **May 29, 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?

## It's Been a Busy Few Weeks in Washington

First, a quick apology for the lighter-than-usual updates recently. Between National Police Week, appropriations season kicking into high gear, and an unusually hectic congressional schedule, the past few weeks have been a whirlwind on Capitol Hill.

The good news? There has been no shortage of activity.

Over the past two weeks, Congress has shifted into appropriations mode, Senate Republicans have continued advancing a major border and immigration funding package, and public safety issues have remained front and center across both chambers. House appropriators advanced the FY 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) spending bill, Senate appropriators are preparing to begin markups, and lawmakers are increasingly turning their attention to the funding decisions that will shape federal public safety programs for the coming year.

National Police Week brought hundreds of law enforcement leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to Washington for meetings, briefings, and events focused on supporting the public safety community and advancing key priorities. BBM was proud to support a number of these efforts, and we encourage you to take a look at some of the Police Week updates included below.

At the same time, Congress and the Administration continued moving on a wide range of issues, including criminal justice legislation, homeland security policy, artificial intelligence, data privacy, and several significant leadership appointments.

In short, Washington has been moving fast, and the coming weeks show no signs of slowing down.

You can read more about each of these developments in the blog posts below.

## Spending Negotiations & Funding Updates

- [House Appropriations Committee Advances FY 2027 CJS Bill: Key Public Safety Funding and Policy Provisions](#)
- [Senate Appropriators Target CJS Markup Next Week](#)
- [ICE/CBP Funding Bill Stalls as Congress Leaves Town Until June](#)
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## House/Senate Action on Public Safety Legislation

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- [Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Bipartisan Public Safety Bills During National Police Week Mark-Up](#)
- [House Passes NICS Data Reporting Act, but Bill Faces Uphill Battle in Senate](#)

#### Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Policy Updates

- [ALPR Amendment Rejected During BUILD America 250 Act Markup](#)

#### Data Privacy Legislation

- [House Republicans Schedule Hearing on Federal Data Privacy Bill](#)

#### Administration Updates

- [Trump Names Aaron Lukas as Acting Director of National Intelligence](#)
- [Trump Eyes Konstantinos Ligris for DOJ Grants Post](#)
- [The Hill: “Trump picks new acting ICE director”](#)
- [Trump Nominates Cameron Hamilton to Lead FEMA](#)

#### Artificial Intelligence Policy Updates

- [Axios: Trump Appoints Bondi to White House AI Panel](#)
- [POLITICO: “White House postpones AI executive order signing”](#)

#### Other Developments

- [Senate Panel Advances Crypto Regulation Bill Amid Law Enforcement Concerns](#)

## Highlights of National Police Week in DC

During National Police Week, BBM was proud to help coordinate briefings, meetings, and educational sessions with policymakers for law enforcement practitioners from across the country. A focus of every engagement was the importance of honoring those in the profession who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect the public.



At a Senate Law Enforcement Caucus briefing on "Law Enforcement Technology in Action: Critical Tools for Critical Moments," leaders from around the country shared how emerging technologies are shaping modern policing across the full public safety continuum—from the initial 911 response through investigations, intelligence sharing, victim services, and officer wellness. Briefers included:

- **Ron Brooks**, Founding Partner at BBM and President Emeritus, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition
- **Chief Jim McDonnell**, Los Angeles Police Department; Vice President, Major Cities Chiefs Association
- **Sheriff Shannon Dicus**, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office; representing the Major County Sheriffs of America
- **Superintendent Drew Evans**, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; President, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies
- **Lieutenant Colonel Caren Sterling**, Director, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Virginia State Police; Board Member, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies
- **Colonel Jeffrey Glover**, Director, Arizona Department of Public Safety; representing the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **Assistant Commissioner Liz Daitz**, Suffolk County Police Department

Melissa hosted the Annual BBM Women in Criminal Justice Breakfast at the Capitol Hill Club. The informal open house brought together women from across the criminal justice community for networking and conversation. The event presented an opportunity for attendees to strengthen relationships, share experiences, and celebrate the important contributions of women in criminal justice.

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### **House Majority Whip Emmer Hosts Law Enforcement Roundtable**

House Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-Minn.) hosted law enforcement officers, stakeholder groups, and several other members of Congress for a roundtable to discuss priority public safety and officer wellness issues. Law enforcement groups in attendance included the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, the Major County Sheriffs of America, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the National HIDTA Directors Association, the National Association of Police Organizations, the National Fusion Center Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition.

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### **House Homeland Security Committee, House Intelligence Committee Hold Joint Bipartisan Roundtable for National Police Week**

The House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on the National Intelligence Enterprise held a joint roundtable to examine the working partnerships between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and intelligence entities. Participants included representatives from key law enforcement stakeholders, including the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), Secure Community Network (SCN), Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis (I&A), and the Small & Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEE).



### **Drone and Counter-Drone Issues Discussion with National Security Council staff at the White House**

Leadership from the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Real Time Crime Center Association (NRTCCA), and the American Correctional Association (ACA) met with senior White House staff to discuss the latest on expanding support for drone as first responder (DFR) programs and increasing capacity for federal Counter-UAS training for state and local law enforcement and corrections personnel.





### **Police Unity Tour**

BBM's Vice President John McMahon, who retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as Deputy Chief and Chief Information Officer, participated in the 30th Annual Police Unity Tour - his 13th year riding. The Unity Tour brings together law enforcement professionals from across the nation in a multi-day cycling journey to Washington, D.C., honoring officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and supporting the mission of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. We admire John's longstanding personal commitment to honoring fallen officers and supporting the broader law enforcement community. John said that "participating in the Police Unity Tour is an opportunity to honor the memory of fallen officers and support the families, friends, and colleagues who continue to carry their legacy forward. It is an incredibly humbling and meaningful experience."

## **2026 IJIS Community Forum**



**Tuesday, June 30 - Thursday, July 2, 2026**  
**Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village in Cape Coral, FL**

Join the IJIS Institute at the 2026 IJIS Community Forum, taking place June 30–July 2 at the Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village in Cape Coral. This premier annual event brings together government and industry leaders to explore technology, policy, and operational best

practices that advance information sharing and support safer, healthier communities. Through collaborative discussions, education sessions, and networking opportunities, attendees will engage on emerging technology trends, challenges, and solutions while also celebrating 25 years of the IJIS Institute's contributions to public safety and community well-being.

[Register Here](#)

## **New BBM Resource on How Federal Public Safety Funding Is Moving: What State and Local 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](#)

## **Updated BBM Budget and Appropriations Chart (Includes FY26 Homeland Security Spending Package and FY27 President's Budget Request)**

We're pleased to share the updated BBM Budget and Appropriations Chart, reflecting key program funding levels over the years.

[Download the BBM Budget and Appropriations Chart here.](#)

The House FY27 CJS numbers have been updated after the House Appropriations CJS Subcommittee report was released following the full committee markup.

## **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.

- [Trump Nominates Cameron Hamilton to Lead FEMA](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee Posts FY 2027 CJS Report](#)
- [OJP Funding Opportunities](#)
- [House Passes Criminal History Access Act; Measure Moves to Senate for Consideration](#)
- [House Passes Bill Targeting Organized Retail Crime](#)
- [House Passes NICS Data Reporting Act, but Bill Faces Uphill Battle in Senate](#)
- [The Hill: "Trump picks new acting ICE director"](#)
- [Bipartisan VICTIM Act Reintroduced](#)
- [House Homeland Security Counterterrorism Panel to Mark Up Series of DHS Intelligence and Information-Sharing Bills](#)
- [Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Bipartisan Public Safety Bills During National Police Week Mark-Up](#)
- [Fox News: "US Border Patrol Chief Mike Banks abruptly resigns"](#)
- [Roll Call: "Social media CEOs called to Senate Judiciary hearing"](#)
- [Harder, Rutherford Introduce COPS Reauthorization Act During Police Week](#)
- [Senate Parliamentary Rules Against Portions of GOP Reconciliation Package](#)
- [House Passes Monitor Accountability Act](#)
- [House Homeland Security Subcommittee Advances Bipartisan DHS Intelligence Reform Bills Following Police Week Roundtable](#)
- [Senate Panel Advances Crypto Regulation Bill Amid Law Enforcement Concerns](#)
- [DHS Releases Updated Synthetic Opioid Response Guidance for First Responders](#)
- [Senate Republicans Advance \\$72 Billion Immigration and Border Enforcement Package](#)
- [Primary Elections Reshape Key Senate and House Races](#)
- [House Appropriations Committee Advances FY 2027 CJS Bill: Key Public Safety Funding and Policy Provisions](#)
- [Johnson Heads to White House as GOP Considers Delaying Reconciliation Vote](#)
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- [Washington Times: "Judge allows Boston's sanctuary policy to stand"](#)

## 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](#)

- [FY25 Capital Case Litigation Initiative: Improving the Quality of Legal Representation in State Capital Cases](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **05/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **05/29/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [FY25 De-escalation and Crisis Response Training Program](#)
- [FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **05/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/03/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [FY25 Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Strengthening State and Local Operations to Reduce Crime and Recidivism](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/03/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/10/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [OJP FY 2026 Special Attorneys Program: Round 2](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/02/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/04/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program \(SCAAP\)\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/23/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/30/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

### **Bureau of Justice Statistics**

- No open funding opportunities at this time

### **National Institute of Justice**

- [\*\*FY25 Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **05/19/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **05/26/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Graduate Research Fellowship\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **05/19/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **05/27/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluations on Corrections\*\*](#)
- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation on Forensic Science Systems\*\*](#)
- [\*\*FY25 Research and Development of Innovations in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/2/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/9/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories\*\*](#)
- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation on School Safety\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/3/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/10/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime: Nexus with Firearms and Violence\*\*](#)
- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation on Human Trafficking\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/8/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/15/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation of Policing Practices\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/9/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/16/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation on Youth Justice Topics\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/10/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/17/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation of Artificial Intelligence for Criminal Justice Purposes\*\*](#)
- [\*\*FY25 Research and Evaluation of Emerging Technology Implementation and Impact for Law Enforcement Purposes\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

#### **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

- [\*\*FY25 Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **05/21/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/1/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*FY25 Juvenile Justice System Enhancements\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/8/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/15/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

#### **Office for Victims of Crime**

- [\*\*OVC FY 2026 Services for Victims of Crime\*\*](#)
- [\*\*OVC FY 2026 Services for Victims of Technology-Facilitated Abuse\*\*](#)
- [\*\*OVC FY 2026 Technology to Support Services for Victims of Crime\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **06/23/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **06/29/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [\*\*OVC FY 2026 Increasing Services for American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking in Urban Centers Program\*\*](#)

Deadline Grants.gov 07/23/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time and JustGrants 07/30/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time

**Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking**

- No open funding opportunities at this time

## Floor Activity



### **Senate Floor Activity the Week of May 11-17 and May 18-24**

Kevin Warsh, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years; **Confirmed: 54-45**

**S.4530, A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize an increase of the retirement age for members of the Capitol Police.**

Passed Senate (Unanimous Consent)

**S.Res.706, Child Abuse Prevention Month**

A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 2026 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month", and the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Passed Senate (Unanimous Consent)

### **House of Representatives Floor Activity the Week of May 11-17 and May 18-24**

**H.R. 1041, Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act**

This bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from transmitting certain information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) utilized by licensed importers or dealers of firearms.

Passed House (216-201)

**S.1003, Lulu's Law**

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order explicitly permitting the transmission of wireless emergency alerts to mobile phones in the event of a shark attack.

Passed House (401-6)

**S. 4530 – To amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize an**

### **S.Res.735, National Police Week**

A resolution designating the week of May 10 through May 16, 2026, as "National Police Week".

Passed Senate (Unanimous Consent)

### **S.3023, Safe Cloud Storage Act**

To limit liability for certain entities storing child sexual abuse material for law enforcement agencies.

Passed Senate (Unanimous Consent)

### **S.3966, TREY's Law**

To prohibit the enforcement of certain contractual clauses that restrict disclosure of sexual abuse of minors.

Passed Senate (Unanimous Consent)

### **increase of the retirement age for members of the Capitol Police**

This bill authorizes the Capitol Police Board to increase the mandatory retirement age for a member of the Capitol Police to up to age 62. Under current law, members of the Capitol Police are generally subject to mandatory retirement at age 57 (with some exceptions), but may receive a waiver from the board authorizing them to continue working until they are 60.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

### **H. Res. 1251, Calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on contributions of the Jewish-American community**

This resolution calls on elected officials, faith leaders, and civil society leaders to condemn and counter acts of anti-Semitism. The resolution also honors the contributions of Jewish-American servicemembers and commits to ensuring all Americans, including Jewish Americans, can worship without fear of violence or persecution.

Passed House (419-0)

### **H. Res. 1252, Resolution memorializing law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty**

This resolution expresses support for police officers and other law enforcement personnel. The resolution further recognizes law enforcement officers across the United States in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities; the need to ensure that such officers have the equipment, training, and resources necessary to protect their health and safety while they are protecting the public; and the law enforcement community for acts of sacrifice and heroism. The resolution expresses condolences and appreciation to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Passed House (418-2)

**H.Con.Res.96, Expressing support for law enforcement officers**

This concurrent resolution expresses support for law enforcement officers. It also appreciates the contributions and recognizes the sacrifices of law enforcement officers.

Passed House (243-173)

**H.R. 2853, Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025**

This bill expands federal enforcement of criminal offenses related to organized retail and supply chain crime. The term organized retail and supply chain crime includes criminal offenses involving the interstate transportation of stolen property, the sale or receipt of stolen goods, or theft from an interstate or foreign shipment that is committed by, in coordination with, or at the instruction of an organization.

Passed House (348–60)

**H.R. 2267, NICS Data Reporting Act of 2025**

This bill requires the Department of Justice to report annually on the demographic data of persons who are determined to be ineligible to purchase a firearm based on a background check performed by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

**H.R. 8352, Criminal History Access Act**

This bill authorizes a new type of entity—peace officer standards and training agencies—to access criminal history record information maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The term peace officer standards and training agency means an agency of a state, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory that is authorized to set standards for the hiring, training, ethical conduct, and retention of its law enforcement officers through certification, licensing, or other similar qualification processes.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

**H.R.8365, Monitor Accountability Act**

This bill requires the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to establish conditions on the appointment of monitors to oversee state and local governmental entities. A monitor is an independent official appointed to oversee corrective reforms as part of a civil settlement agreement or consent decree, such as to remedy a pattern or practice of unconstitutional policing.

Passed House (219-204)

**H.R.5625, Cashless Bail Reporting Act**

This bill requires the Department of Justice to publish annually a list of state and local governments that permit individuals who are charged with certain criminal offenses that pose a clear threat to public safety and order to be released pending trial on personal recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured appearance bond.

House Passed (308-116)

**H.R.6260, Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act of 2025**

This bill broadens the definition of the term business of insurance, for the purposes of federal crimes related to insurance fraud, to include the posting of monetary bail, criminal bail bonds, and federal immigration bail bonds.

House Passed (243-179)



## Hearings the Week of May 11-17 and May 18-24

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

### Business meeting to consider proposed budget reconciliation [POSTPONED]

Senate Judiciary Committee

- S. \_\_\_\_, Budget Reconciliation (Chairman's Mark)

9:00 AM, 216 HSOB

### A Review of the President's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the United States Marshals Service; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Senate Appropriations Committee)

2:00 PM, 138 DSOB

### Business Meeting

House Rules Committee

- H. Con. Res. 96, Expressing support for law enforcement officers (Rep. Nunn)
- H.R. 5625, Cashless Bail Reporting Act (Rep. Harris)

## Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

### Hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Homeland Security

Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee (Senate Appropriations Committee)

2:00 PM, 138 DSOB

### Oversight Hearing – Department of Justice

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)

4:00 PM, 2358-C RHOB

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

### A Review of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security

House Homeland Security Committee

10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

### Examining Legislation to Establish a Federal Comprehensive Privacy and Data Security Law

- **H.R. 6260**, Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act of 2025 (Rep. Fitzgerald)
- **H.R. 8365**, Monitor Accountability Act (Rep. Biggs)

4:00 PM, H-313 Capitol

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

**Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Bill**

House Appropriations Committee  
11:00 AM, 2359 RHOB

**From the Courtroom to Congress: Why Landmark Social Media Verdicts Demand Federal Action to Protect Kids Online**

Privacy, Technology, and the Law  
Subcommittee (Senate Judiciary Committee)  
2:30 PM, 226 DSOB

Thursday, May 14, 2026

**Executive Business Meeting**

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **S.1890**, Carla Walker Act (Sen. Cornyn)
- **S.3041**, Tribal Warrant Fairness Act (Sen. Cortez Masto)
- **S.3897**, Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program Expansion Act of 2026 (Sen. Gillibrand)
- **S.3966**, TREY'S Law (Sen. Cruz)
- **S.4394**, Promoting Police Leadership Act (Sen. Cornyn)
- **S.736**, Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Stopping Prison Contraband Act (Sen. Grassley)
- **S.825**, Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2025 (Sen. Grassley)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

**Markup for I&A Reform Legislation**

Counterterrorism and Intelligence  
Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)

- **H.R. 7443**, I&A Mission Reorientation Act of 2026 (Rep. Pfluger)

Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade  
Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce Committee)

- **H.R. 8413**, SECURE Data Act (Rep. Joyce)

10:15 AM, 2123 RHOB

Thursday, June 4, 2026

**Executive Business Meeting**

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **S. 1133**, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2025 (Sen. Grassley)
- **S. 1146**, Cameras in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Durbin)

10:15 AM, 216 HSOB

**The AI Security Landscape: How Frontier Models, Agentic AI, and AI Coding Tools Are Reshaping Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Resilience**

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection  
Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)

10:30 AM, 310 CHOB

- **H.R. 7764**, National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program Reassignment and Funding Reform Act of 2026 (Rep. Evans)
- **H.R. 7574**, ELO Realignment and Strategic Engagement Reform Act of 2026 (Rep. Evans)
- **H.R. 8142**, Special Events Program Alignment Act of 2026 (Rep. Mackenzie)
- **H.R. 7448**, Modernizing and Improving the National Terrorism Advisory System Act (Rep. Pou)
- **H.R. 7427**, Securing Access from Foreign Entities Visiting Internal Sites in the States (SAFE VISITS) Act (Rep. Goldman)
- **H.R. 7436**, Department of Homeland Security Intelligence and Analysis Training Act (Rep. Magaziner)

3:00 PM, 310 CHOB

**“Fairfax County, Virginia: The Dangerous Consequences of Sanctuary Policies”**

Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement Subcommittee (House Judiciary Committee)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

**Privacy Protections & the Second Amendment: Examining ATF’s Relationship to the Tiahrt Amendment**

Federal Law Enforcement Subcommittee (House Oversight and Government Reform)

10:00 AM, 2154 RHOB

Monday, May 18, 2026

**Oversight Hearing – Department of Homeland Security** [POSTPONED]

Homeland Security Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)

4:00 PM, 2362-B RHOB

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Open Business Meeting: Business meeting to consider reconciliation recommendations to the Budget Committee**

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

8:00 AM, 342 DSOB

**A Review of the President's Fiscal Year  
2027 Budget Request for the Department of  
Justice**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related  
Agencies Subcommittee (Senate  
Appropriations Committee)

10:00 AM, 138 DSOB

**Oversight Hearing – Department of Justice**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related  
Agencies Subcommittee (House  
Appropriations Committee)

2:00 PM, 2358-C RHOB

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

**Executive Business Meeting to report the  
Reconciliation Bill Pursuant to  
S.Con.Res.33**

Senate Budget Committee

9:30 AM, 608 DSOB

**Nominations**

Senate Judiciary Committee

10:15 AM, 106 DSOB

**Full Committee Business Meeting**

House Oversight and Government Reform

- **H.R. 8844**, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Retirement Technical Corrections Act: To correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers (Rep. Fitzpatrick)

10:00 AM, 2154 RHOB

Thursday, May 21, 2026

**Modernizing the BSA for Financial Crime in  
the 21st Century**

National Security, Illicit Finance, and  
International Financial Institutions  
Subcommittee (House Financial Services  
Committee)

10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

## Executive Business Meeting [CANCELLED]

Senate Judiciary Committee

- **S. 1133**, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2025 (Sen. Grassley)
- **S. 1146**, Cameras in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Durbin)

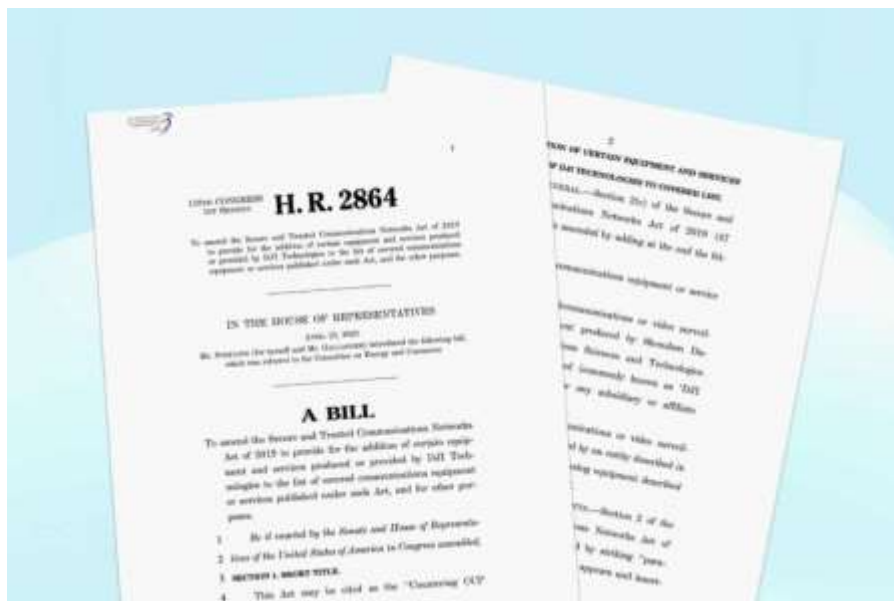
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## State and Local Cybersecurity: Escalating Threats, Federal Partnership, and the Resilience of America's Communities

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(House Homeland Security Committee)

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## 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.

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## Congressional Calendar

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## Community and Client News



The Justice, Public Safety, and Security Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit is a three-day operations, policy, and technology event occurring on September 9th-11th, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency, Tysons Corner, Virginia. The Summit, held with support from the Miller Center on Policing and Community Resiliency at Rutgers University, and, the University of Ottawa

Professional Development Institute, and other international associations, will provide an opportunity for government practitioners and industry experts to work together to explore the intersection of AI with justice, public safety, and security to showcase the opportunities and the positive impact AI can make on our society.

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### **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Announces April 2026 Officers of the Month**

*Texas officers recognized after rescuing a mother and three children from rapidly rising floodwaters during severe storm conditions*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 27, 2026)** – The **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund** (NLEOMF) today announced Sergeant John Banner, Officer Christopher Wiseman, and Officer Brian Leal of the White Settlement (TX) Police Department as the Officers of the Month for April 2026. These officers were selected for their actions when they conducted a water rescue in rapidly moving floodwaters, utilizing jumper cables as an improvised rescue line to assist in safely rescuing a mother and her three children.

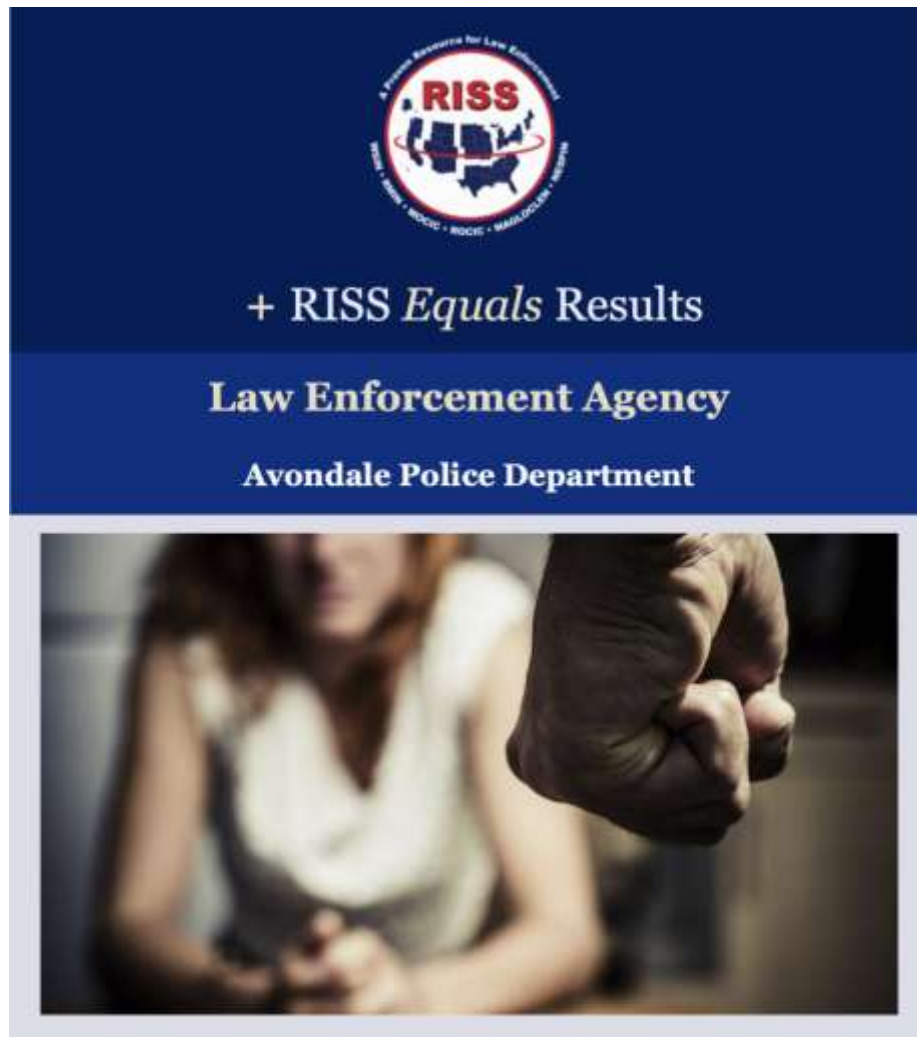
The incident occurred during severe weather conditions in White Settlement, Texas, after officers responded to reports of a vehicle stranded in rising floodwater near a drainage channel. Upon arrival, Sgt. Banner observed that the vehicle had become trapped as fast-moving water continued rising around it, creating an immediate danger for the occupants inside and nearby.

Sgt. Banner first secured the three children inside his patrol vehicle while Officer Wiseman and Officer Leal assisted in efforts to safely reach the children's mother, who was unable to exit the vehicle due to the strength of the current. Without immediate access to standard water rescue equipment, the officers improvised by using jumper cables from a patrol vehicle as a makeshift rescue line. Following instructions from Sgt. Banner, the mother secured the cables around her chest and under her arms while the officers anchored the opposite end to stabilize her against the rushing water until additional emergency personnel arrived.

Firefighters later secured the vehicle and assisted in bringing the scene under control. All four family members were evaluated by medical personnel and reported unharmed.

“The actions taken by Sergeant Banner, Officer Wiseman, and Officer Leal demonstrate the adaptability and teamwork often required during emergency situations,” said **Bill Alexander, CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund**. “Their ability to respond quickly under dangerous conditions contributed directly to the safe rescue of this family, and we are honored to award them the Officers of the Month for April 2026.”

The Officer of the Month Award Program is sponsored by the **Police Unity Tour** and recognizes federal, state, and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty.

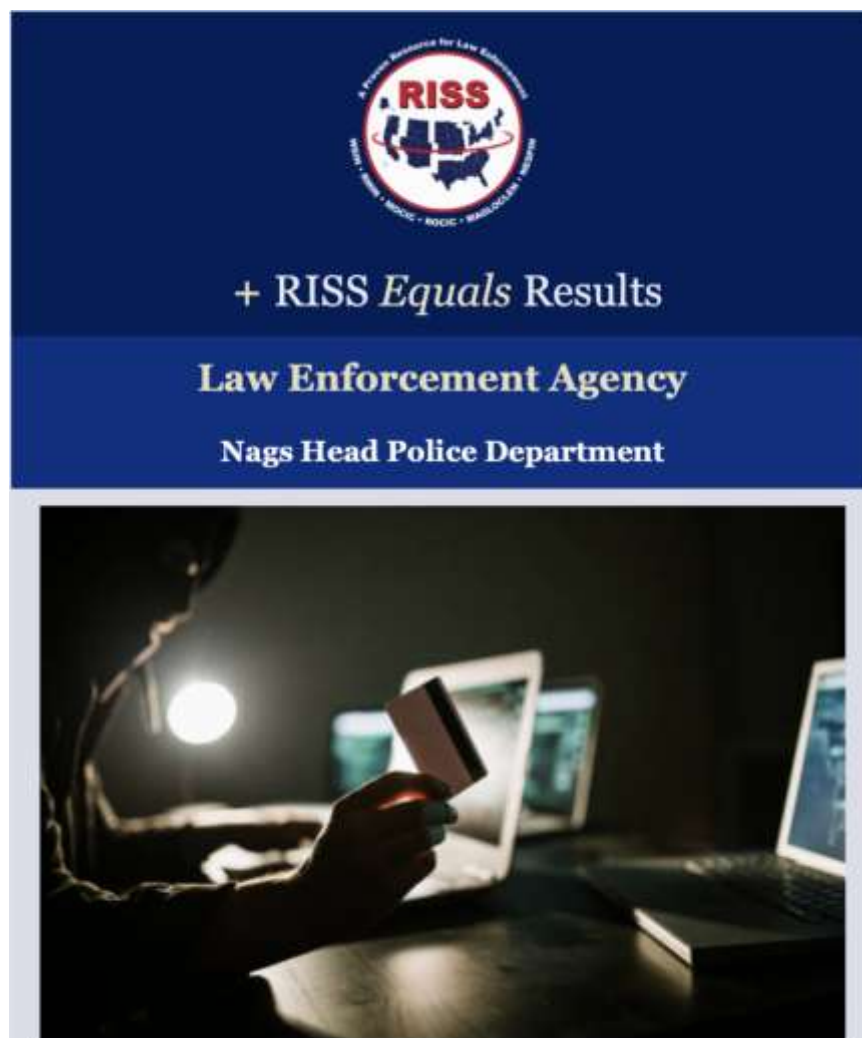


The Avondale, Arizona, Police Department requested RMIN analytical services in an assault case. The incident involved a defendant who struck a woman, resulting in her hospitalization for several weeks. During the incident, the defendant barricaded a minor inside the home before fleeing. Fortunately, the child managed to contact the police and save the victim’s life. Investigators collected call detail records and license plate reader (LPR) data to establish a timeline of events.



RMIN contributed to the investigation by mapping the suspect's call detail records, which revealed movements that aligned with the LPR data. The analysis provided by RMIN strengthened the investigation.

The defendant pleaded guilty to lesser charges of child abuse and aggravated assault, resulting in a 9-year prison sentence with lifetime probation.



The Nags Head, North Carolina, Police Department contacted the ROCIC digital forensics staff for assistance with a financial fraud investigation. The suspect used stolen credit card numbers to purchase a myriad of items across multiple jurisdictions. Investigators identified the suspect and seized more than 20 electronic devices. The suspect remotely wiped the cell phone, destroying most of the known evidence.



The state crime lab would only accept five devices for analysis, which led investigators to contact the ROCIC digital forensics staff for assistance. The ROCIC staff extracted evidence from all 20 devices and provided a detailed analysis.

The reports supported charges against the suspect of two counts of felony financial card fraud, two counts of financial card theft, and felony destruction of evidence.



## Disrupting Firearm-Related Crime Cycles in the Caribbean

### *Advancing an Integrated Intelligence-Led Regional Architecture*

By: Pete Gagliardi  
Date: May 12

### Background

One of my assignments as the Deputy Assistant Director of Law Enforcement Programs with the Bureau of ATF in the mid-to-late 1990s took me to several international forums focusing on the illicit manufacturing and trafficking of firearms, ammunition, and explosives, including several-day-long engagements in Trinidad and Tobago. During this time, I was also deeply involved in the early development of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).

Following my retirement from ATF in 1999, I joined Forensic Technology Inc. (FTI) as Senior Vice President. FTI developed the Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS™). In this role, I conducted more than 100 seminars across 27 U.S. states and 24 countries, including eight in

the Caribbean Basin, sharing best practices to help jurisdictions maximize the crime-solving value of ballistic intelligence systems.

After retiring from FTI in the mid-2000s, I served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of the West Indies (Mona Campus, Jamaica) in the Forensic Science Master's Program, where I lectured five days a year on firearm investigations, crime gun intelligence, and firearms trafficking in the Caribbean.

Today, I am fully retired and no longer affiliated with any organization. However, I remain an active advocate for the comprehensive collection, timely processing, and effective dissemination of actionable crime gun intelligence. I emphasize the importance of cross-jurisdictional collaboration, integrated policies and tactics, and the strategic layering of technology to improve speed, effectiveness, and sustainability.

My advocacy is driven by a commitment to support law enforcement, forensic practitioners, and prosecutors in strengthening their ability to deliver justice for victims of firearm-related violence, provide resolution for families, and enhance community safety.

Recent reports on firearm-related violence in the Caribbean prompted me to conduct further analysis and compile additional data. The result is a 22-page report titled "Disrupting Firearm-Related Crime Cycles in the Caribbean: Advancing an Integrated Intelligence-Led Regional Architecture."

Below is the executive summary. I hope it encourages you to download and read the full report attached to this article below.

### **Executive Summary**

The Caribbean is facing a deepening and increasingly complex firearm-related violence crisis that is transnational, moderately data-rich, and driven by organized criminal networks. Homicide rates in the region at one point were nearly three times the global average, with firearms used in approximately 86% of killings. **Overall, violence in the Caribbean reached unprecedented levels from 2023 to 2024. The aggregate regional homicide rate has more than doubled in the CARICOM region compared with 2016 to 2019, reaching 43.8 per 100,000 population from 2023 to 2024,** underscoring a worsening regional security environment despite strict firearm laws and low rates of legal gun ownership.

Illicit firearms trafficking and criminals willing to use them remains the central enabler of this violence. Approximately 73% of firearms recovered across 25 Caribbean countries and traced through ATF's eTrace system originated from the United States, entering the region via established maritime and air routes using concealed shipments in cargo, personal luggage, and disassembled parts. Time-to-crime can be measured in days or weeks, demonstrating the speed and efficiency of trafficking pipelines. While handguns account for 88% of recovered weapons, there is a notable increase in the use of higher-capacity long guns, including AR- and AK-pattern rifles, indicating an escalation in criminal firepower.

"eTrace helps police answer the question: Who has been associated with this gun?"

Once in circulation, firearms are repeatedly reused across multiple crimes and jurisdictions. Ballistic evidence has linked single weapons to as many as 32 murders in separate cases, while others have been tied to crimes across different countries. These patterns highlight the high mobility of both firearms and offenders, and the critical importance of integrated forensic systems to connect crimes and support investigations.

Ammunition trafficking is an equally important and often underrecognized dimension of the threat. Between October 2023 and October 2024, at least 455 ammunition seizures were

recorded across 19 Caribbean countries, with nearly 77% concentrated in five jurisdictions: Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Guyana, The Bahamas, and Saint Lucia. The majority of seizures involved small quantities, suggesting frequent, distributed trafficking rather than bulk shipments. Notably, 23% of ammunition seizures were linked to drug trafficking, reinforcing the convergence of illicit markets.

A significant proportion of firearm-related homicides are linked to organized crime and gang networks that increasingly operate across borders. These networks demonstrate growing coordination, including prison-directed operations, targeted killings, and retaliatory violence spanning multiple countries. The involvement of younger offenders and incidents such as coordinated mass shootings further reflect an evolution in both tactics and organization.

Emerging threats are compounding the challenge. Privately made firearms (PMFs), including 3D-printed weapons and partially manufactured components, are appearing more frequently and are inherently difficult to trace because of the typical absence of government-required serial numbers.

Conversion devices capable of turning semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic firearms further increase lethality.

At the same time, data gaps, particularly in under-reporting jurisdictions and in non-fatal injury tracking, prevent a comprehensive understanding of the full scope of the matter.

The consequences extend beyond crime and security, imposing significant burdens on public health systems and national economies. Firearm injuries generate high treatment costs, strain medical infrastructure, and result in substantial productivity losses. Moreover, repeated victimization and violence near healthcare facilities point to the normalization of risk in some environments.

Regional and international frameworks provide a foundation for an effective response. CARICOM's Crime and Security Strategy, the Regional Integrated Ballistic Information Network (RIBIN), and partnerships such as the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) and INTERPOL collaboration have improved capacity for intelligence sharing, forensic analysis, and joint operations. However, implementation remains uneven, and critical gaps persist in forensic capability, data integration, intelligence sharing, and the translation of evidence into successful prosecutions.

"RIBIN helps police answer the question: What crime or crimes was this gun used in?"

RIBIN helps police link crimes, guns, and suspects, strengthening both investigations and prosecutions. It enables prosecutors to build broader cases by linking a single weapon to multiple violent incidents and even organized networks, rather than pursuing isolated cases with limited public protection impact. This intelligence can also demonstrate a suspect's risk to public safety, supporting bail denial motions, while giving courts a clearer picture of the scope of criminal activity.

"Ballistic intelligence networks are most powerful when the evidence can travel as far as the firearm does. In the Caribbean, countries connected to IBIN have demonstrated exactly that: crime guns linked across borders, investigations connected that would otherwise have gone cold, and criminal networks mapped across jurisdictions. Every expansion of that network makes the whole region stronger."

Soham Thorat, LeadsOnline Program Manager for IBIN

Reviews for continuous improvement should recognize that seizure data alone reflects interdictions, not the extent to which evidence is processed, analyzed, or shared for forensic intelligence purposes. For example, unfired cartridges may yield valuable DNA, toolmark, and fingerprint evidence, yet it remains unclear how many of the 455 seizures underwent comprehensive forensic examination. Similarly, firearms seized in jurisdictions without active RIBIN/IBIS™ capability may be counted statistically, but they cannot provide intelligence unless processed and examined with the proper tools.

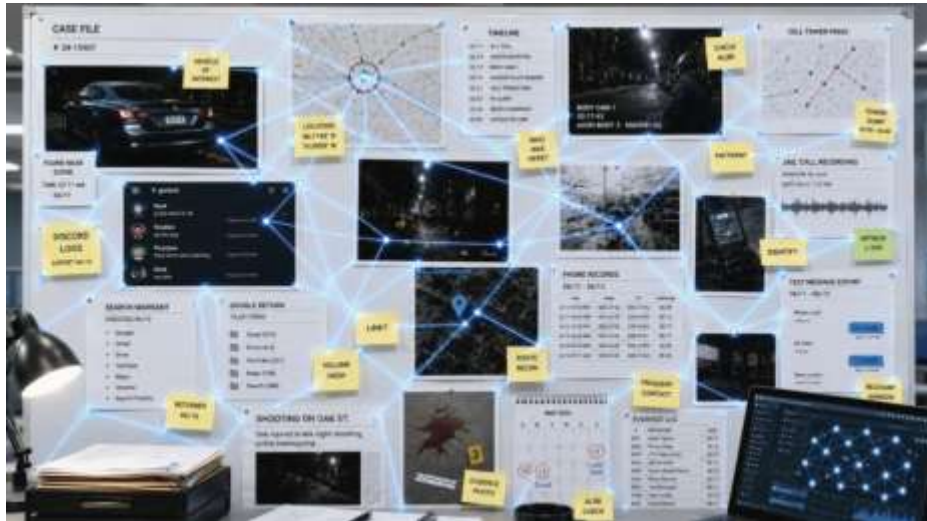
To support continuous improvement, the following areas may warrant further review and possible action. These points are described in more detail in the full report I've attached to this article.

- Full operationalization of integrated systems such as RIBIN and expanded use of ballistic, DNA, and fingerprint databases to link crimes across jurisdictions. The integration and leveraging of other systems, such as gunfire detection/location systems, automatic license plate readers, residential and commercial CCTV systems, can also contribute valuable case-breaking clues to violent crime investigations.
- Strengthening forensic and investigative capacity, including crime scene management and evidence processing, particularly in resource-constrained states.
- Enhanced cross-border intelligence sharing and joint operations to match the mobility of criminal networks.
- Targeting trafficking supply chains, with emphasis on upstream interdiction, port and cargo screening, export controls, and firearm/ammunition monitoring.
- Improving data quality and standardization, including better tracking of non-fatal injuries and emerging threats like PMFs.
- Increasing prosecutorial effectiveness to convert intelligence and forensic leads into convictions.
- Addressing root causes through coordinated, whole-of-society approaches that tackle the intersections of gangs, drugs, migration, and socioeconomic factors.
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The Bottom Line: Firearm violence in the Caribbean is sustained by fast-moving, adaptive trafficking networks and increasingly coordinated criminal actors, while regional responses remain fragmented and uneven.

Closing this gap requires urgent investment in the people, processes, and technology required for building an integrated, intelligence-led architecture that connects forensic evidence, operational intelligence, and cross-border collaboration in real time to disrupt trafficking networks, stop armed criminals, reduce violence, and improve public safety outcomes.

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## The Back Half of Crime Has a Data Problem. AI May Be the Answer.

*A closer look at public safety's post-incident software market, featuring Closure co-founder Aaron Zelinger.*

May 18, 2026

Public safety technology has had a very good decade. Body-worn cameras are standard issue. License plate readers line corridors. Gunshot detectors alert in real time. Law enforcement AI is projected to grow from **\$2.8B in 2024 to \$73.8B by 2034**. That's a genuine investment in genuine problems.

Almost all this tech is focused on policing before and during a crime. What happens after is a different story.

Today's investigators are pulling footage from body cams, doorbells, Teslas, and business security systems. They're listening to 911 recordings and jail calls, reading texts from multiple carriers, checking cell tower pings, reviewing search histories, scrolling Discord logs, and pausing Instagram reels to check the background. A single Google warrant return can include Gmail, Drive documents, Maps history, Chrome browsing, YouTube activity, and Search queries spanning years. Add returns from Apple, Meta, Microsoft, and the carriers, and the case involves millions of data points.

The post-incident gap isn't a lack of evidence. It's an abundance that lives everywhere at once. It's in Axon's **evidence.com**, Cellebrite's device extractions, jail telephony platforms, CAD systems, each built to solve an important, specific problem in its domain, not designed to interact. In fact, access barriers in this industry are intentionally rigid for security.

Nearly **70% of investigators report not having time** to review all the digital evidence.

Digital **evidence backlogs** run one to four years in many agencies. Much of that time isn't even analysis. It's re-entering passwords, downloading and re-uploading files, and saving screenshots with the right naming convention.

"There isn't a lot of advanced tooling for investigations and prosecutions, and the tooling that exists has been hard to use," says Aaron Zelinger, co-founder of Closure, an AI platform built specifically for crime investigation.

New vendors are approaching the post-incident market gap from different directions. **Guardify** focuses on evidence compliance and redaction. **Kaseware** emphasizes investigative workflow and case coordination. **Nuvitek** modernizes case management for prosecutors. **Veritone Illuminate** applies AI to large-scale review and discovery. Instead of optimizing a single workflow or process stage, Closure leads with the pain points between them: scattered evidence in disconnected systems.

"Tech vendors with existing **data moats** are building their own AI tooling on top of their moats," Zelinger says. "But that's the opposite of where departments want to go. They want more and more access to their data, so that as AI gets better, they don't have to toggle between multiple AI solutions." Zelinger previously worked for Palantir, market leader for integrating data across government agencies, where interoperability isn't just a feature, it's the product.

### **If interoperability is the answer, governance is the question.**

When a tool draws from a single source, accountability is relatively contained. When it's synthesizing findings from ten sources, it gets complicated. Which system summarized what? On what basis was something flagged and how far removed was it from its native form?

Closure's governance framing is straightforward: "Closure doesn't make decisions for agencies," says Zelinger. "It's not saying whether or not to charge someone. But it can search through a Google warrant return and identify evidence that supports or rejects the charging decision." The investigator then reviews the raw evidence directly and makes their own call. When you ask Closure to build a timeline, the system shows its work: review files → build chronological view → sample what's important → synthesize → visualize. At each step, users see a legible chain of custody for the AI's reasoning.

**Kaseware tackles governance** through constraint. Their public guidance is to "clearly outline where, how, and why AI will be used—and where it won't." The governance move is restriction and compliance. Define the specific lane where AI operates, align with security standards, then keep everything else human-decided.

Based on publicly available messaging, much of the emerging post-incident market doesn't prominently address governance. Vendors lead with speed, scale, backlog reduction, searchability, or workflow efficiency. "Human in the loop" gets mentioned, but without detailing what it means in practice. Whether the omission reflects buyer indifference, immature standards, or governance being quietly handled through procurement remains unclear. It could also be because explainability, in general, has its own limits in AI. Leading AI researchers acknowledge it's "an unsolved problem." Neural nets are notoriously non-transparent. Showing AI's work at the edges doesn't resolve its black box in the middle. Neither does constraint.

When AI proves itself effective over and over again, and the liability of using it dips below the liability of not using it, that black box becomes less important. For now, it's still enough to keep AI out of the courtroom.

### **Is the courtroom the next AI vertical?**

The lack of AI in court proceedings isn't a market blind spot. It's an institutional resistance to the risk that conclusions reach court without being able to explain the logic.

California **passed SB 574** in January 2026, explicitly barring judges from delegating decision-making to AI. UNESCO launched **formal guidelines for AI** in courts in December 2025.

According to Thomson Reuters' 2025 report, only **17% of state courts use generative AI**, and **70% prohibit employees from using AI** tools for court business at all.

And yet serious federal cases take a **median of 609 days** from referral through resolution. Discovery, evidence review, exhibit preparation, and case management become increasingly more complex as digital footprints expand. At some point, courts will need the same synthesis capabilities.

Defense attorneys are already there. **Fifty-six percent of defense attorneys** say AI outperforms traditional methods for evidence analysis. Seventy-one percent have used AI in criminal defense work. Public defenders using platforms like **LegalServer** are reducing evidence review time and finding contradictions in statements that would otherwise take weeks to find.

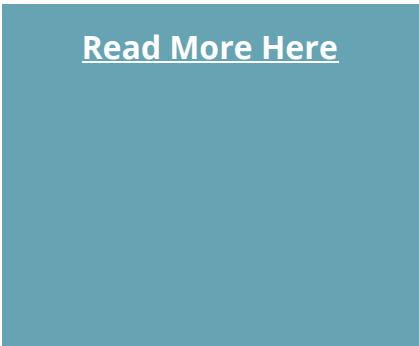
In fact, Closure's first case was exculpatory. It identified evidence showing that a man who had been arrested couldn't have been involved. Architecture built to see what the evidence shows can ask what the evidence doesn't support, what leads remain unrun, and what a well-prepared defense attorney is going to find. If prosecutors aren't using AI to pressure-test their own cases, defense attorneys will do it for them.

That defense attorneys are racing ahead of prosecutors on AI adoption suggests the real constraint isn't technology. It's incentive. Defense attorneys get paid to find holes in cases, and AI is very good at finding holes. Prosecutors get burned when holes appear. They won't follow the same adoption as defense. They'll follow the liability curve.

The post-incident market is early, fragmented, and consequential. The agencies that figure out interoperability first will shape what accountability looks like when AI eventually does reach the courtroom.

*Aaron Zelinger is co-founder of Closure, an AI platform built for law enforcement investigators and prosecutors. He previously worked at Palantir.*

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## **Building Bridges in the Bay: How Pocketalk is Transforming Communication Across Northern California**

From the tech-fueled corporate parks of Silicon Valley to the deeply diverse neighborhoods of the East Bay, the San Francisco Bay Area is a global melting pot. However, with over 160 languages spoken across the region, a unique local challenge has intensified: ensuring that language access keeps pace with rapid community growth.

Whether it's a high-stakes emergency dispatch, a tense situation outside a county facility, or an interactive lesson in a multilingual classroom, clear communication is not a luxury. It is critical civic infrastructure.

With massive international events centering on the region—fresh off the heels of hosting Super Bowl LX at Levi's Stadium and aggressively preparing for the FIFA World Cup 2026—the eyes of the world are on Northern California. This global spotlight has drastically raised the stakes for language access. Forward-thinking cities, school districts, and public safety agencies across Northern California are turning to Pocketalk to ensure every resident and global visitor is heard, understood, and respected. Here is how Pocketalk is building bridges across the Bay Area.

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## Every NIBIN Lead Connects Two Crimes [or More]

*A Story of One NIBIN Lead, Two States and Two Tragic and Very Cold-Cases.*

By Pete Gagliardi and Ray Guidetti  
May 26, 2026

"Murder is unique in that it abolishes the party it injures, so that society has to take the place of the victim and on his [or her] behalf demand atonement or grant forgiveness; it is the one crime in which society has a direct interest."

— W.H. Auden

Back in September of 2025, Ray Guidetti and I posted a Substack article and a video titled **"Austin Yogurt Shop Murders Solved."**

Our article highlighted the exceptional investigative work of Detective Daniel Jackson of the Austin Police Department, whose use of modern evidence-led tools, including the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and DNA typing, helped solve the 1991 Yogurt Shop murders of three teenage girls in Austin, Texas, after more than three decades.

Quietly sitting in the case file for 34 years was a single .380 shell casing. Many investigators might have overlooked it, but Jackson recognized that the casing had never been submitted to NIBIN. Within hours of entering the evidence, ATF notified him of a ballistic “hit” connected to the unsolved 1998 murder of Linda Marie Nixon in Lexington, Kentucky.

As investigators examined the cases further, similarities in the offenders’ methods emerged. Jackson then revisited the DNA evidence tied to both murders, which ultimately led investigators to serial offender Robert Eugene Brashers.

Today’s Substack article summarizes the Kentucky side of these long-cold linked investigations and includes a media report on the 1998 murder of Linda Marie Nixon in Lexington.

## **Linda Marie Nixon Rutledge’s Murder Details and Investigation Timeline**

The following is a summary of an article by Shivangi Sinha, writing for “**TheCinemaholic**” on May 25, 2026, reporting on the murder of Linda Marie Rutledge, the Kentucky side of the NIBIN connection to Texas, Yogurt Shop murders:

In November 1998, firefighters responding to a blaze at a Lexington, Kentucky, business discovered the body of Linda Rutledge inside. Investigators determined she had been fatally shot multiple times before the fire, leading authorities to suspect the blaze was intentionally set to conceal the murder. The final episode of **HBO’s The Yogurt Shop Murders** examines the case and the years-long investigation that ultimately led to its resolution.

### **Linda Rutledge’s Remains Were Found at the Place of Her Work**

Linda Marie Nixon Rutledge, born in 1955, worked at her family’s hearing aid business in Lexington, Kentucky, and was well known in the local community. On November 7, 1998, firefighters responding to a blaze at the Nixon Hearing Aid Center discovered Linda’s body inside the building. Investigators determined that the 43-year-old had been sexually assaulted and fatally shot multiple times in the head before the fire was intentionally set in an apparent attempt to conceal the murder, triggering an extensive investigation.

### **Linda’s Killer Had Used the Murder Weapon in Another Crime 7 Years Earlier, in 1991**

For years, investigators had no clear suspects in the murder of Linda Rutledge, despite extensive interviews and ongoing forensic review. Her car was found abandoned nearby, and police believed she may have been lured or forced into the business before the attack. The case remained unsolved until ballistic evidence from the Austin Yogurt Shop Murders was entered into NIBIN in 2025, revealing a match to the gun used in Linda’s murder.

Investigators later developed a DNA profile linked to serial killer Robert Eugene Brashers through another homicide case in a third state, South Carolina. Lexington investigators then renewed DNA testing efforts on evidence from Linda’s case.

In January 2026, authorities formally announced that Brashers had been identified as the man responsible for Linda’s murder. Since he had died in 1999, there were no legal proceedings left to pursue, but finally identifying her killer brought a significant sense of resolution to her loved ones, who for 27 years had longed for justice, resolution, and peace.

Kudos to all the men and women from law enforcement, forensics, and other related disciplines, who worked so diligently on these cases by applying cross-jurisdictional TEAMWORK, policy-driven TACTICS, and the layering of leveraging TECHNOLOGIES.

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### **Evidence Has a Memory**

*How a NIBIN Lead Brought an 8-Year-Old Cold Case Back to Life*

By Ray Guidetti  
May 29, 2026

For nearly eight years, a tragic road-rage shooting in Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania sat unanswered.

In 2018, 29-year-old Rithina Torn lost his life, and despite investigators' efforts, the case went cold. For his family, every passing year likely brought the same question: Will we ever get answers?

Then, in 2024, a shooting outside a Target in nearby Springfield Township generated a new piece of evidence, a few recovered spent cartridge casings. On their own, they might not have seemed remarkable. But when detectives entered them into NIBIN something extraordinary happened. The system essentially said, We've seen this gun before.

That single connection linked the 2024 shooting to the 2018 homicide. Now, detectives weren't staring at a cold case anymore. They had a lead. Agencies shared information, investigators followed the trail, and a case that had been dormant for years came back to life, ultimately leading to an arrest of Jihad Henderson of Philadelphia.

It is another powerful reminder that evidence has a memory. With tools like NIBIN, a casing recovered today can help solve a crime from yesterday.

Technology, persistence, and collaboration turned a small piece of ballistic evidence into justice for Rithina, resolution for his family, and answers to the community. Even when a case goes cold, the search for answers doesn't have to.

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### **Associated Press: Trump's DOJ sues 4 Democratic-run states over denying undercover license plates for federal agents**

State officials are defending their policies of limiting the issuance of undercover license plates to federal immigration authorities after President Donald Trump's administration sued them over the matter.

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### **CNN: David Venturella to serve as acting ICE director**

Immigration official David Venturella is expected to serve as the next acting ICE director, according to a Department of Homeland Security spokesperson.

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## Associated Press: Trump's new counterterrorism strategy makes targeting Western Hemisphere cartels the top priority

President Donald Trump has signed off on a new U.S. counterterrorism strategy, and it sets eliminating drug cartels in the Western Hemisphere as the administration's highest priority.

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## CNN: Teen takeovers: A closer look at the huge gatherings spurring police crackdowns | CNN

Spread by social media flyers beforehand, teen takeovers have on occasion spiraled into chaos, with reports of fights, gunshots and general disruption.

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## CBS News: Number of police officers killed in line of duty decreased in 2025 compared to prior year, FBI says

Though the number of police officers killed in the line of duty has dropped, non-fatal assaults against them have been rising since 2021, according to new data released Monday by the FBI.

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#### Areas with the largest drops in homicide rates

Percentage of range comparing Jan. 1 to March 31 each year, 2023 and 2022; Survey of 67 of the nation's largest police departments



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About 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses last year - about 14% fewer than the previous year. It was the third straight annual drop, making it the longest decline in decades.

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## KTNV Las Vegas: Sheriff McMahon: drones, AI changing how Las Vegas police fight crime

Sheriff Kevin McMahon sits down with Channel 13 to explain how Las Vegas police are using drones and artificial intelligence to keep the valley safe.

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