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Photo of the Week: Water from a fountain, shoots in the air outside the Capitol. Summer in D.C. is often muggy, hot and filled with legislative angst.

Weekly Update and Analysis

July 2, 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?

DOJ and DHS Release Interim Final Rule on New State and Local C-UAS Authorities

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the long-awaited Interim Final Rule implementing the new state and local counter-unmanned aircraft system (C-UAS) authorities established by the SAFER SKIES Act. Read BBM's detailed analysis [here](#).

Six-Minute Overview: DOJ's New \$3 Billion Grant Program

Public safety agencies have a growing number of funding opportunities to consider, with new programs continuing to be released through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and FY 2026 DOJ and DHS grant solicitations. One of the largest opportunities is DOJ's new \$3 billion Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (BIDEN) Program, which provides funding for personnel, technology, intelligence, detention, and other public safety priorities.

We've put together a [six-minute overview](#) of the program, highlighting who can apply, eligible uses, key requirements, and upcoming application deadlines. Listen [here](#).

Grant Developments

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Drug Policy Updates

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Supreme Court Ruling Updates

- [The Hill: “Supreme Court to decide legality of AR-15 bans”](#)
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Senator Grassley Spotlights Law Enforcement Support of Combating Illicit Xylazine Act

Bereaved Families, Law Enforcement and Veterinary Organizations Cheer Combating Illicit Xylazine Act's Advancement in the Must-Pass NDAA

BUTLER COUNTY, IOWA – A coalition of bereaved families, law enforcement organizations and veterinary associations are calling on Congress to pass the bipartisan [Combating Illicit Xylazine Act](#), authored by U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The legislation was recently filed as an amendment to the NDAA as part of a [bipartisan package](#) offered by Grassley and Ranking Member Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) to reduce violent crime.

The Combating Illicit Xylazine Act would fight the spread of illicit xylazine by classifying the highly toxic sedative as Schedule III under the Controlled Substances Act, while protecting its legitimate use in large animal veterinary medicine. The legislation is [backed by](#) 18 major law enforcement organizations representing over one million officers, over 70 organizations representing more than 117,000 veterinary professionals, livestock producers and researchers and two national coalitions of hundreds of bereaved families, including several families who traveled to Washington to [advocate for the bill's advancement](#) out of the Judiciary Committee.

A fact sheet can be found [HERE](#) and a full list of supporting organizations can be found [HERE](#).

[Read More Here](#)

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Virtual Industry Day on July 15 and July 22



Homeland Security

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Information and Technology, Infrastructure and Support Services Operational Technology Division (OpsTech) is

hosting a virtual Edge Computing Industry Day scheduled for July 15th, 2026 from 1:00-3:00PM EST.

During this Industry Day session, OpsTech aims to foster collaboration and opportunities to dialogue and meet with interested vendors and stakeholders. The event will provide an overview of ongoing edge computing implementation activities/use-cases and invite industry ideas to help shape the direction of OpsTech's edge computing offerings to operational end-users.

Please register **by July 14, 2026**.

[Register Here](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 1:00 PM (ET)

The purpose of this Industry Day is for the Department of Homeland Security to learn about our requirements for providing contractor-managed multi-functional air transportation support services.

Please register **by July 21, 2026**.

[Register 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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BBM New Position Opening

Executive Assistant & Operations Lead Brooks Bawden Moore LLC

We are a leading Washington, DC-based boutique government relations consulting firm seeking a senior **Executive Assistant & Operations Lead** to serve as the central operator for our small and busy firm. This is an opportunity to work closely with the firm's senior staff and support work involving congressional offices, federal agencies, and national public safety organizations. You will play a central role in helping a fast-moving team stay organized, responsive, and effective in a relationship-driven environment.

This is not a traditional administrative role. This individual will support day-to-day execution of the firm's activities including managing the partners' time commitments and ensuring client work moves forward across the team. The role combines executive support, operations coordination, event management, and day-to-day problem solving. It's ideal for someone who enjoys staying organized, keeping multiple priorities moving, and playing a central role in helping a high-performing team operate smoothly.

[Full Job Posting Here](#)

DOJ Releases New \$3 Billion Public Safety Grant Program



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

The Department of Justice has released a new **\$3 billion grant program** created through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act to support state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies involved in immigration enforcement, criminal investigations, drug trafficking, human trafficking, detention, prosecution, transportation, and related public safety activities.

****READ THE SOLICITATION [HERE](#).****

Funding is available for:

- **Personnel** – including law enforcement officers, investigators, analysts, prosecutors, detention personnel, transportation personnel, and other criminal justice staff.
- **Technology and Equipment** – including investigative and intelligence technologies, communications systems, analytics platforms, equipment, training, maintenance, and related operational capabilities.
- **Temporary Detention Facilities** – including construction, expansion, renovation, and modernization projects.

Eligible activities include locating and apprehending criminal illegal aliens, supporting gang, cartel, drug trafficking, and human trafficking investigations, expanding prosecution, court, detention, and transportation capabilities, and enhancing related law enforcement operations.

Applicants must participate in (or commit to participate in) a 287(g) partnership and a Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) or other major DOJ enforcement effort.

The program does **not require a match** and awards may support projects for up to 60 months.

Funding will be awarded on a rolling basis through multiple application rounds until available funds are exhausted.

The first application round is due **July 15, 2026 (Grants.gov)** and **July 17, 2026 (JustGrants)**.

BBM has created a detailed analysis on DOJ's new \$3 billion public safety program [here](#).

BBM is continuing to review the solicitation and application requirements and will keep you updated as additional details become available.

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

- [FY 2026 Invited to Apply – Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program](#)
- [DOJ FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-related Deficits Experienced Nationwide \("BIDEN"\) Program](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/17/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- [DOJ FY 2026 Invited to Apply - National Integrated Ballistic Information \(NIBIN\) Modernization Program](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **07/27/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/29/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- No open funding opportunities at this time

National Institute of Justice

- **FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/17/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY 2026 State and Local Collection and Reporting of Crime Data**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/30/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **08/06/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- **FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/17/2026 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Office for Victims of Crime

- **OVC FY 2026 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation Formula Grant**
- **OVC FY 2026 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/8/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/15/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **OVC FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/15/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/17/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

- **FY 2026 National Mass Violence Center**

Deadline Grants.gov **07/22/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **07/27/2026 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**

- **OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program**

Deadline Grants.gov **08/6/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and
JustGrants **08/13/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

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

- No open funding opportunities at this time

[View Full List of OJP Grants Here](#)

Model Cities Initiative



DOJ announced a new Model Cities Initiative (MCI) which will award a total of \$300 million in funding through cooperative agreements (rather than typical grants) with a tiny number of local jurisdictions - two to four total - to transform public safety in those areas. Awardees will implement comprehensive and

innovative strategies that reduce crime, restore law and order, and enhance public safety. The full NOFO is available [here](#).

[Read More Here](#)

Model Cities Initiative Webinar

The Department of Justice hosted a pre-application webinar on June 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. ET, to discuss the goals and objectives, eligibility criteria, activities to be funded, and the application process.

[Access Webinar Slides Here](#)

COPS Office FY 2026 Grant Opportunities



The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has released several FY 2026 funding opportunities designed to support law enforcement hiring, officer wellness, school safety, and drug enforcement initiatives.

Since its creation in 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$20 billion in state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies through grant programs focused on community policing, public safety, and emerging law enforcement challenges.

Additional details are available [here](#).

The FY 2026 funding opportunities currently available include:

COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

The COPS Hiring Program provides funding to hire and rehire additional career law enforcement officers for community policing activities. The program is intended to help agencies increase staffing levels and enhance community engagement and public safety efforts.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 23, 2026

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026

COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF)

AHTF supports state law enforcement agencies in conducting investigations related to the illegal distribution of heroin, fentanyl, opioids, and other controlled substances.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 23, 2026

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026

COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

CAMP provides funding to state law enforcement agencies to investigate illicit methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking activities.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 23, 2026

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)

LEMHWA supports programs designed to improve officer mental health, wellness, peer support, resilience, suicide prevention, and other officer safety initiatives.

Grants.gov Deadline: July 30, 2026

JustGrants Deadline: August 5, 2026

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

SVPP provides funding for measures that improve security at K-12 schools, including access controls, emergency communications technology, security assessments, and other school safety enhancements.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 4, 2026

JustGrants Deadline: August 11, 2026

Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)

PASS supports training and other activities designed to help law enforcement agencies, schools, and communities prepare for and respond to active shooter incidents.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 4, 2026

JustGrants Deadline: August 11, 2026

[View Full List of COPS Grants Here](#)

Floor Activity



Senate

No legislation of particular interest passed this week.

House of Representatives

H.R.7757, Kids Internet and Digital Safety (KIDS) Act

This bill requires specified online platforms to establish safeguards for minors. The safeguards include (1) limiting access to specified sexual material, (2) providing parental controls on social media and online video game platforms, and (3) requiring artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots to disclose certain information to users who are minors.

Passed House (267-117)

H.R. 7128, TRIA Program Reauthorization Act of 2026

This bill reauthorizes the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program through 2034. The program covers a portion of the losses incurred by private insurers for property and casualty insurance coverage for terrorism risk.

Passed House (373-15)

Congressional Hearings



Hearings the Week of June 22 - June 29

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Nomination Hearing

Senate Judiciary Committee
10:15 AM, 216 SHOB

Markup of Various Measures

House Homeland Security Committee

- **H.R. 3106**, the “Weatherizing Infrastructure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness Act of 2025” (Rep. Tim Kennedy)
- **H.R. 5517**, the “Northern Border Security Enhancement and Review Act” (Rep. Nick Langworthy)
- **H.R. 7427**, the “SAFE VISITS Act” (Rep. Dan Goldman)
- **H.R. 7436**, the “Department of Homeland Security Intelligence and Analysis Training Act” (Rep. Seth Magaziner)
- **H.R. 7443**, the “I&A Mission Reorientation Act of 2026” (Rep. August Pfluger)
- **H.R. 7448**, the “Modernizing and Improving the National Terrorism Advisory System Act of 2026” (Rep. Nellie Pou)

Hearings Next Week

The House and Senate will not be in session.

- **H.R. 7574**, the “ELO Realignment and Strategic Engagement Reform Act of 2026” (Rep. Gabe Evan)
- **H.R. 8535**, the “Measuring Illicit Fentanyl Trafficking Act” (Rep. James Walkinshaw)
- **H.R. 8874**, the “Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Reporting Act of 2026” (Rep. Troy Carter)
- **H.R. 9327**, the “PEARL Act” (Rep. Dave Joyce)

10:00 AM, 310 CHOB

Failure at the Front Gate: Examining VA Police and Security Deficiencies [Postponed]

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (House Veterans' Affairs Committee)

2:15 PM, 360 CHOB

Beyond Our Shores: The Global Reach of Mexican Drug Cartels and Risks to U.S. National Security

Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

2:00 PM, 419 DSOB

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Full Committee Markup of Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA; Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act; Legislative Branch Appropriations Act [Postponed]

Senate Appropriations Committee

10:00 AM, 106 SDOB

Full Committee Markup

House Education & Workforce Committee

- **H.R. 2332**, States Handling Access to Reciprocity for Employment (SHARE) Act of 2025 (Rep. Tracey Mann)

10:15 AM, 2175 RHOB

Oversight Hearing – Department of Homeland Security

Homeland Security Subcommittee
(House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2358-C RHOB

Subcommittee Markup of 15 Bills Addressing Illicit Drugs and Health Care Price Transparency

Health Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce Committee)

- **H.R. 1266**, Combatting Illicit Xylazine Act (Reps. Panetta and Pfluger)
- **H.R. 2004**, Tyler's Law (Reps. Lieu and Latta)
- **H.R. 7970**, STOP Nitazenes Act (Rep. Latta)
- **H.R. 1561**, ALERT Communities Act (Reps. Crockett and Gooden)
- **H.R. 7994**, HERO Act (Rep. Ruiz)

2:00 PM, 2123 RHOB

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Oversight Hearing - Office of Management and Budget

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee (House Appropriations Committee)
10:00 AM, 2359 RHOB

Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Communications and Technology Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce Committee)
10:00 AM, 2123 RHOB

Northern Exposure: Assessing the Evolving Threat Landscape at America's Northern Border

Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee (House Homeland Security Committee)

2:00 PM, 310 CHOB

**Sanctuary Policies: Victims'
Perspectives**

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

2:00 PM, 2141 RHOB

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Markup

House Judiciary Committee [Postponed]

- **H.R. 3100**, To amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations (Rep. Russell Fry)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

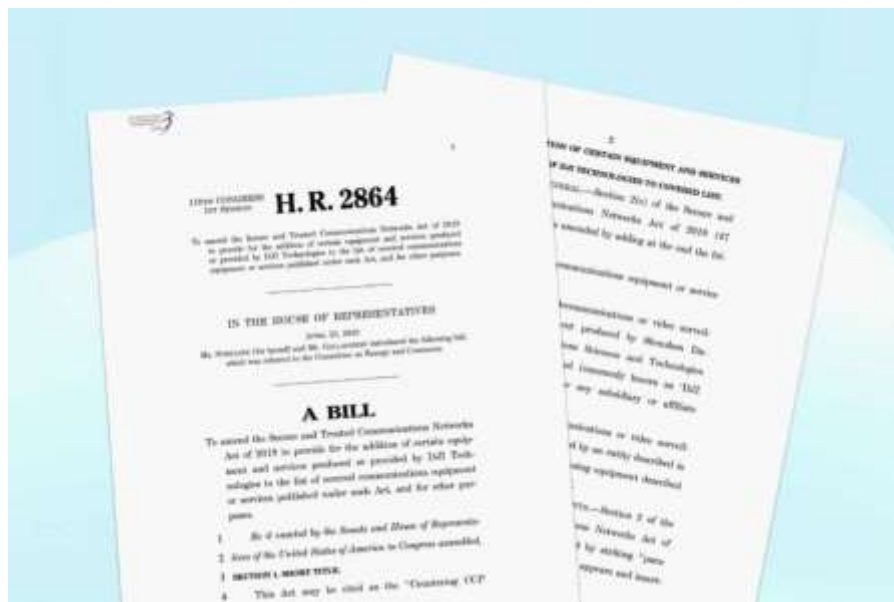
**Full Committee Markup of Nine
Bills** [Postponed]

House Energy and Commerce
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11:00 AM, 2123 RHOB

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

 Senate in Session
Only

 House in Session
Only

 Federal Holidays

Check out and download the [BBM 2026 Combined Congressional Calendar](#) below.

[BBM 2026 Congressional Calendar](#)

Community and Client News



National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Holds Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) Congressional Briefing

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), in coordination with the Senate Law Enforcement Caucus, briefed congressional staff on its Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP), which helps law enforcement identify, locate, and support children depicted in child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Since 2002, CVIP has analyzed more than 473 million images and videos, helped identify over 37,000 child victims, and works with partners including the FBI, Homeland Security Investigations, INTERPOL, and ICAC task forces. Speakers emphasized that more than 71,000 child victims remain unidentified, highlighted technologies such as hash values and NCMEC's SHARE tool to aid investigations, discussed emerging challenges from AI-generated imagery, and stressed the need to prevent re-traumatization of victims. Senator Chris Coons also highlighted the

bipartisan commitment to combating child exploitation and called for passage of the STOP CSAM Act of 2025.



National Law Enforcement Museum Announces Digital Exhibit Exploring 250 Years of American Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 1, 2026) – **The National Law Enforcement Museum** in Washington, D.C., today announced the launch of a new digital exhibit, *Preserving Democracy: Law Enforcement in the New Nation*, offering visitors an in-depth look at the early history of American law enforcement and its evolution alongside the nation.

Created in recognition of America's 250th anniversary, the online exhibit explores how law enforcement developed from colonial-era systems such as sheriffs, constables and night watches into the more organized, professional agencies that emerged in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The exhibit also examines how geography, population growth, westward expansion, political corruption, public safety challenges and advances in technology shaped the role of law enforcement in communities across the country.

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The Hill: "Sheriff on using drone to disarm felon: 'Definitely the future'"

Jim Cooper, the sheriff of Sacramento County, California, said Monday that drones will continue to play a major role in law enforcement, after his department disarmed a suspect using a drone earlier this month.

"The future is drones. Obviously, we use them a lot to make entry into houses, I mean, on a regular basis," Cooper told host Blake Burman on NewsNation's "The Hill."

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RF Factor Insights: "The Tools Are There. Are the Relationships?"

Consider this.

June 24th, 2001. Twenty-five years ago, today.

Mohamed Atta had already been living in the United States for over a year. He wasn't hiding in a cave somewhere. He was here eating at American restaurants, pumping gas at New Jersey gas stations, working out at gyms and just blending in. Marwan al-Shehhi had finished his flight training at a small school in Venice, Florida, and was in the final stages of the operation. Hani Hanjour had just wrapped up refresher flight lessons in Arizona and quietly relocated to Northern Virginia to plan the attack on the Pentagon from inside the country. And Ziad Jarrah? He was in the air. Flying reconnaissance routes up and down the Eastern Seaboard casing the Hudson River Corridor, testing approach paths, just practicing.

Meanwhile, the rest of the muscle hijackers were arriving in pairs on tourist visas, in Florida, Washington D.C., and New York City. Moving into apartments in South Florida, Northern Virginia, and New Jersey. They were acting like tourists, settling in to carry out the mission.

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Authorities from Homeland Security Investigations, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recently requested assistance with a child pornography case. The suspect used several online platforms to befriend a young teenage girl and attempted to coerce her into producing sexually explicit images of herself. The teenager was apprehensive and eventually contacted law enforcement about the incident. Law enforcement was able to identify the online perpetrator, who was arrested and charged.

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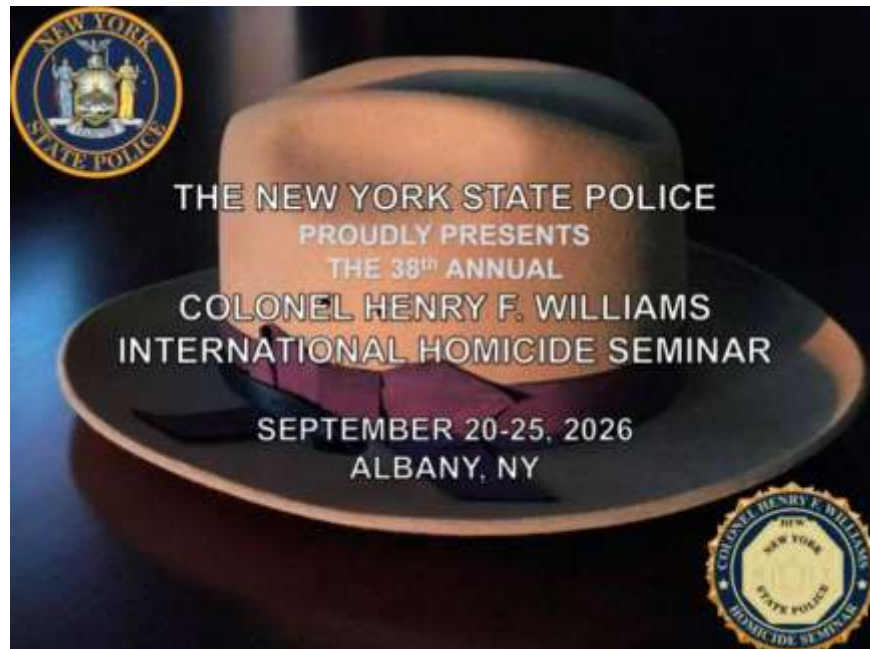
Cryptocurrency Fraud Update: The Expanding Threat, Investigative Challenges, and Community Response

RISS Program Observations and Casework Trends

Over the past several years, RISS member agencies have reported a steady increase in cryptocurrency-related fraud schemes. RISS recognized the emerging trend early on and adapted to address the problem. Since then, RISS has strengthened its capabilities by leveraging multiple partnerships at the local, state, federal, and tribal levels, as well as with organizations such as Operation Shamrock, to better understand how these criminal actors operate and the methods they use.

In June 2024, the RISS program began coordinating with our criminal justice partners to freeze, seize, and assist in returning funds to hundreds of victims. From December 2025 to present, in particular, cryptocurrency-related work has accounted for nearly 60% of all analytical casework handled by the RISS Centers. During that time, RISS helped facilitate investigative support, information sharing, tracing, preservation requests, freezes, seizures, and the return of approximately \$11.9 million in cryptocurrency to victims. Even so, that amount is far less than the \$63 million in victim losses reported by our member law enforcement agencies during the same period. National reporting reflects a similar trend.

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The New York State Police is proud to announce the prestigious 38th Annual Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar, scheduled for September 20 - 25, 2026, in Albany, New York.

This seminar is designed for detectives and investigators specializing in homicide investigations, offering a comprehensive five-day program that addresses essential investigative topics such as forensic pathology, cellular data analysis, psychological and behavioral analysis, crime scene reconstruction, social media dynamics, domestic violence, and advancements in forensic technology.

The curriculum emphasizes the practical application of forensic science in death investigations, featuring instruction from leading experts in the field. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with peers and specialists in this ever-evolving discipline.

The registration link can be found at www.troopers.ny.gov

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The IJIS Institute's Justice, Public Safety, and Security Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit is a three-day operations, policy, and technology event occurring 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, will provide an opportunity for public safety and criminal justice practitioners and industry experts to explore together the intersection of AI with justice, public safety, and security. It will showcase opportunities and use cases and demonstrate the positive impact AI is having and will have in the public safety mission space.

[Register Here](#)

Articles We Read This Week



ABC News: How a mother's phone calls to police helped uncover the alleged UFC Freedom 250 plot

A series of phone calls from a concerned mother helped set in motion what turned out to be a nationwide investigation that uncovered an alleged plot to attack the UFC Freedom 250 event at the White House last weekend and led to the arrest of one of the suspects, according to authorities.

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SCOTUSblog: Court rules that law enforcement's use of "geofence warrant" was a "search"

The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that when law enforcement officials used a "geofence warrant" - a warrant that instructed Google to provide location data for cellphone users who were near a particular place during a specific time period - to obtain evidence used to convict a Virginia man of a 2019 bank robbery, they conducted a "search" for purposes of the Fourth Amendment.

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AFP: More than 1,000 drones detected since start of World Cup: FBI

As the World Cup hits the halfway mark, more than 1,000 drones have been detected near stadiums and over 300 of them neutralized by authorities, the White House's tournament czar said Monday.

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Houston Chronicle (TX): Trump official details Houston's share of \$500 million World Cup grant

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