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Photo of the Week: Lead Art: Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche arrives to testify during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, on July 15, 2026.

Weekly Update and Analysis

July 20, 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.

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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](#).

National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) Testifies Before House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence examined ways to strengthen the nation's counterintelligence posture by enhancing partnerships between federal, state, and local agencies.

During the hearing, NFCA President Mike Sena and Alabama Fusion Center Director Jay Moseley emphasized that foreign adversaries increasingly target state and local governments, critical infrastructure, universities, and private industry, making counterintelligence a shared national responsibility.

They highlighted fusion centers as a vital link connecting federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and private-sector partners to ensure timely information sharing and coordinated responses to emerging threats.



Rep. Dale Strong (R-AL) with Alabama Fusion Center Director Jay Moseley

[Read More Here](#)

Law Enforcement Leaders Call on Congress to Pass the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act Through the NDAA

Law Enforcement and Retail Industry Leaders Call on Congress to Pass the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act Through the NDAA

BUTLER COUNTY, IOWA – Law enforcement organizations and retail industry leaders – including Amazon, The Home Depot, Ulta Beauty, American Eagle Outfitters, UPS and DHL – are calling on Congress to advance the bipartisan Combating Organized Retail Crime Act as part of the must-pass National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The legislation, led by U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), was 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 Organized Retail Crime Act would establish a multi-agency response to organized retail crime, which **affects American consumers and businesses nationwide**. The legislation would create a centralized task force in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to combat organized retail crime, while establishing new tools to recover stolen goods and enhance coordination between retail industry representatives and law enforcement.

The commonsense proposal, cosponsored by 47 bipartisan senators and **overwhelmingly passed** by the U.S. House of Representatives, has garnered **massive support** from leaders at the **national** and **local** levels, including **38 state attorneys general**, major law enforcement organizations and a coalition of **over 260 impacted businesses**.

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DHS Industry Day



Homeland Security

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.

- [UPCOMING WEBINAR | FY26 COPS Office Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Microgrants Program](#)
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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](#).

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

- [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**

- [FY 2025/2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula Grant Program](#)

Deadline Grants.gov **08/20/2026 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** and JustGrants **08/27/2026 08:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- No open funding opportunities at this time

National Institute of Justice

- **[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

- No open funding opportunities at this time

Office for Victims of Crime

- **[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](#).

Application Deadline:

September 1, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. ET

[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 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

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 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

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 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: July 29, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

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 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 5, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

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 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 11, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

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 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 11, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Community Policing Development (CPD): Microgrants

CPD Microgrants program provides funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to implement demonstration or pilot projects that work to solve problems in the agency or community, to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes in support of community policing.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 17, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 24, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI) Program

The Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI) suite of services encompasses the Collaborative Reform Initiative, Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), Critical Response, Organizational Assessment, and Enhanced Training. These components offer expert services to state, local, campus, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies, ranging in scope and complexity at the voluntary request of agencies.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

Community Policing Development: Law Enforcement Products and Resources Program

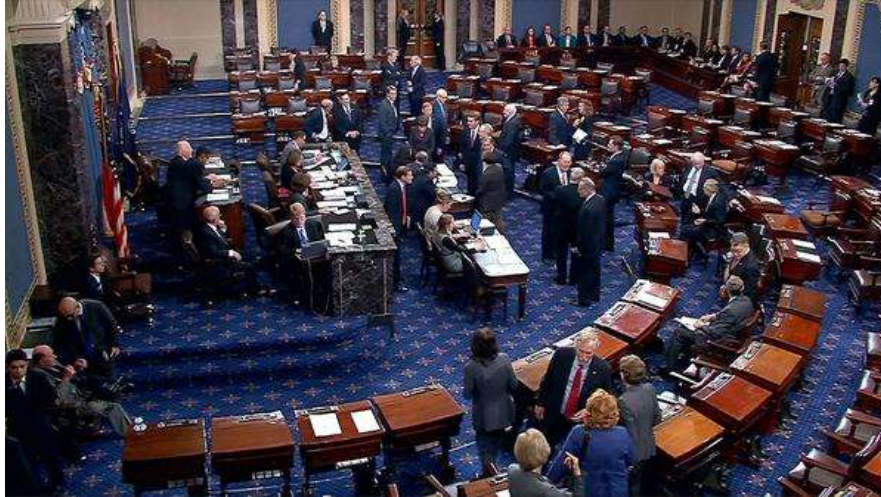
Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to provide guidance on promising practices, develop and test innovative strategies; build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities and a positive image of policing.

Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2026 (4:59 PM ET)

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

Floor Activity



Senate (Week of July 13-17)

No legislation of particular interest passed last week.

Passed Last Week House of Representatives (Week of July 13-17)

[H.R. 8535 - Measuring Illicit Fentanyl Trafficking Act](#)

This bill would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop performance metrics relating to the detection, deterrence, and seizure of fentanyl.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

[H.R.8874 - Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Reporting Act of 2026](#)

This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to submit a report to Congress every three years (current law requires only one report) regarding urban areas' security capabilities previously supported with funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and at risk of being reduced or eliminated without additional federal assistance. FEMA's UASI grants assist designated high-risk urban areas with developing and sustaining capabilities to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

[H.R. 7574 - ELO Realignment and Strategic Engagement Reform Act of 2026](#)

This bill would reorganize DHS's Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach Office and strengthen coordination with law enforcement partners

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R.1181 - Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act

This bill prohibits payment card networks from using merchant codes that distinguish firearms retailers from general-merchandise retailers or sporting-goods retailers. The Department of Justice must enforce this bill and report annually on the resulting investigations and cases.

Passed House (221-201)

H.R. 8168 - Major Non-NATO Ally Terror Threat Assessment Act

This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to provide Congress with an assessment of terrorism threats to the United States posed by foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) and Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) present in countries operating or designated as major non-NATO allies.

Passed House (Voice Vote)

H.R.3106 - Weatherizing Infrastructure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness Act of 2025

This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop and conduct an exercise to enhance collective domestic preparedness for and response to a terrorist attack during an extreme cold weather event (e.g., an event caused by a polar vortex when Arctic air expands southward).

Passed House (400-7)

H.R.8770 - SAFEGUARDS Act of 2026

This bill allocates additional funding for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for aviation security, including checked baggage explosives detection equipment and security checkpoint technology.

Congressional Hearings



Hearings Last Week

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

The Nomination of the Honorable Todd Blanche to be Attorney General of the United States

Senate Judiciary Committee
9:00 AM, 216 HSOB

Nomination for the Honorable Walter “Jay” Clayton III to be Director of National Intelligence

Senate Select Intelligence Committee
9:30 AM, 106 DSOB

Markup

House Judiciary Committee

- **H.R. 3100**, the CHILD Act of 2026 (Rep. Fry)
- **H.R. 7834**, the Safe Cloud Storage Act (Rep. Laurel Lee)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

Hearings This Week

Monday, July 20, 2026

Full Committee Markup

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- **H.R. 1266**, Combating 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)
- **H.R. 8005**, Stop Pills That Kill Act (Rep. Evans (CO))
- **H.R. 7184**, PRESS Act (Rep. McDowell)
- **H.R. 5880**, Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act (Reps. Hageman and Stansbury)

5:00 PM, 2123 RHOB

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027 (Closed)

Health Subcommittee Markup of Three Bills to Combat Illicit Drug Threats

Health Subcommittee (House Energy and Commerce Committee)

- **H.R. 7184**, PRESS Act (Rep. McDowell)
- **H.R. 8005**, Stop Pills That Kill Act (Rep. Evans)
- **H.R. 5880**, Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act (Reps. Hageman and Stansbury)

10:00 AM, 2123 RHOB

Exposing Fraud in America

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

10:00 AM, 342 DSOB

Reforming FEMA: Ensuring the Nation's Disaster Readiness Works for Americans

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

10:00 AM, 2167 RHOB

States on the Frontlines of Counterintelligence

House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee

2:00 PM, HVC-210 U.S. Capitol

Emerging Fraud Threats and the Evolving Fraud Landscape

House Government Operations Subcommittee (House Oversight and Government Reform Committee)

2:00 PM, 2154 RHOB

Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Nomination of the Honorable Todd Blanche to be Attorney General of the United States: Day 2

Senate Judiciary Committee

9:00 AM, 216 HSOB

Hearings to examine the nomination of David Cummins, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration

House Intelligence (Permanent Select)

5:15 PM, HVC-304 Capitol

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

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

10:00 AM, 2128 RHOB

Markup

House Judiciary Committee

- **H.R.9199**, Permanent Trump Secure Border Act (Rep. Roy)

10:00 AM, 2141 RHOB

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

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (House Veterans' Affairs Committee)

10:15 AM, 360 CHOB

25 Years After 9/11: Confronting the Next Generation of Threats

House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee

10:00 AM, 1334 LHOB

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Business Meeting to Consider the Nomination of Cameron Hamilton to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

9:30 AM, 342 DSOB

Full Committee Markup

House Natural Resources Committee

- **H.R. 309**, National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act (Rep. Nehls)

10:00 AM, 1324 LHOB

Senate Commerce, Science, and
Transportation
Committee
10:00 AM, 253 RSOB

**Unleashing the Golden Age of Science:
Examining the Priorities of the FY2027
Research and Technology Enterprise**

House Science, Space, and Technology
Committee

10:15 AM, 2318 RHOB

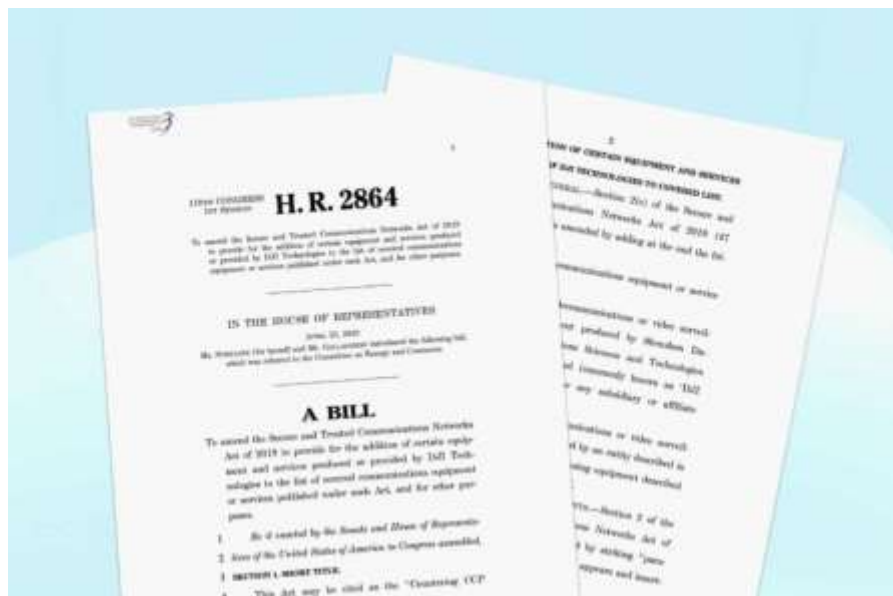
**Legislative Hearing on Protecting
Communications Networks and
Improving Connectivity**

Communications and Technology
Subcommittee (House Energy and
Commerce Committee)

- **H.R. 9129**, GUARD Act (Reps. Moolenaar and McClellan)
- **H.R. 6152**, Foreign Robocall Elimination Act (Reps. McDowell and Morrison)
- **H.R. 1027**, QUIET Act (Reps. Sorensen and Ciscomani)
- **H.R. 7294**, AI for Secure Networks Act (Reps. Menendez and Pfluger)
- **H.R. 2805**, PLAN for Broadband Act (Reps. Walberg and Peters)
- **H.R. 4950**, Data BRIDGE Act (Reps. Houchin and Kelly (IL))

2:00 PM, 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

July						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 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



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](#)



Messi, Argentina, and the Team Sport of Public Safety
By Jim Cook, Amtrak AVP and Interim Chief of Police

Date: July 7, 2026

It is World Cup time, which means our department has been extremely busy and traveling to various locations across the country. While I was waiting for a flight in Kansas City recently, I found myself parked at my gate staring out the window at Argentina's team plane. There it was on the tail, unmistakable, the number 10 of Lionel Messi.

Messi is a tremendous player. Many would argue he is the greatest of all time. Standing there watching that aircraft, a question drifted into my head that I doubt a single person in Argentina has ever seriously entertained. Is Messi more important than the rest of the team? In Argentina the question borders on heresy. Messi is a living, breathing football god. You do not weigh a deity against the mortals around him.

But the leader in me could not let it go, because that is exactly the kind of question we wrestle with in public safety, even if we rarely say it out loud.

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The N's and I's of NIBIN:
A National Network for Power & Integrated Information for Action

Introduction

The true power of the ATF National Integrated Ballistic Information Network Program (NIBIN) lies not simply in comparing ballistic evidence to **connect shootings, firearms, and suspects**. Its real strength is the integration of ballistic intelligence with complementary information, including ATF crime gun trace data and investigative information contributed by state and local law enforcement agencies responding to shooting incidents. The program's NIBIN Enforcement Support System (NESS), can bring these data sources together, **transforming disparate forensic and investigative information into actionable crime gun intelligence (CGI)** that supports both tactical investigations and long-term strategic efforts to reduce gun violence.

THE N'S AND I'S OF NIBIN

NATIONAL
A nationwide network that connects jurisdictions, sharing ballistic intelligence across state and local boundaries.

NETWORK
A collaborative, growing community of laboratories and agencies contributing to a shared database of ballistic evidence and investigative information.

INTEGRATED
Ballistic data combined with crime gun traces and investigative information in NESS to create a more complete picture of crime guns and shooting incidents.

INFORMATION FOR ACTION
Integrated information drives actionable intelligence that supports investigations, prosecutions, and strategies to prevent and reduce gun violence.

Identify Connections → Advance Investigations → Support Prosecutions → Reduce Gun Violence

NIBIN is more than a database—it is a national network of partnerships and a system of integrated information that turns evidence into intelligence and intelligence into action.

By uniting the N's of National and Network with the I's of Integrated and Information, NIBIN empowers law enforcement to connect the dots, solve more crimes, and make our communities safer.

RF Factor Insights: "The N's and I's of NIBIN"

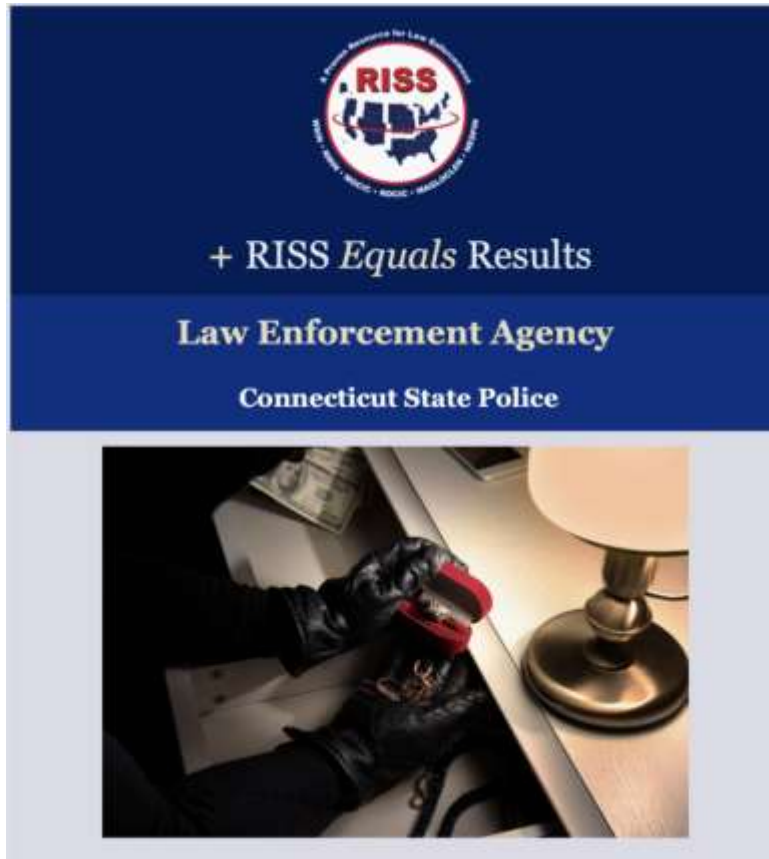
By Ray Guidetti

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The Connecticut State Police, Stafford Resident Troopers Office, investigated the theft of \$5,400 in jewelry from a residence. The owner of the residence had been in the hospital for several weeks, leaving their residence unattended until returning home and finding several pieces of jewelry missing.

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ATF STOPS 140 WEAPONS BOUND FOR CARTEL!



RF Factor Insights: If "You Know, You Know." How Do We Change That?

By Ray Guidetti

Date: July 06, 2026

One hundred forty firearms. A machine gun. Two .50 caliber rifles. All of it staged inside a house in Lincoln County, North Carolina, waiting for a courier to run it across the border to the Sinaloa cartel. ATF agents, working the case with the DEA, hit that house earlier this month and shut the whole operation down.

I have read a lot of these press releases over the years; guns recovered in bulk or recovered one at a time. Most of them tell you what happened, then you move on to the next one. I am asking you not to do that with this one.

Not because of the number, although a seizure involving firearms headed to the Sinaloa cartel ought to get everyone's attention. It was the question underneath it. Where had those guns already been?

That is the question that almost never makes the release. It should, because a seizure like this is not the end of the case. It is the beginning of several others that nobody has connected yet.

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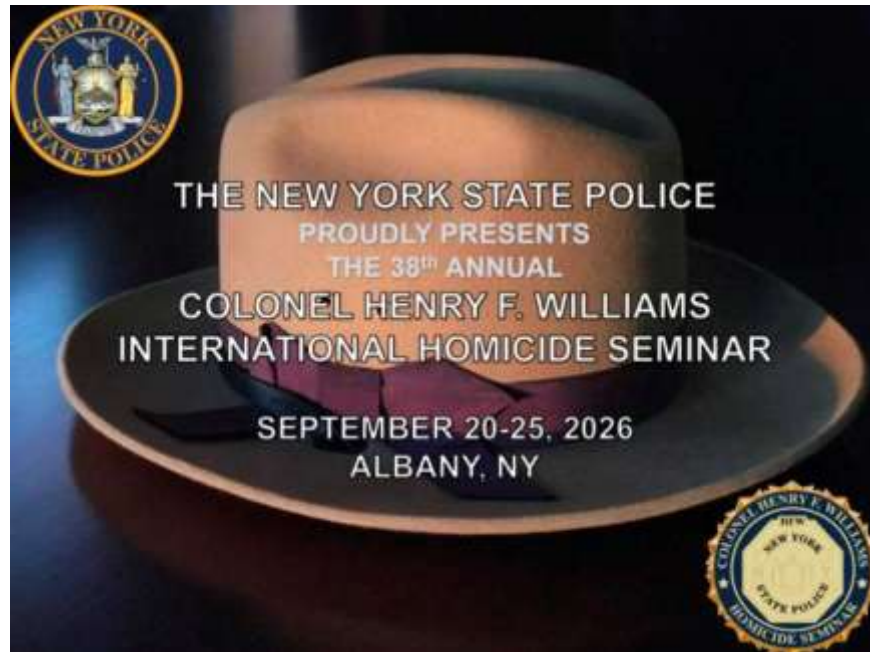


Justice Department Triples Claims Processed Under Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

07/15/2026 08:00 AM EDT

Over the last four weeks, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has finalized more than three times the number of Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program death claim determinations in comparison to the previous nine-month period providing over \$96 million in benefits to eligible surviving families of fallen public safety officers.

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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 Drug Report: Day Twelve: A Sheriff From Marijuana's Epicenter Tells the Court Legalization Never Ended the Crime

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