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District Attorney Steve Mulroy sends message: “We will not tolerate any behavior that threatens public safety.”

MEMPHIS, TN - During a recent press conference, District Attorney Mulroy issued a resolute declaration to violent offenders: any behavior that jeopardizes public safety will be swiftly prosecuted.

This message set the tone for his routine presser as he offered updates on the office's Fast Track Violent Crime Initiative, known as V11. Launched in January, V11 strategically targets 11 violent crimes for prioritized and rigorous prosecution. Since its inception, the DA's Office has identified 411 cases for special V11 priority, accounting for at least 15 percent of the felonies observed during this period.

Of these cases, one-third have already progressed through General Sessions and are now slated for adjudication in Criminal Court, a testament to the office's commitment to expeditious legal proceedings.

Highlighting the efficacy of V11, DA Mulroy referenced the recent case of Roderick Harvey, currently incarcerated on charges of Rape and Kidnapping.



District Attorney Steve Mulroy and MPD Chief CJ Davis attend the recent Child Advocacy Center Flag Raising ceremony. (Photo/Courtesy: Shelby County Crime Commission)

Through the monitoring of jail communications, prosecutor Forrest Edwards intercepted conversations where Harvey discussed plans for further violent acts and illicit drug transactions, possibly aimed at financing his bond. ADA Edwards promptly alerted law enforcement and filed a bond motion, leading to the successful revocation of Harvey's bond by the court on Monday.

"We will not tolerate any kind of behavior which threatens public safety. Do that and you will go to prison and you will stay there," said DA Mulroy

DA Mulroy was joined at the press conference by Shelby County Chief Deputy Anthony Buckner and MPD Homicide Commander Major Renwick Cowans, underscoring the collaborative effort between the DA's Office and local law enforcement agencies in combating violent crime in Shelby County.

Shelby County DA's Office awarded National Grant for Victim Witness Services

MEMPHIS, TN - The Shelby County District Attorney's Office has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the congressional Byrne Discretionary Grant Program, making the office the sole recipient in Tennessee and one of only 44 agencies nationwide to receive the prestigious grant.

This federal funding, part of Congressman Steve Cohen's (TN-9) Appropriations measure, is directed towards prioritizing community projects within Tennessee's 9th Congressional District.

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The Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program helps local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and provide for national support efforts, including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs.



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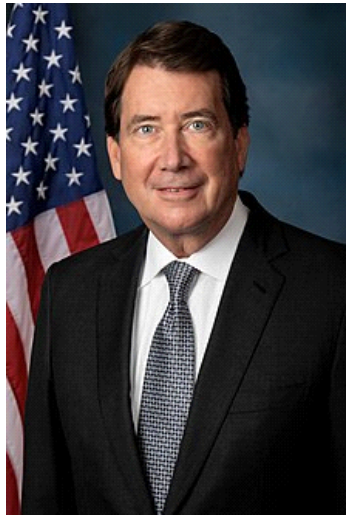
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U.S. Sen. Bill Hagerty introduces bill to protect gun store customers by blocking unconstitutional tracking of purchases

WASHINGTON—United States Senator Bill Hagerty (R-TN), a member of the Senate Banking Committee, introduced the Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act, legislation to protect gun store customers by blocking unconstitutional surveillance via Merchant Category Codes (MCCs) Codes that unlawfully track gun store purchases.

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Background: The Protecting Privacy in Pur-

chases Act builds upon Hagerty's commitment to defending Americans' constitutional rights from politicized and abusive overreach.

In September 2022, Hagerty criticized the President and CEO of Amalgamated Bank for its efforts to use MCC codes to target gun store customers.

In February, Hagerty grilled Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on reports that the Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network coordinated with financial institutions to monitor for "extremist indicators," including lawful transactions at stores that sell firearms.

Report: NFL-USO Tour takes place in Poland at six bases as part of NFL's Salute to Service Initiative

NEW YORK — April 10, 2024 — Arizona Cardinals tight end Trey McBride and running back DeeJay Dallas participated in a National Football League – United Service Organizations (USO) tour from April 2-5 to

visit U.S. service members at six military bases in Poland.

Each year as part of the NFL's Salute to Service initiative, the league collaborates with the USO to connect select NFL players with U.S. service members and

their families at military bases across the globe, providing them with the opportunity to meet our nation's heroes and experience a day in their lives.

During this year's tour, Trey McBride and DeeJay Dallas in-

teracted with service members to learn about their roles in the military and received mission briefs from senior leaders on their mission in Poland. They also observed military equipment demonstrations, participated in

an Army combat fitness test, and joined in on a Madden gaming tournament with service members – all while conducting meet and greets and sharing meals with service members. The players also had a unique oppor-

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