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## Report: Operation Memphis Streets arms to reduce gang violence launched by U.S. Marshals Service

MEMPHIS, TN – The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force in Memphis led a two-week, gang violence reduction initiative dubbed, Operation Memphis Streets, resulting in the arrest of 141 violent fugitives, including 14 wanted for homicide, and clearing 163 arrest warrants in Memphis. From July 14 to July 25, 2025,

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the USMS assembled and deployed six arrest teams, deputizing other law enforcement officers as Special Deputy Marshals, when necessary, with a goal of targeting gang members and others with violent felony arrest warrants. In addition to the 14 homicide fugitives, other arrests included 67 aggravated assaults, 16 sex-related crimes, and 16 robberies. Five firearms were also recovered, three of which were stolen. Of the fugitives arrested, 31 were known or suspected gang members. “Every day the goal of the U.S. Marshals Service and Department of Justice is to make our streets safer and our communities



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stronger,” said U.S. Marshal Tyreece Miller. “Operation Memphis Streets may have concluded, but our commitment to the Memphis community and Memphis Police Department remains steadfast as collectively, we work toward a safer Memphis.” “Collaborative efforts such as Operation Memphis Streets are critical to building a Stronger, Safer Memphis,” said MPD Police Chief CJ Davis. “By working alongside the U.S. Marshals Service and our federal partners, we are able to remove dangerous criminals from our streets and protect the people we serve.”

**Notable Arrests**  
Victor Peeler 12 Counts of Attempted Murder for shooting at MPD Officers on Independence Day  
Talia Jones Facilitation of First-Degree Murder. Arrested in Minneapolis, MN  
Travis Boyd First-Degree Murder warrant out of West Memphis, AR. Arrested in Memphis  
Derriion Taylor First-Degree Murder and 2 Counts of Attempted Murder. Homicide victim aged 93  
Agencies joining the USMS for Operation Memphis Streets include the FBI, DEA, ATF, Mem-

Just this month, the President deployed National Guard troops to Washington, D.C., and took federal control of the city’s police force to crack down on rampant crime. This action was desperately needed: In 2024, our nation’s capital recorded a homicide rate of 27.54 per 100,000 residents, higher than the murder rates of Mexico City, Bogota, Colombia, and Islamabad, Pakistan. Already, the administration’s efforts have yielded more than 100 arrests, including a homicide suspect.

At the same time, the administration has directed more resources

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### Statement on National Crime Trends Update

August 15, 2025 - “This week’s update from the FBI’s national crime database shows violent crime in Tennessee has dropped over the last five years, proof that our state’s prosecutors, working alongside law enforcement, do not waver in their mission to hold offenders accountable. Our communities are safer and stronger than ever. This progress reflects the relentless commitment to justice by Tennessee’s 32 elected District Attorneys and sends a clear message: crime is not tolerated in our state.”  
-Stephen Crump, Executive Director, Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference

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## Here’s how Republicans are tackling rising crime

By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn

Under the Biden administration, crime soared—especially among violent offenders. Between 2020 and 2023, the per capita violent crime rate increased by 55 percent, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, which recorded significant increases in rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Even as Americans suffered

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### Opinion

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In November, Americans rejected this radical agenda. They gave President Trump and Republicans a mandate to make America safe again. And since Inauguration Day, that’s exactly what we’ve done.