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Welcome to the National Guard in Memphis!

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Is Night Court a Solution to Memphis Crime Problem?

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DA Steve Mulroy has decided that Night Court is the answer to either crime in Memphis or the National Guard being in Memphis or maybe both. Either way, his answer of Night Court might be up there with that old TV series entitled “Night Court” and would be funny, but as the adage goes, “It only hurts when you laugh.” However, it is our contention that Night Court is yet another diversion and the usual excuse of needing “immediate funds” to produce yet another level of bureaucrats to fatten their pockets as they sit on the dumbest part of their anatomy. The tools and resources are already there! Throwing money at a problem produces the opposite of what Mulroy claims: “Night Court isn’t about being ‘soft’ or ‘hard’ on crime—it’s about being smart and fair. Justice delayed is justice denied.”

For decades, we have editorialized that the Shelby County and Memphis incarceration systemic problem is about detrimental failed leadership. To put it bluntly, it is about top honchos choosing not to put their asses in chairs to find creative and common sense solutions to solve problems—not create yet another level of bureaucrats with titles that overwrought and overworked Memphis and Shelby County taxpayers have to foot to beget more crime and not safety. Memphis is now the Number One crime city in America. Defund the Police was part of that failed leadership. Good and competent police officers who should be or want to be in leadership positions are pushed down or out.

Night Court is not the answer. It is an excuse to give the façade that you are doing something until the National Guard leaves, then – dare we say it--yes, we dare, it goes back to business as usual. Common sense delayed is common sense denied.

Message from District Attorney Gen. Steve Mulroy on Night Court



By Steve Mulroy
District Attorney General

October 3, 2025 -Memphis is bracing for a surge in arrests from a new federal task force—potentially more than 100 extra

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cases a day. Without action, this flood could overwhelm our already overcrowded jails and backlogged courts, delaying justice for victims and defendants alike.

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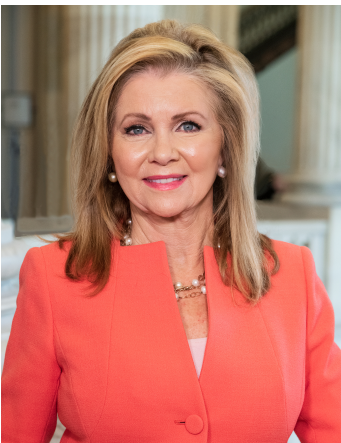
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Night Court isn’t about being “soft” or “hard” on crime—it’s about being smart and fair. Justice delayed is justice denied. Contact your County Commissioners, state legislators, and federal representatives. Urge them to provide resources so we’re ready for what’s coming. The surge is here. The question is whether we’ll be prepared.

Under President Trump’s leadership, Memphis criminals are facing justice

Here’s how Congress can help.



By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

After four years of rising crime under the last administration, President Trump made a promise to make American cities safe again. With the Memphis Safe

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Task Force, he is taking a huge step to make that happen. Over the summer, the FBI under Director Patel launched Operation Viper in coordination with the Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Marshals, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to get crime under

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Already, the operation is delivering results. In the first four days, authorities made 153 arrests, including a Tren de Aragua gang member, an alleged child rapist, and a man suspected of assaulting a federal officer.

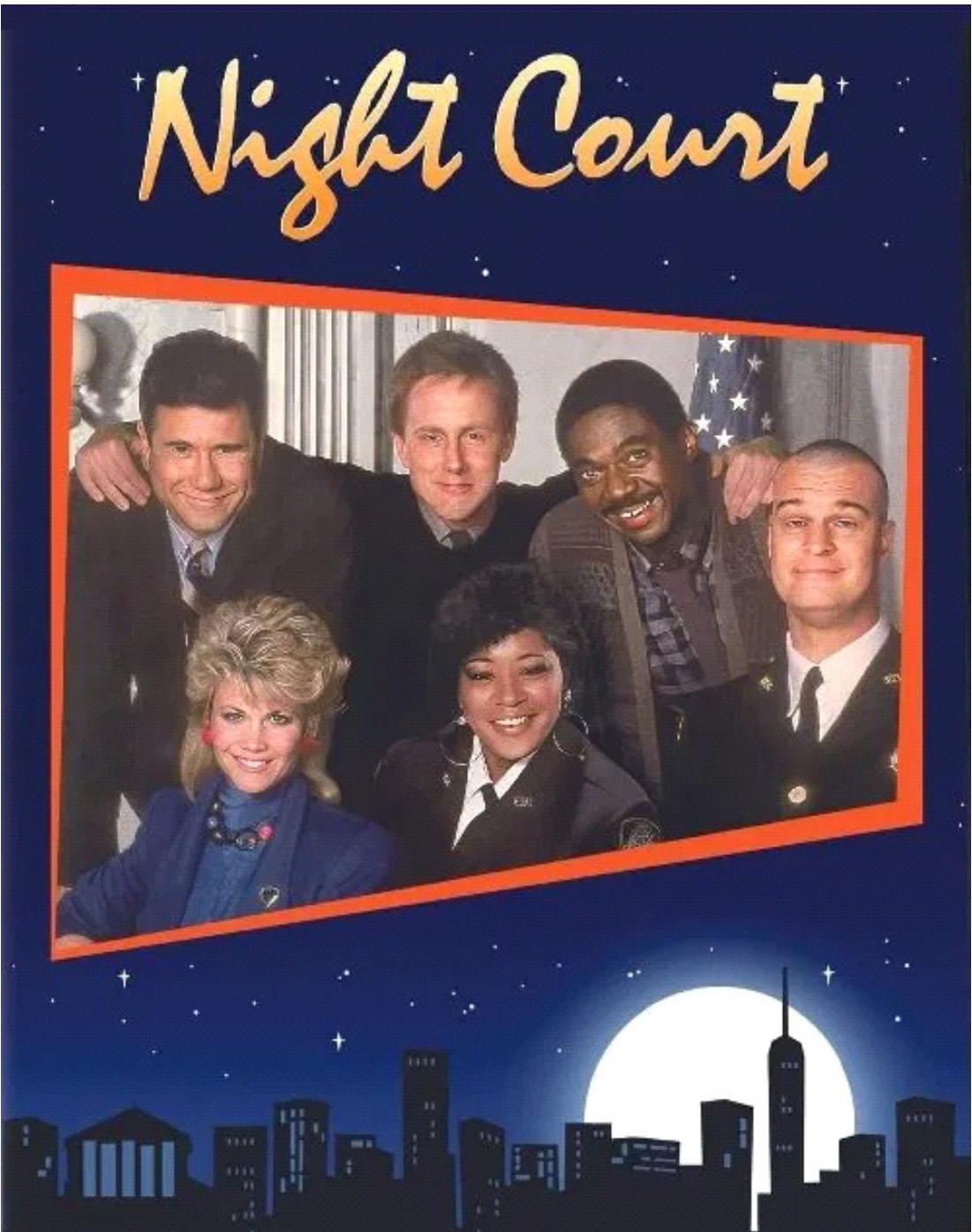
This support has been desperately needed. Right now, the Memphis Police Department is short 500 officers, with just over 20 people in its recruitment class. With federal law enforcement helping keep the peace, Memphis police are empowered to track down repeat, violent criminals, including gang members who have terrorized city residents for far too long.

“Every criminal infraction that we can enforce against the element in this city that has been causing all of the heartache, pain, suffering, and death, we are

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DA Mulroy believes “Night Court” is answer to Memphis crime spree

He wants the resources, but will this include National Guard to escort him and “Night Court” judges, lawyers, clerks, et al for night duty?



A Report from Memphis Safe Task Force

No Safe Haven for Violent Offenders: Memphis Safe Task Force captures 1st degree murder suspect Merriweather

MEMPHIS, Tennessee – The Memphis Safe Task Force announces the arrest of Malik Merriweather, 24, in Memphis, Tennessee. Merriweather was wanted for First Degree Murder and Solicitation Criminal Attempt First Degree Murder out of Shelby County, Tennessee. According to an affidavit, Memphis Police Department Officers responded to a shooting call on April 22nd, 2025, where multiple victims suffered from gunshot wounds. Two were later pronounced deceased, and their deaths ruled as homicides.

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Today, while executing a state and federal warrant on an unrelated individual near Talley Road in Memphis, members of the Memphis Safe Task Force discovered Merriweather inside the residence. He was found hiding behind a locked door and located by a Task Force K9.

Merriweather had been wanted since April 23, 2025.

This arrest is a decisive demonstration of enhanced interagency coordination and unwavering commitment to public safety. The Memphis Safe Task Force, comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, continues to work across jurisdictions to bring violent offenders to justice swiftly and safely.

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The ‘E’ in DEI is for Equity, a Marxist Term. Research before you believe.

-A commentary from The Mid-South Tribune-

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