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A Report from the Memphis Safe Task Force: Arrests of Vice Lord gang member Harwell and high risk fugitive

...interagency precision delivers Ernest Jenkins who had multiple felony charges, including criminal attempt second degree murder

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, October 20, 2025 – The Memphis Safe Task Force announces the arrest of Barrington J. Harwell, 28, in Memphis, Tennessee. Harwell, a self-admitted member of the Vice Lord gang, was arrested and charged federally with Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

The arrest stemmed from a traffic stop initiated for a motor vehicle infraction, during which Harwell was identified as the owner and operator of the vehicle. Authorities recovered and seized two handguns during the stop.

The Memphis Safe Task Force, a unified effort among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, continues to showcase the impact of coordinated action in strengthening public safety. The arrest of Barrington Jose Harwell reflects the Task Force's unwavering mission: To Make America Safe Again and To Make Memphis Safe.

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This arrest sends a clear message to individuals who engage in violent crime. They will be located and held accountable. It stands as proof of the dedication and teamwork driving every agency involved in this operation.

The Memphis Safe Task Force remains firmly committed to transparency, accountability, and building public trust. Harwell's apprehension reinforces a powerful truth that law enforcement is united, alert, and determined to protect the community.

The Memphis Safe Task Force announces the successful arrest of Ernest Jenkins, 41, in Memphis, Tennessee. Jenkins was wanted on multiple felony charges, including Criminal Attempt Second Degree Murder, Petition to Revoke Suspended Sentence, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony, Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Manufacture, Deliver, or Sell (2 counts), Theft of Firearm (under $2,500), Theft of Property ($2,500–$10,000), and Burglary of a Vehicle. Jenkins was located and apprehended during a targeted arrest operation near North Pauline Street at approximately 1700 hours on October 19th. This operation reflects the Task Force's strategic focus on high-risk offenders and its commitment to swift, coordinated enforcement actions.

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The Memphis Safe Task Force. an interagency coalition of federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, continues to demonstrate the power of collaboration in advancing public safety. This arrest underscores the Task Force's mission: To Make America Safe Again and To Make Memphis Safe.

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The Memphis Safe Task Force remains steadfast in its pursuit of transparency, accountability, and the preservation of public trust. Jenkins' capture sends a decisive message to violent offenders that law enforcement is united, vigilant, and resolute.

'Retired Lt. General Buchanan examines case of Master Sergeant Ballard

By Jeff Buchanan
From the Hunting Wire.com

In June I spoke at a 250th Army birthday event. The US Army is older than our country and one cannot tell the story of our country with telling the story of our Army. In telling the story of our Army, you could focus on campaigns from Lexington and Concord to the second Fallujah or the fight on Robert's Ridge…or you could choose to do what I did, which is to tell the stories of individual Soldiers I served with.

Opinion

One of the stories I told was about Master Sergeant Thomas Ballard, the team sergeant of a group off 12 paratroopers advising an Iraqi Army unit in Najaf in early 2007.

There's not sufficient space on this platform to do the story justice but suffice it to say that Thomas Ballard was incredibly heroic in leading his team in a desperate hours-long fight against a group of hundreds of fanatical terrorists. Ballard positioned his men, re- distributed ammunition, killed bad guys entering the perimeter, called for air support, and treated the wounded. That team went through 11,000 rounds of machine-gun ammunition in the battle (and with the help of reinforcements as the fight wore on) killed 373 and captured 425 terrorists who were bent on killed thousands of innocent people in Najaf, including the leader of the cult-like group. Ballard's leadership that day was critical in defeating the enemy, keeping his team alive, and arguably saving the holy city of Najaf.

I used a "Paul Harvey" technique to then tell the rest of the story. Twenty years earlier, I was Private First-Class Ballard's commander on a training exercise in Australia. Our unit was a long-range surveillance detachment,

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NSSF urges Department of Justice to reopen the National Firearms Act (NFA) Division during federal shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NSSF®, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, urged the Department of Justice (DOJ), in a letter, to fully reopen the National Firearms Act (NFA) Division and the Import branch of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The processing of Import permits and NFA forms are legally required for firearm industry members to provide certain firearms to law-abiding Americans wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights during the current lapse in government funding, that shows no sign of ending any time soon.

Processing of applications for Import permits and NFA forms have been suspended since the federal government shutdown began on Oct. 1, 2025. Background checks for firearm transfers have remained operational through the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), as it is deemed essential to ensure law-abiding citizens can freely exercise their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms. However, additional processing requirements for lawful transfers of suppressors, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns and manufacture and import notifications are in limbo until the federal government is reopened.

"While we understand the operational challenges that arise during a lapse in federal funding, the complete cessation of commercial Imports and the processing of NFA items represents an infringement on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. "Americans' Second Amendment rights cannot be suspended because Congress has failed to fund the federal government."

Suppressors are legal to own in 42 states and are used by over 3 million law-abiding guns owners. That figure continues to grow annually. Suppressors are critical to preserving hearing for hunters, recreational shooters and range personnel.

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NSSF pointed out that FBI NICS background checks are currently still being conducted, which are required for every suppressor transfer. Resuming Form 4 processing for suppressors, short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns would not place additional burdens on the background check infrastructure, nor would it require additional staffing by FBI NICS.

Continued processing of Form 2 manufacture and import notifications is critical to ensure that the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR) remains up to date, to allow for the transfer of newly manufactured or imported NFA items throughout any shutdown period. Coordinately, continued processing of Form 3 applications for transfers between licensees is critical to ensure that products remain available for customers who may wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights by purchasing an NFA item at their local firearms retailer.

GOA, Gun Owners Foundation and the VCDL win major victory in Virginia universal background check

Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners Foundation and the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL) secured a permanent injunction against the State of Virginia's universal background check law (Virginia Code Section 18.2-308.2:5) in the case of Wilson v. Hanley on October 20. GOA, GOF and our allies filed suit in June of 2020, challenging the law as soon as it was enacted. Today's victory affirms that universal background checks are inconsistent with the Second Amendment.

Erich Pratt, GOA's Senior Vice President, issued the following statement:

"This victory is fantastic news. Universal background checks are a massive infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens—and they do nothing to stop criminals from getting guns. This

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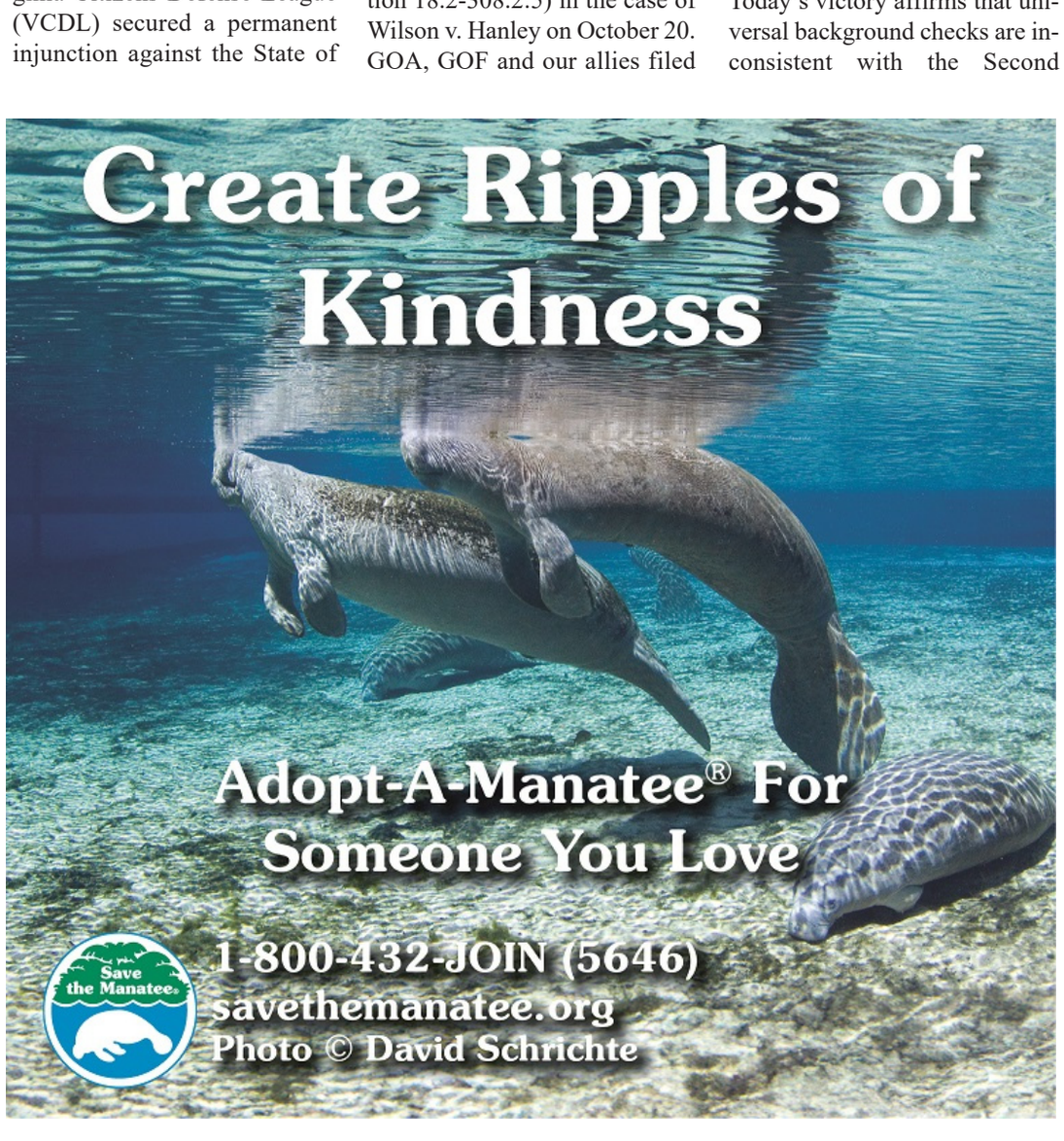

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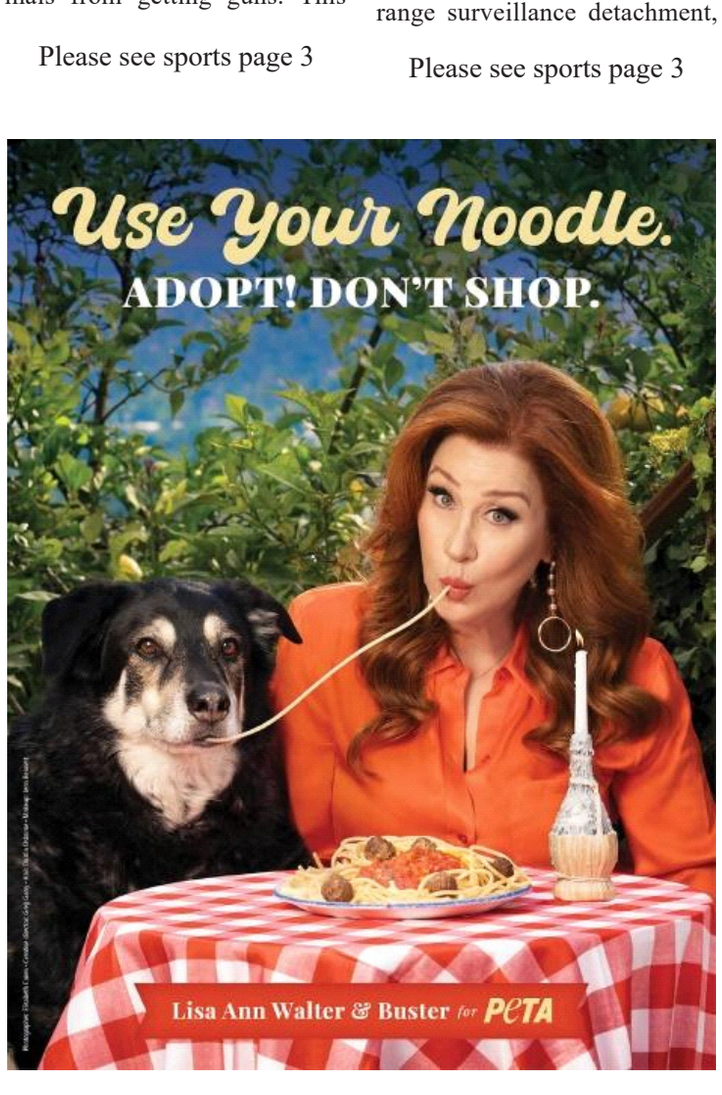
-A commentary from The Mid-South Tribune-

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