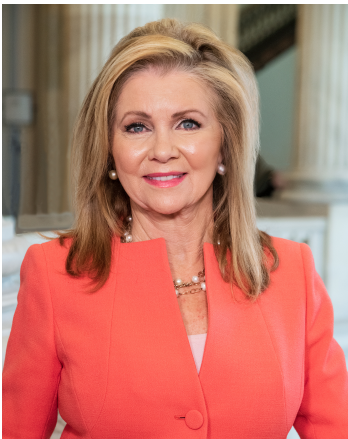


Military, Law, and more ...

Welcome to the National Guard in Memphis!

U.S. Sen. Blackburn says, “The numbers are in. The Memphis Safe Task Force is a huge success.”



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

One year ago this month, the American people voted to send President Trump back to the Oval Office with a powerful mandate to make American cities safe again after four years of rising crime under the Biden administration. No city needed this support more than Memphis.

In 2024, the city recorded the highest crime rate in the country as criminal gangs turned many neighborhoods into warzones. It's why earlier this year, when I met with now-FBI Director Kash

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Patel ahead of his confirmation hearing, I urged him to deploy federal resources to help end Memphis's crime crisis. And that's exactly what this administration has done.

As a first step over the summer, the FBI launched Operation Viper in coordination with the U.S. Marshals, ATF, and DEA to gather intelligence and surge federal resources to lower crime in Memphis. As a result of that operation, authorities arrested more than 500 gang members. Then, in late September, I had the honor of joining President Trump in the Oval Office as he signed an order to establish the Memphis Safe Task Force. Its

goal: to coordinate efforts between more than a dozen federal and state agencies, including the Memphis Police Department, Tennessee National Guard, FBI, Justice Department, and U.S. Marshals, to build on the success of Operation Viper and continue to get violent criminals off the street.

Already, this task force has delivered incredible results, locking up repeat, violent criminals who have terrorized Memphians for far too long. In just a month of operations, authorities have made more than 2,300 arrests, including 136 warrant arrests for aggravated assault, 153 for domestic violence, 31 for robbery, 15 for sexual assault, and 23 for homicide.

As U.S. Marshals Director Gadyaces Serralta noted on my podcast "Unmuted," "most of the arrests are violent warrants of individuals who have committed violent crimes in the past that get caught again by us either committing additional crimes or [are] just fugitives from justice."

Director Serralta also noted that over the same time frame, the Memphis Safe Task Force is on track to surpass the total number of arrests conducted by the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force, which recently reached 5,000 arrests.

In addition, the task force has recovered 539 illegal guns and 325 stolen vehicles while apprehending more than 140 known gang members, including a 34-year-old Mexican national wanted for first-degree murder. More than 100 missing children have also been located.

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This is something that all Americans should celebrate. We will not stop fighting to make Memphis the safest city in America and ensure its very best days are ahead.

17th Judicial District Attorney Gen. Robert Carter gets Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference's highest honor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (November 10, 2025)— Last month, the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (TNDAGC) gathered for its annual Fall Conference. Among the proceedings of the three-day conference is an opportunity for the state's District Attorneys and their staff to be recognized by the TNDAGC Executive Committee and their peers for outstanding contributions to the people of Tennessee. This year, 17th District Attorney General Robert Carter received the Conference's highest honor — the Pat McCutchen Award — named after the former Executive Director and District Attorney General of the 19th District.

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Message from District Attorney General Steve Mulroy



By District Attorney Steve Mulroy

Our office has to be victim-focused. It's what we do. And crime victims often wish to see offenders get maximum punishment. But sometimes, they can show extraordinary understanding.

That's true in a recent case involving an elderly woman beaten savagely by a stranger

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during broad daylight on Highland Ave. The 79-year-old woman (whose name we are withholding) was walking her dog when a 24-year-old man she passed on the sidewalk suddenly punched her in the face several times, leaving her face severely bruised and her eyes swollen. This was not a robbery. He

never tried to get anything from her. It was just a random, unprovoked attack.

Despite her injuries, the woman is not seeking incarceration for her attacker.

"He's sick. He can't help himself," she told a reporter. "And we as a community are failing our mentally ill citizens." Not only did she say that "this was not a crime," just "somebody who was sick"; she even said she is praying for the attacker and his family.

This shows remarkable restraint and compassion. Victims are usually—and completely understandably—very emotional in such situations, and not disposed to showing much sympathy for their attackers.

But perhaps more important, the woman shows a keen understanding of the role that mental illness plays in our criminal justice system, and the need for more mental health services. Data from state prisons shows that at least 40% of prisoners have a diagnosed behavioral health issue. At the Shelby County Jail, that percentage is probably higher, with estimates as high as two-thirds. Unless those problems are treated, defendants are likely to keep repeating their offenses when they get out of jail. Given this, emphasizing mental health treatment as an alternative to incarceration is not only more humane, it's more cost-effective.

But you won't be surprised to hear that the supply of affordable mental health services does not

meet the need. This year's state assessment of our jail identified numerous gaps in mental health facilities and services. The County is building a 60-bed Mental Health Safety & Justice Center which will help pretrial, but there's still more to do.

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Treating criminals rather than incarcerating them is a tough sell. Paying for their treatment even more so. But if we truly want to reduce crime, we have to be open to both. And if a victim beaten and bruised can embrace that, maybe the rest of us can too.

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The Conference also recognized several individuals throughout Tennessee who have displayed

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