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Justice Department announces recipients of Honor the Honorable: The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Todd Blanche announced the recipients of Honor the Honorable: The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing. This award represents the Department of Justice's reaffirmed commitment to uplifting the valor and exceptional contributions to policing of our great nation's law enforcement personnel.

The Attorney General's Honor the Honorable Award recognizes individual or teams of rank-and-file officers from state, local, Tribal or territorial law enforcement agencies for exceptional efforts in policing. The awarded officers, deputies and troopers have demonstrated exceptional service in one of three areas: criminal investigations, field operations or exemplary community involvement. Within each category, awards were given to law enforcement officers and deputies who serve small, medium and large jurisdictions.

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"The Department of Justice is steadfast in its commitment to Make America Safe Again, and the men and women we honor today advance that mission on the front lines every day," said Associate Attorney General Stanley E. Woodward, Jr. "This ceremony is but a small gesture of gratitude for the immense dedication, selflessness, and courage these officers demonstrate in keeping Americans safe."

The 2026 award recipients are as follows:

Category: Field Operation. Awards in this category include activities that demonstrate exceptional bravery; heroic, quick, innovative, or otherwise exceptional problem-solving; and sustained excellence in achieving law enforcement goals, engaging in direct action to preserve life, or making a significant arrest.

•Sergeant Ryan Nichols and Corporal Edwin Bounds of the Forth Worth, Texas, Police Department

•Officer Jeremiah Harvey, Officer Landen Hopkins, Officer Jason Sikoski, Officer Benjamin Urdiales, and Officer Jeremy Wells of the Tampa, Florida, Police Department

•Deputy Sheriff Gabriel Fontanez of the Polk County, Floria, Sheriff's Office

•Officer Dakota Berry of the Goodyear, Arizona, Police Department

•Officer Gabriel Rodriguez of the San Bernardino, California, Police Department

•Corporal Jacob Heatherly, Sergeant Matthew Lynch, and Deputy Devin Mason (posthumous) of the Darlington County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Office

•Sergeant Donald Smith of the Chafee County, Colorado, Sheriff's Office

•Deputy Kristopher Brakebill of the Okanogan County, Washington, Sheriff's Office

Category: Criminal Investigations. Awards in this category exemplify exceptional innovation, impact, and leadership in solving crimes, preventing future offenses, and improving investigative practices.

•Master Detective Robert Harrop of the Hillsborough County, Florida, Sheriff's Department

•Senior Deputy Phillip Golden of the Harford County, Maryland, Sheriff's Office

•Senior Corporal David Roach of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department

•Detective John Basile and Detective Michelle Stabile of the Danbury, Connecticut, Police Department

•Detective Jeffrey Stadnicki and Detective Travis Parsons Alachua County, Florida, Sheriff's Office

•Detective Travis Schoonover of the Perkasie Borough, Pennsylvania, Police Department

•Sergeant Robert Lindsey of the Decatur, Georgia, Police Department

Category: Exemplary Community Involvement. Awards in this category promote making America's communities safe again by reducing crimes such as illegal immigration, human trafficking, gun crime, drug trafficking, and gang violence.

•Deputy John Gray of the Arapahoe County, Colorado, Sheriff's Office

•Officer Julio Flores of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department

•Officer William Martinez Jr. of the Chicago Police Department

•Detective Jennifer Dabney of the Merced, California, Police Department

•Corporal Laura Gonzalez of the White Settlement, Texas, Police Department

•Officer Jacob Hubbard of the Bradford, New Hampshire, Police Department

The awardees were selected from a nationwide pool of nominees for their outstanding achievements and commitment to making American safe again. Nominations are now being accepted for next year's ceremony.

Memphis falls to Navy

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snap, seemingly giving the Tigers control of the game. Memphis, however, was unable to capitalize fully, settling for a 47-yard Philippe Laforge field goal that pushed the lead to 27-17.

The teams traded touchdowns before Navy quarterback Jackson Gutierrez broke free for a 68-yard touchdown run, cutting the Memphis lead to 34-31 with just under seven minutes remaining.

After both teams opened the game with three-and-outs, Navy struck first with a six-play, 71-yard drive capped by a 10-yard touchdown run from Michael Barrow for a 7-0 lead.

Following another exchange of punts, a Navy offsides penalty on fourth down extended Memphis' third possession. On the very next play, Carter raced through the middle of the defense for a 68-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7 with 46 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The second quarter featured three consecutive punts before Navy forced the game's first turnover. A pair of defenders jarred the ball loose from tight end Hunter Tipton following a one-handed catch at the Memphis 26-yard line. The Midshipmen converted the turnover into points just three plays later, reclaiming a 14-7 lead with 9:07 remaining in the half.

Memphis moved into Navy territory on its next possession but stalled at the Midshipmen 30-yard line. Laforge connected on a season-long 48-yard field goal to trim the deficit to 14-10 with 5:02 left before halftime.

Navy closed the first-half scoring with a 26-yard field goal to take a 17-10 lead into the locker room. Memphis punted on four of its seven first-half possessions while totaling 184 yards of offense.

Stokes finished 18-for-33 passing for 202 yards and an interception. Saturday marked the first game this season in which he did not throw a touchdown pass.

Defensively, three Tigers recorded double-digit tackles, led by linebacker Mike Montgomery's 11 stops. Safety Dylan Smith and defensive end J'Mond Tapp added 10 tackles each.

Carter became the first Memphis running back to rush for 200 or more yards in a game since Kenneth Gainwell totaled 209 yards against Louisiana-Monroe in 2019.

Memphis (8-3, 5-2) returns to Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on Friday, November 27 to host Temple (2-9, 1-6) at 2:30 pm CT on ESPN as the Tigers celebrate Senior Day.

SAF takes respondents to task in the Supreme Court assault weapons case

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ing Connecticut's ban on commonly owned semi-automatic rifles – both by name and by feature set.

"The analysis the Supreme Court has to do to conclude these laws are unconstitutional has already been decided," said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. "In fact, we explicitly say in today's reply that the Court need not break any new ground here – just reiterate and apply what it has already said. Cook County and Connecticut have made valiant efforts to convince the Court that its own words don't mean what they think they do. We don't find them persuasive and neither should the Justices. The facts are what they are: The Second Amendment protects arms in common use for all lawful purposes, and if those words mean anything then the Second Amendment must protect the most popular class of rifles in the country, which are owned in the tens of millions by law-abiding Americans."

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As noted in the brief, "This Court need break no new ground to rule for Petitioners. Because AR-15 platform and similar semiautomatic rifles are in common use, this Court must reverse the judgments below." SAF is joined in Viramontes by the Firearms Policy Coalition and tw private citizens and is joined in Grant by the Connecticut Citizens Defense League and three private citizens. Oral argument is set for Wednesday, Dec. 2, and will be livestreamed with a real-time analysis of the proceeding on SAF's X page.

"When the Supreme Court agreed to hear SAF's two cases on these unconstitutional firearms bans, it meant that we had to work twice as hard to prepare briefs like the one we filed today," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "Instead of arguing against only one defendant, we must fight on two fronts at the same time. Thankfully we're more than prepared to take all-comers on the issue and we look forward to laying out our case in front of the highest court in the land."

For more information visit SAF.org.

NSSF, SAF, and partners get New Mexico to agree to halt enforcement of the firearms purchase period in motion

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Nov. 19, 2026 — Coming less than a month after the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners filed a motion for preliminary injunction in NSSF v. Torrez, the state has agreed to enter into a stipulated injunction preventing enforcement of the state's firearms purchase waiting period law.

The law at issue originated as House Bill 129, which forces firearms purchasers in New Mexico to wait out a multi-day "cooling off" period before taking possession of a firearm despite having already been approved through the state's background check system. The constitutionality of HB129 has been challenged once already in Ortega v. Grisham where the Tenth Circuit held the law was unconstitutional and remanded to the district court, which subsequently issued a permanent injunction preventing its enforcement against the Plaintiffs. Despite the court ruling HB129 was unconstitutional, however, New Mexico continued enforcing the law against everyone except the named individuals in the Ortega case. SAF and its partners filed this case to extend the protections won in Ortega to the rest of New Mexico's residents.

"We're thrilled that New Mexico has agreed to halt enforcement of its unconstitutional waiting period and restore the fundamental rights of its residents," said SAF Senior Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack. "It's unclear why state officials insisted on enforcing the law despite the Ortega ruling, and necessitated this additional lawsuit be filed, but we're appreciative that those same officials saw the error of their ways and have reversed course."

SAF is joined in NSSF v. Torrez

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