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Recent UK-Government Messages

Circles of Support and Accountability Policy Framework.

Requirements for the use of Circles of Support and Accountability for probation practitioners working with eligible people convicted of sexual offences.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/circles-of-support-and-accountability-policy-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=60cfa895-270f-45b2-8bd6-779d1d9651c2&utm_content=daily

Multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA):

Guidance. Assess and manage the risks posed by sexual and violent offenders: guidance for the police, prison service and probation trusts.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b235db8e-b691-4f08-b06f-017488aba3e9&utm_content=daily

Tougher sentences for ‘rough sex’ killers . Cowards who kill their partners with sexual violence will face longer behind bars as the government continues to clamp down on domestic abuse against women. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tougher-sentences-for-rough-sex-killers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e6ab0222-5677-4aaf-b8f1-c799e4736753&utm_content=daily

New law to stop thousands of offenders from changing their name in secret. Thousands of offenders on community and suspended sentences will no longer be able to secretly change their name as part of tough new rules to protect the public. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-law-to-stop-thousands-of-offenders-from-changing-their-name-in-secret?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=caedbccd-e5db-4001-92a6-753b96c508a6&utm_content=daily

20 Nightingale courtrooms remain open to boost capacity . A total of 20 Nightingale courtrooms will remain open in 2024 to allow more cases to be heard across the country, the government has announced today. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/20-nightingale-courtrooms-remain-open-to-boost-capacity?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f145d9ae-4dae-4096-a31d-823b48631821&utm_content=daily

Government backs bill to end intimidatory SLAPPs lawsuits stifling free speech. Corrupt elites will be prevented from making spurious legal claims to gag journalists and silence critics through a landmark Bill that gained Government support today (23 February). https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-backs-bill-to-end-intimidatory-slapps-lawsuits-stifling-free-speech?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=920e3ce0-7d46-451c-be7c-9eba01bab5a&utm_content=daily

Knife and Offensive Weapon Sentencing Statistics: July to September 2023. Trends in cautioning and sentencing of knife and offensive weapon offences. https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/knife-and-offensive-weapon-sentencing-statistics-july-to-september-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=392c4638-74a0-4c16-8d30-004da3693e59&utm_content=daily

Handling prisoner applications to marry or form a civil partnership: PSI 14/2016. Policy and guidance on responding to requests from prisoners to get married or enter into a civil partnership. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/handling-prisoner-applications-to-marry-or-form-a-civil-partnership-psi-142016?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c7323b9b-4d76-49fc-8c98-69d48aad0f21&utm_content=daily

Action Plan response to the joint thematic inspection of work with children subject to remand in youth detention. An action plan in response to the thematic inspection of work with children subject to remand in youth detention.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/action-plan-response-to-the-joint-thematic-inspection-of-work-with-children-subject-to-remand-in-youth-detention?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3120f001-f8d8-4fcf-b7cf-1301232245f0&utm_content=daily

Consultation on youth remand funding arrangements

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-youth-remand-funding-arrangements?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4760b5c0-4b08-486a-90a1-cbde0102149b&utm_content=daily

Escape and Abscond Policy Frameworks These policy frameworks provide rules and guidance for prison staff to manage the risk of escapes and absconds. This framework is only applicable to prisons participating in the NSF pilot.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/escape-and-abscond-policy-frameworks?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ee41aa9b-1ac2-4df4-90fd-a71d552d5371&utm_content=daily

HMPPS National Health and Safety Arrangements for First and Emergency Aid Policy Framework. The aim of this Policy Framework is to produce clear guidance for HMPPS sites on managing first aid across all prison and probation sites in England and Wales.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmpps-national-health-and-safety-arrangements-for-first-and-emergency-aid-policy-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1d4745fd-3d5d-44d6-9708-1554b957f583&utm_content=daily

Early removal of foreign national prisoners: PSI 04/2013. Policy and guidance on deporting foreign national prisoners under the early removal scheme.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-removal-of-foreign-national-prisoners-psi-042013?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3ea7a0ca-a19d-49cc-bda2-7719f77cce3b&utm_content=daily

Prison Population Projections: 2023 to 2028. Five year projections for the population in England and Wales prisons.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/prison-population-projections-2023-to-2028?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4ede1354-1d69-4a40-a3d2-4a290142c14d&utm_content=daily

The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales and supporting public information materials. The Victims' Code focuses on victims' rights and sets out the minimum standard that organisations must provide to victims of crime.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-code-of-practice-for-victims-of-crime?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a29fcfef-2d66-4fd7-ad57-52eb98e08a17&utm_content=daily

Lord Chancellor makes international rule of law speech in Washington. In a major speech in Washington DC on the rule of law, the Rt Hon Alex Chalk KC MP urged the international community to come together to win the global contest of ideas. https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/lord-chancellor-makes-international-rule-of-law-speech-in-washington?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=1bbe4a87-3bed-4529-be12-d2e27405bdcc&utm_content=daily

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Recent US-Department of Justice Messages

[Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke Delivers Remarks on Findings that Conditions at Three Mississippi Prisons Violate the Constitution](#)

[Justice Department Finds Conditions at Three Mississippi Prisons Violate the Constitution](#)

[Justice Department to Implement Groundbreaking Executive Order Addressing National Security Risks and Data Security](#)

On Feb. 28, the President will issue a groundbreaking Executive Order (E.O.) addressing the extraordinary and unusual national security threat posed by the continued effort of certain countries of concern to access Americans' bulk sensitive personal data and certain U.S. Government-related data.

[Black History Month: The Struggle Makes Us Stronger](#)

[Acting Assistant Attorney General Nicole M. Argentieri Delivers Remarks at the German Federal Ministry of Justice's International Conference on International Criminal Law](#)

[U.S. and U.K. Disrupt LockBit Ransomware Variant](#)

The Department of Justice joined the United Kingdom and international law enforcement partners in London today to announce the disruption of the LockBit ransomware group, one of the most active ransomware groups in the world that has targeted over 2,000 victims, received more than \$120 million in ransom payments, and made ransom demands totaling hundreds of millions of dollars.

[FACT SHEET: Disruptive Technology Strike Force Efforts in First Year to Prevent Sensitive Technology from Being Acquired by Authoritarian Regimes and Hostile Nation-States](#)

One year ago, on Feb. 16, 2023, the Departments of Justice and Commerce, alongside their partners at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security Investigations, [launched](#) the Disruptive Technology Strike Force to fiercely protect advanced technology from being unlawfully acquired by foreign adversaries. Together, the agencies that comprise the Strike Force have taken an all-tools approach to aggressively pursue enforcement actions against illegal procurement networks and prevent nation-state actors from illicitly acquiring our most sensitive technology.

[Justice Department Conducts Court-Authorized Disruption of Botnet Controlled by the Russian Federation’s Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff \(GRU\)](#)

A January 2024 court-authorized operation has neutralized a network of hundreds of small office/home office (SOHO) routers that GRU Military Unit 26165, also known as APT 28, Sofacy Group, Forest Blizzard, Pawn Storm, Fancy Bear, and Sednit, used to conceal and otherwise enable a variety of crimes. These crimes included vast spearphishing and similar credential harvesting campaigns against targets of intelligence interest to the Russian government, such as U.S. and foreign governments and military, security, and corporate organizations. In recent months, allegations of Unit 26165 activity of this type has been the subject of a [private sector cybersecurity advisory](#) and a [Ukrainian government warning](#).

[Readout of Civil Rights Division’s Quarterly LGBTQI+ Community Stakeholder Meeting](#)

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division and the division’s LGBTQI+ working group convened a [quarterly meeting](#) yesterday with LGBTQI+ community stakeholders.

[Justice Department Sues Tennessee for Enforcing State Law that Discriminates Against People with HIV](#)

The Justice Department filed a [lawsuit](#) today against the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for violating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The department previously [notified](#) Tennessee and the TBI that they violated the ADA by enforcing the state’s aggravated prostitution statute against people living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). That [letter](#) of findings detailed the minimum remedial measures necessary to address the discrimination.

[Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco Delivers Remarks at the University of Oxford on the Promise and Peril of AI](#)

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Delivers Remarks at the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons](#)

[OVW Observes the 20th Anniversary of National Stalking Awareness Month](#)

[Joint Statement by U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and Australia Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus KC Announcing Entry into Force of the United States and Australia's Data Access Agreement to Support Investigations of Serious Crime](#)

[Justice Department Announces Surge of Resources to Fight Violent Crime in Washington, D.C.](#)

[DOJ Releases Report on Critical Incident Review of Response to the Mass Shooting at Robb Elementary](#)

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Delivers Remarks on the Justice Department's Report on its Critical Incident Review of the Response to the Mass Shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas](#)

Justice Department Releases Report on its Critical Incident Review of the Response to the Mass Shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-releases-report-its-critical-incident-review-response-mass-shooting-robb>

[Office of Justice Programs and Department of Education Leaders Tout Progress in Educational Opportunities for Incarcerated Individuals at American Correctional Association Conference](#) .Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon joined top leaders from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Department of Education for the Education in Corrections Symposium at the American

Correctional Association Winter Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, last week. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona delivered a keynote address to help open the symposium, with Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Director Karhlton F. Moore also delivering introductory remarks.

Justice Department Observes National Human Trafficking Prevention Month <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-observes-national-human-trafficking-prevention-month-0>

[Department of Justice Releases New Guide on the Use of Specialized Units in Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta announced the release of a new publication, *Considerations for Specialized Units: A Guide for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies to Ensure Appropriateness, Effectiveness, and Accountability*, [commissioned in the wake of the killing of Tyre Nichols](#) and amid mounting public concern over the use of specialized units in police agencies. The guide is designed to support law enforcement agencies and communities across the country as they assess the appropriateness of the use of specialized units, and, where units are deemed appropriate, ensure the necessary management and oversight of such units to advance effective and just policing practices.

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Meets with Law Enforcement Components to Address Violent Crime](#)

[Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco Delivers Remarks on Combating Violent Crime](#)

[Fact Sheet: Justice Department Improvements to the Clemency Process](#)

[A Call to Action: Global Momentum on Access to Justice Drives Progress in the United States](#)

[Justice Department Announces WarCAT Leadership Transition](#)

Today, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced a transition in the leadership of the Justice Department's War Crimes Accountability Team (WarCAT).

[Justice Department Launches National Law Enforcement Accountability Database](#)

As directed by [Executive Order 14074](#), *Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety*, the Justice Department today launched the National Law Enforcement Accountability Database (NLEAD), a centralized repository of official records documenting instances of misconduct as well as commendations and awards for federal law enforcement officers. The NLEAD is accessible only to authorized users to help determine suitability and eligibility of candidates for law enforcement positions. As required by the Executive Order, on an annual basis, the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) will publish a public report containing aggregated and anonymized data to maintain transparency and accountability.

[Justice Department Publishes Model Legislation to Help States Reduce Gun Violence and Improve Gun Safety](#)

The Justice Department published two pieces of model legislation for states to consider to help address the continuing epidemic of gun violence affecting communities across the country. The model legislation is drawn from commonsense gun-safety statutes already on the books in a broad cross-section of states.

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Delivers Remarks at the Justice Department's Violent Crime Reduction Summit](#)

Thanks everybody. Thanks, Amy. Thanks to everybody from the team at the Office of Justice Programs. Thanks, Karhlton, and everybody from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

[Justice Department Announces Release of Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap](#)

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland [announced](#) today the release of the Justice Department's [Violent Crime Reduction Roadmap](#), a one-stop shop to assist local jurisdictions in developing, implementing, and evaluating strategies to prevent, intervene in, and respond to violent crime. The Roadmap helps connect jurisdictions with the information and resources they need to meet the complex and evolving challenges to help reduce violent crime.

[Readout from Multi-Agency United Against Hate Webinar](#)

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico, Albuquerque Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Albuquerque Field Office, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Department of Justice's Community Relations Service, and City of Albuquerque's Office of Equity and Inclusion convened a United Against Hate webinar on identifying, reporting, and preventing acts of hate.

[Justice Department Announces Proposed Revision of Application for Presidential Pardons](#)

Today, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced the Justice Department's proposed revision of the application for presidential pardons for those who have completed their federal sentences. The Attorney General made the announcement during [remarks](#) at a convening of the [White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable](#). Over the past year, the department's Office of the Pardon Attorney (Pardon) has coordinated with the Office for Access to Justice (ATJ) to make the first major revisions to the application form in decades.

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta Deliver Remarks at the Reproductive Rights Task Force](#)

[Associate Attorney General Gupta Delivers Remarks at the Convening of the Reproductive Rights Task Force](#)

[On World AIDS Day, Justice Department Reaffirms Commitment to Protecting Civil Rights of People Living with HIV and AIDS](#)

[Justice Department Finds that Enforcement of Tennessee State Law Discriminates Against People with HIV](#)

[Acting Assistant Attorney General Nicole M. Argentieri Delivers Keynote Address at the 40th International Conference on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act](#)

[Welcome and Opening Remarks Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Prison Rape Elimination Act](#)

[Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon Delivers Remarks at the Prison Rape Elimination Act 20th Anniversary Convening](#)

[The Justice Department Issues Fifth Annual Elder Justice Report](#)

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Delivers Remarks Announcing
Binance and CEO Guilty Pleas to Federal Charges in \\$4B Resolution](#)

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[Justice Department Files Statement of Interest in Case on Right to Travel to
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