

# WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

## Justice Department watchdog to investigate data seizure as House Democrats discuss impacts of leak probe



### Gunman in Florida grocery store shot baby first before killing grandmother

The gunman who opened fire in a Florida grocery store Thursday first fired one shot that killed a 1-year-old boy before struggling with the boy's 69-year-old grandmother and then fatally shooting her, authorities said.

The shooter, identified as 55-year-old Timothy J. Wall, then killed himself, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The motive in the shooting remains unknown. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has said there is no known relationship between the shooter and the victims, who will remain unidentified after their families invoked Marsy's Law.

Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw indicated in a news conference Friday that Wall had expressed on social media a desire to "kill people and children."

Sheriff Maj. Talal Masri said authorities received the first call about shots fired at 11:35 a.m. By the time they arrived at the Publix Supermarket in Royal Palm Beach, they found both victims and the shooter dead. Based on a review of video from inside the store, Masri said investigators determined the victims had arrived at 11:07 a.m.

Wall entered the store at 11:29 a.m., Masri said, carrying a golf putter like a walking stick. At 11:30 a.m., the grandmother and her grandson entered the produce section. Wall followed a minute later and was looking toward the victims, Masri said.

At 11:34 a.m., Masri said, Wall approached the victims, pulled out his gun and fired a single round, killing the child in the shopping cart.

A struggle ensued between Wall and the grandmother, who was eventually thrown to the ground. Wall then shot her, too, Masri said. Wall then killed himself.

The investigation remains ongoing, Masri said.



Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., left, and Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., speak with members of the media on Capitol Hill in Washington.

BY: TERRY HUGHEY

The Justice Department's inspector general will investigate the department's handling of a leak investigation into former President Donald Trump's political enemies. The investigation will include a subpoena to collect metadata of lawmakers, staff and some family members, the office announced Friday.

The request comes as House Intelligence Committee Democrats held a briefing led by Chairman Adam Schiff.

A source said that members were 'animated' in trying to figure out who at the Justice Department and in the Trump administration were behind the effort to seize their record.

The activity follows the bombshell revelation that prosecutors in the Trump administration Justice Department subpoenaed Apple for data from the accounts of House Intelligence Committee Democrats along with their staff and family members as part of a leak investigation.

The prosecutors were looking for the sources behind news stories about contacts between Russia and Trump associates.

The Justice Department in 2018 demanded metadata on 73 phone numbers and 36 email addresses from Apple, the company said Friday night. While Apple says it would have normally informed customers, a nondisclosure order prevented them from

doing so in this case, the company said. Also Friday night, Microsoft said it received a subpoena in 2017 related to a congressional staffer's personal email account, which was also subject to a gag order.

### Schumer and Durbin call for former attorneys general to testify

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin are calling for former Attorneys General William Barr and Jeff Sessions to testify on the matter.

"If they refuse, they are subject to being subpoenaed and compelled to testify under oath," the Democrats said in a statement.

"This issue should not be partisan; under the Constitution, Congress is a co-equal branch of government and must be protected from an overreaching executive.

We expect that our Republican colleagues will join us in getting to the bottom of this serious matter," Schumer and Durbin said.

But a Senate aide explained that Democrats would need the support of at least one Republican on the evenly divided Judiciary Committee to approve any subpoenas.

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## 14 Injured After Overnight Shooting On Sixth Street; Austin Police Seek Suspect



A suspect in the early morning mass shooting on Sixth Street is in custody, the Austin Police Department said in a news release. A second suspect remains at large, APD said.

At least 14 people were shot on the crowded street a half-hour before bars closed. None of the victims died, but two were in critical condition. At an afternoon news conference, interim Austin Police Chief Joseph Chacon said police were looking for two male suspects but provided no additional information because of the ongoing investigation.

"We are going to solve this case," he said.

He said the shooting appears to have been an isolated incident between two parties. The suspects could face charges ranging from deadly conduct to attempted murder.

Most of the victims were innocent bystanders, Chacon said.

Fire and EMS vehicles initially had trouble accessing the area because of the large crowds, he said. Officers used trauma kits to apply chest seals and tourniquets.

Chacon said he believes the officers' quick action was "largely responsible" for no one dying.

He said six of the victims were transported to the hospital in police vehicles; EMS transported four others, and four people either drove themselves or got other rides.

Austin Police and the FBI are reviewing reams of video footage captured by APD surveillance cameras, dozens of which are stationed around high-activity areas downtown. Detectives are also seeking private surveillance footage and any smartphone video recorded by witnesses.

At an earlier news conference, Chacon said 911 calls began pouring in around 1:30 a.m. As the minutes ticked past, 911 began receiving calls of more victims.

Witnesses posted accounts on social media. One video shows people on the ground as others flee for cover.

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a statement saying the Texas Department of Public Safety is working closely with Austin Police to investigate.

"Cecilia and I ask our fellow Texans to join us in prayer for those who were injured," he said.

Chacon said the shooting was "emblematic" of the increase in gun violence. According to APD data, violent crimes that involved a gun rose 47% between 2019 and 2020.

Democratic politicians and police representatives on Saturday staked out positions on the best path forward.

"We need adequate staffing (100%) for all depts in Public Safety," Austin Police Association member Bino Cadenas tweeted. "Many of my friends, worked this incident & said it was chaotic."

Police cadet training restarted Monday following a pause to allow the police department to make changes to how it trains new officers.

Chacon said that pause has been tough on staffing. "We are slowing down because there are fewer officers," he said. The renewed classes will "start to turn the tide, but it's going to take time."

## Justice Department watchdog to investigate (continued)

Very few Republicans have so far spoken up about the news of the Trump Justice Department probe into the House Democrats, and whether they will back any effort to bring the two former attorneys general to testify before the Senate.

### Democrats to ask Apple to determine if additional members were targeted by DOJ

Intelligence Committee Democrats plan to ask Apple to look into whether additional members were targeted by the Trump Justice Department, according to a source familiar with the matter.

The members are providing staff with all of their different numbers and accounts and the staff will ask Apple to provide information back about whether they were subjects of a DOJ subpoena.

There were generic "Apple notices" sent to members whose records were seized sent on May 5, the source said. But members are concerned those generic emails could have been ignored, deleted or swept up into their spam folders.

### Barr says Trump didn't direct him to target lawmakers

Barr does not recall the specifics of a leaks probe of the lawmakers, according to a person familiar with the matter.

And Barr denied knowledge of the moves in an interview with Politico on Friday.

The person said cases that the attorney general weighed in on had been recommended by career officials in the criminal division and elsewhere in the department.

The former attorney general did not brief Trump on any of the leak probes, though the President would bring up leaks and the need to investigate with the attorney general, the person said.

The leak investigation that targeted lawmakers was more than a year old when Barr took office in 2019, but Barr had vowed early on to help answer lingering questions from conservatives about the fairness of the Justice Department's handling of politically sensitive investigations. Like Trump, Barr had suspicions about leaks and believed the department's credibility was at stake if it couldn't show it fully investigated them, people briefed on the matter said.

According to Politico, Barr said that while he was attorney general, he was "not aware of any congressman's records being sought in a leak case," during the time he was attorney general and said former President Donald Trump never directed him to target lawmakers for investigation.

Trump "was not aware of who we were looking at in any of the cases," Barr told Politico. "I never discussed the leak cases with Trump. He didn't really ask me any of the specifics."

### Republicans focus on potential leaks

Key trial leaks DOJ was investigating rather than the method Republicans issued statements focusing on the potens, and withheld judgment on whether the department was following the rules. "Both classified leaks and abuses of power are serious offenses that must be met with strict consequences," said the top

Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Iowa's Chuck Grassley.

"We know that the Justice Department is capable of abusing its power, as it did when it secretly spied on and ran intelligence operations against the Trump campaign.

We also know that classified information in Congress' possession can leak to the press, as was the case with the classified Carter Page FISA - the product of that abuse."

He added that DOJ's investigated lawmakers before.

"Investigations into Members of Congress and staff are nothing new, especially for classified leaks," Grassley said in a statement.

Utah GOP Rep. Chris Stewart echoed the sentiment.

"I've been concerned, and voiced my concerns, about the leaking of classified information for many years. Leaks hurt our national security, break faith between government officials and the American people, and very often are deceptive, if not completely inaccurate," Stewart, an Intelligence Committee member, said in a statement.

"I support investigating leaks of classified information," he added. "When the DOJ is acting within their legal bounds, members of the Intelligence Committee shouldn't be immune to appropriate investigations."

### White House calls reports 'appalling'

In the Biden administration's first on-camera reaction Friday, White House communications director Kate Bedingfield called the reports "appalling."

"The reports of the behavior of the attorney general under Donald Trump are appalling," Bedingfield said during an appearance on MSNBC from Cornwall, England.

Bedingfield suggested President Joe Biden has a "very different relationship" with the Justice Department than his predecessor, calling out the Trump administration's "abuse of power" with the department, and adding that the Biden administration's Justice Department is "run very, very differently."

Biden, Bedingfield said, "respects the independence of the Justice Department, and it's a critically important part of how he governs."

### Swalwell says Trump 'weaponized' Justice Department

California Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell, whose data was seized by the Trump administration, said Trump "weaponized" the Justice Department to dig into the private communications. \*\*\*

## JUST MY OPINION

BY: TERRY HUGHEY



### "COMMUNITY"

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## Parents, educators react to critical race theory being banned in K-12 schools



"WE HAVE TO DO HISTORY THAT IS FACTUAL," SAID GOV. DESANTIS

BY: **CHERYL HUGHEY**



It's a decision that has some parents up in arms.

The concept of "Critical Race Theory" has been at the center of race discussions in recent weeks.

On Thursday, Governor Ron DeSantis spoke before the Florida Board Of Education before it made its decision.

"We have to do history that is factual," said Gov. DeSantis.

Thursday's ban prevents Critical Race Theory from being part of K-12 history curriculums.

"That is the most critical time as far as their learning development," said Robert Ross, a parent. "I'm a person that really feels like you should show it how it is, and don't sugarcoat anything."

"It's not looking at their work ethic," said Jennifer Showalter, another parent. "It's not developing personal accountability."

Educators worry the decision could discourage analytical discussions at school.

"I think the law basically says that you have to teach American History in a way that portrays America as a country that was built by people with a common vision and enshrined in the Constitution," said David Freeland, President at Education Association of St. Lucie. "It's a very, very, narrow view of what America is all about."

Across the Treasure Coast, school district leaders said they will continue to follow state standards.



Martin County School District officials said they will follow state standards and added, "We encourage civic discourse, respect for differing opinions, and celebration of each person's unique identity and background."

St. Lucie Public Schools officials said they will also continue to follow state standards and teach the required curriculum.

## SPORTS

## AN UNLIKELY CHAMPION WINS THE FRENCH OPEN, AND THANKS A MENTOR

BY: TERRY HUGHEY



Hand pointing to the sky, the new French Open champion Barbora Krejčíková gave credit where she knew it was due on Saturday.

"I hope she's happy," Krejčíková said of Jana Novotna, the former Wimbledon champion who died of cancer in November 2017.

In Krejčíková's view, all of "this" — the surprise run to a Roland Garros title — would not have happened without Novotna's influence on her career at a critical phase: the transition from juniors to the much more selective professional game.

It was good fortune that Novotna was from Brno: the same Czech city as Krejčíková. But Krejčíková and her family made their own luck, too. She showed up with her parents at Novotna's home in 2014 with a letter of introduction and a desire to find a tennis mentor who understood both the micro and macro of what it took to become great.

The visit was her mother's idea, but Krejčíková, then 18 and recovering from a recent illness, made her own case, and Novotna, to her surprise, was receptive.

"She was just very nice, very warm," Krejčíková said on Saturday. "She told me: 'I have a court on Thursday in this club at this time.'

If you want to come, you can come. We can look at you, have a hit. We're just going to see what's going to come."

Krejčíková told her that she had been ill.

"Jana was like, 'It doesn't matter,'" Krejčíková said. "If you cannot hit, we can talk."

Novotna agreed to not only counsel her but also coach her and follow her on the circuit. Novotna's contacts as a longtime leading player meant that Krejčíková had access to some quality hitting partners.

"We were playing the legends tournament here at Roland Garros a few years ago, and Jana said, 'Come hit with this girl I'm coaching,'" Martina Navratilova said on Saturday.

"And I thought Barbora had good talent, but you still never think that it's going to lead to something like this.

She didn't have any obvious weapons, but her brain is her big weapon.

She has got the good hands. She has got the variety and then the brain to know when to use it."

Novotna, who died at 49, had variety and a sharp mind, too. She was a graceful mover with a one-handed backhand, committed to attacking the net behind chipped approach shots and then hitting angled volleys and overheads.

It was a high-risk, eye-catching game and, like Krejčíková, she excelled in doubles, but her nerves betrayed her in her biggest singles matches through much of her career.

In the moment that long defined her, she cracked and lost a big third-set lead in the 1993 Wimbledon to Steffi Graf.

There should have been no shame in losing to Graf on any surface, but Novotna knew she had not done her own talent justice and ended up crying on the Duchess of Kent's shoulder during the trophy ceremony on Centre Court.

Novotna had a happier ending at Wimbledon when she won the singles title in 1998 and accepted the champion's trophy from the Duchess of Kent. It was Novotna's only Grand Slam singles title, and it came at age 30 in her 45th Grand Slam singles appearance.

Krejčíková took a different path. Though she is 25, she has had most of her success in doubles and may have more when she plays for the French Open women's doubles title on Sunday with her partner Katerina Siniakova.

Predestined? Navratilova is not so certain, but she, like so many on Saturday, experienced a full-circle feeling as well as mixed emotions.

"It was a beautiful victory," Navratilova said. "But I really so wish that Jana could have been here to see it."

## LOCAL NEWS

## 2-year-old critical after being shot in the head in Port St. Lucie



Port St. Lucie police are investigating the shooting of a two-year-old.

The shooting happened Friday night at the Evergreen Condominium complex.

According to investigators, moments after officers received the shooting call, a mother and her two-year-old arrived at the emergency room at the St. Lucie Medical Center.

"The two-year-old had a gunshot wound to the head but was still breathing. The child was transported to St. Mary's Medical Center and is currently in critical condition," said Assistant Chief Richard Del Toro.

Police are looking for Mohamed Faiyaz, 21, who was present at the time of the shooting.

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