

August 2026 in Review

Domestic violence news, law enforcement response, and policy — United States

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Executive Summary

August 2026 delivered the most severe OIDV incident of the year and resolved two of the three pending NFL DV cases (Cooper, Jacobs) that had entered training camp unresolved. The Pinellas County (FL) Deputy Troy Savetz kidnapping-murder-suicide of ex-girlfriend Mandy Fackler on August 10 — committed by a 14-year veteran Marine Unit deputy in front of the victim's 9 and 12 year old children — is now the most extreme OIDV case documented in 2026 and among the most severe in the last several years. Cooper (Broncos) was placed on the NFL commissioner's exempt list Aug 30 with a felony strangulation charge added and trial rescheduled to November 10. Jacobs (Packers) was formally charged Aug 27 with misdemeanors only (battery, criminal damage) — three months and one day after his May 26 arrest.

Federal DV funding pipeline continues to progress on FY26 NOFOs even as the FY25 backlog remains structurally unresolved. Two major August NOFO deadlines: FY26 State & Territory DV/SA Coalitions Program (~\$18.9M, closed August 31) and FY26 ICJR Program (offender-accountability focused, closed August 18). October 1, 2026 statutory FY25 distribution deadline is now approximately 30 days out. Structural funding negativity continues at the federal level.

Illinois enacted mandatory-lethality-assessment legislation, bringing the count of such states to four. Gov. Pritzker signed SB 3048 on August 18 requiring officers to administer a lethality assessment when responding to intimate partner DV involving assault or battery that does not result in arrest. **Important nuance:** the bill does NOT mandate the MNADV Maryland Model LAP specifically — it uses generic "lethality assessment" language and directs the IL Department of Human Services and Illinois State Police to develop a "domestic violence lethality tool kit" and model policies by January 1, 2028 that agencies "may use or reference" in adopting their own tool. Officer-administration effective date is July 1, 2028 (not Jan 1, 2027 as some news reports stated); training requirement by Jan 1, 2028. Combined with FL (Gabby Petito Act), CT (POST Council mandate), and CO (HB26-1009), Illinois joins the mandatory-lethality-assessment framework — but agency tool selection remains open. Direct opportunity for Forseti: IL DHS and IL State Police are the leverage stakeholders for HART advocacy in the state.

Fresh DV homicides and near-homicides surfaced across at least four states. The Escambia County FL DV shooting (Will Victor Bryant, roommate shot in bed), the Seguin TX officer-involved DV shooting (Aug 15), Downey CA double homicide with police OIS (Aug 8), and the Bartow County GA sheriff's DV shooting (Aug 11) each showed patterns familiar from prior months: strangulation, firearm access, prior escalation, or recent separation.

NFL personal conduct policy activity intensified in the month's final week. The Cooper exempt-list placement is a rare mid-training-camp use of the commissioner's discretionary authority. The Jacobs misdemeanor-only charging (dropping the felony strangulation and three other misdemeanors originally

booked) is a case study in how forensic-evidence timing shapes charging decisions. Both are teaching examples for LE/DVSP stakeholders.

⚠ MOST SEVERE OIVD INCIDENT OF 2026

Pinellas County FL Deputy Troy Savetz kidnaps and kills ex-girlfriend Mandy Fackler in front of her children; then kills himself

On August 10, Pinellas County Deputy Troy Savetz (47, 14-year veteran, Marine Unit) was waiting in the front yard of Mandy Fackler's Hudson FL home when she returned from the beach with her 9 and 12 year old daughters. According to Pasco County Sheriff Chris Nocco, Savetz argued with Fackler over a TV set and took her phone when she tried to call 911. Fackler told her daughters to go inside and call 911; they did. Savetz kidnapped Fackler in a rental car; both were later found dead of gunshot wounds inside the vehicle on Platinum Drive in Spring Hill. Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri called Savetz's actions "inexcusable" — "The moment this individual committed a crime he was no longer a law enforcement officer. He was a criminal" (Nocco). Savetz had been awarded PCSO's "Pacesetter" award for a prior life-saving incident. This is now the tenth OIVD incident tracked by this brief in 2026 and by far the most severe. Fackler's children are with their biological father.

✓ MILESTONE DEVELOPMENT

Illinois enacts mandatory lethality assessment — Gov. Pritzker signs SB 3048 on August 18

Illinois SB 3048 (Sen. Morrison / Rep. Williams) signed by Gov. Pritzker on August 18 as part of a three-bill DV/SA package. Requires officers to administer a lethality assessment when responding to allegations of intimate partner DV involving assault or battery that do not result in arrest. Requires the victim's consent. **Important nuance:** the bill does NOT specifically mandate the MNADV Maryland Model LAP — it uses generic "lethality assessment" language and requires the IL Department of Human Services (in coordination with Illinois State Police) to create a "domestic violence lethality tool kit" for use by LE agencies by January 1, 2028. State to gather feedback from "interested groups" by August 1, 2027, then develop model policies and protocols that agencies "may use or reference" in developing their own tool. **Key dates:** Officer-administration effective July 1, 2028 (not Jan 1, 2027 as some news reports stated); training requirement by Jan 1, 2028; continuing education by Jan 1, 2029. **Forseti opportunity:** IL DHS + IL State Police will define the state's model — that's the leverage window for HART advocacy in Illinois.

Monthly Themes

1. OIVD escalated from pattern to crisis with the Savetz murder-suicide

Ten OIVD incidents tracked YTD across May, June, July, August 2026 — the Savetz case is qualitatively different from the prior nine. Where the earlier cluster (Wichita, Gwinnett, Cleveland, Fresno, Boulder, LVMPD 2x, Modesto, Florence AL) involved arrests for DV assault/battery/harassment, Savetz was a homicide-suicide perpetrator with kidnapping. Per BGSU Wallace Police Crime Database data, LEO-perpetrated homicides of intimate partners are the most severe end of the OIVD spectrum and remain relatively rare, but the Savetz pattern (14 years on the force, "Pacesetter" award recipient, Marine Unit) is a reminder that agency tenure and commendations do not screen out risk. Response: departmental and policy-level scrutiny of intimate-partner screening protocols across FL PCSO and beyond is warranted.

2. Two of three pending NFL DV cases resolved in the month's final week — producing very different outcomes

Jonathon Cooper (Broncos): August 30 placed on NFL commissioner's exempt list; August 31 pleaded not guilty to five charges including felony second-degree assault by strangulation. New jury trial dates November 10–13 (during Broncos bye week). Cooper had been allowed to participate in training camp (attended inpatient clinic near Vail for over a month) and was a captain in the preseason finale August 28. **Josh Jacobs (Packers):** August 27 formally charged with two misdemeanors only — misdemeanor battery and criminal damage to property. Brown County DA David Lasee dropped the felony strangulation and three other misdemeanors from the original May 26 booking, citing "significant, ongoing forensic efforts by law enforcement" that produced additional evidence. Jacobs' attorneys emphasized: "The Brown County District Attorney has reviewed evidence and elected to file misdemeanor charges against Josh that do not include domestic violence." Both cases together define the modern range of NFL DV case handling.

3. The NFL commissioner's exempt list re-emerged as a discipline mechanism

The Cooper exempt-list placement August 30 was unusual timing — end of preseason, mid-training-camp, after Cooper had already been a captain in the preseason finale. Per NFL personal conduct policy, exempt list is discretionary: player continues to receive pay but cannot practice or play, remains at team facility, and does not count against 53-man roster. The move signals the league is proactively taking action even as it awaits the criminal trial. Historical precedent for exempt-list use in DV cases is limited but includes Adrian Peterson (2014), Greg Hardy (2014), and Ray Rice (2014, prior to indefinite suspension). Any final Cooper suspension will be applied retroactively to games missed while on the exempt list — but pay earned during exempt-list time would be repaid.

4. Federal FY26 grant pipeline is now operational; FY25 backlog structural

OVW August activity was substantive: FY26 State & Territory Coalitions Program NOFO closing August 31 (\$18,868,575, 87 expected awards, awards \$106K–\$343K); FY26 ICJR Grants to Improve Criminal Justice Response Program NOFO closing August 18 (\$500K–\$1.5M awards, 36 months); FY26 Transitional Housing Administrative Funding Adjustment 2 for prior awardees closing August 31. Continues the June/July momentum of FY26 NOFO postings. However, the FY25 \$150M+ backlog referenced in The 19th's May 28 investigative report remains structurally unresolved; October 1, 2026 statutory deadline is ~30 days out. Trump FY27 budget proposal continues to include ~\$208M OVW cut. Positive FY26 pipeline movement + negative FY25 backlog = structurally negative federal funding picture despite positive August activity.

5. DV-related police officer-involved shootings continued at a high pace

Per Wikipedia's tracked list, August 2026 saw multiple officer-involved fatal shootings tied to DV incidents: Downey CA (Aug 8, two dead in shooting + suspect fatally shot by police); Bartow County GA (Aug 11, deputy shot suspect in Cartersville); Seguin TX (Aug 15, man shot after holding knife to woman's neck); Millville NJ standoff (Aug 8); Bowie County TX (Aug 8). These are situations where the DV incident escalated to a level requiring lethal force — the tail end of the risk-escalation curve that lethality assessment instruments are designed to identify and intervene on earlier.

6. Mandatory-lethality-assessment framework expanded to Illinois — but tool selection remains an open state-agency question

Illinois SB 3048 (signed August 18) brings the count of mandatory-lethality-assessment states to four (FL, CT, CO, IL), plus Maryland as the origin state for the LAP Maryland Model. **Critical distinction: none of the newer state**

mandates specifically name the MNADV Maryland Model LAP. IL SB 3048 uses generic "lethality assessment" language and directs the IL Department of Human Services + IL State Police to develop model policies by Jan 1, 2028; CO HB26-1009 similarly requires an "evidence-based" lethality assessment developed via the AG's office in coordination with a state DV coalition. Both states leave the specific validated tool choice open. This is significant context because MNADV is transitioning the Maryland Model LAP to a subscription-based model in 2026 (per Vermont's 2025 fatality review report), and states like Vermont are actively exploring alternatives via the Center for Justice Innovation's DV RISC. Combined with Illinois' broader August package (SB 3044, SB 3506, plus August 7 bills on tech-facilitated abuse and healthcare education), Missouri's 2026 DV bills taking effect August 28, and continued implementation of prior enactments (FL Sixth Judicial Circuit e-monitoring pilot, CO AG training development, AZ court operations under new ARS 25-403.03), state legislatures continued their 2026 pattern of proactive DV reform.

Top Stories of August 2026

1 Pinellas County FL Deputy Troy Savetz kidnaps and kills ex-girlfriend, then kills himself — most severe OIDV incident of 2026

WFLA / FOX 13 Tampa Bay / Police1 / NewsNation / OANN · August 10, 2026 · Hudson & Spring Hill, FL

Deputy Troy Savetz (47, 14-year veteran, Marine Unit, "Pacesetter" award recipient) waited in the front yard of Mandy Fackler's Hudson home when she returned from the beach with her 9 and 12 year old daughters. Argued over TV set; took her phone when she tried to call 911. Fackler told daughters to go inside and call 911; they did. Savetz kidnapped Fackler; both found dead of gunshot wounds inside rental vehicle on Platinum Drive in Spring Hill. Pinellas Sheriff Gualtieri: "inexcusable." Pasco Sheriff Nocco: "The moment this individual committed a crime he was no longer a law enforcement officer. He was a criminal."

2 Broncos LB Jonathon Cooper placed on NFL commissioner's exempt list; felony strangulation charge added

ESPN / AP / KRDO / Yahoo Sports · Exempt list Aug 30; charges refiled Aug 31, 2026

NFL placed Cooper on commissioner's exempt list Sunday Aug 30 (day of 53-man roster cutdown). Cooper pleaded not guilty August 31 to five charges — felony second-degree assault by strangulation plus three misdemeanors including violating a protective order and criminal mischief. New jury trial dates November 10–13 (during Broncos bye week). Cooper participated in training camp after inpatient clinic near Vail (over a month) and was a captain in the preseason finale August 28. Continues to receive pay, allowed at facility for meetings/medical/workouts, does not count against roster. Any final suspension will apply retroactively to games missed; pay earned while on list would be repaid.

3 Illinois: Gov. Pritzker signs SB 3048 — makes IL the 4th mandatory-lethality-assessment state, but agency tool choice remains open

Illinois Governor's Office / ILGA / LegiScan / WTVO / AOL / MyStateline · Signed August 18, 2026 · Springfield / Chicago, IL
Sen. Morrison / Rep. Williams bill signed by Gov. Pritzker as part of a three-bill DV/SA package. Requires officers to administer a lethality assessment when responding to allegations of intimate partner DV involving assault or battery that do not result in arrest; requires the victim's consent. **The bill does not specifically mandate the MNADV Maryland Model LAP** — it uses generic "lethality assessment" language and requires IL Department of Human Services (in coordination with IL State Police) to create a "domestic violence lethality tool kit" for use by LE agencies by January 1, 2028. State to gather feedback from "interested groups" by August 1, 2027, then develop model policies that agencies "may use or reference." **Effective dates:** Officer administration by July 1, 2028 (not Jan 1, 2027 as some news reports stated); training by Jan 1, 2028; continuing education by Jan 1, 2029. Illinois joins FL,

CT, CO in the mandatory-lethality-assessment framework, but tool selection remains an open state-agency question. **Forseti opportunity:** IL DHS + IL State Police are the leverage stakeholders for HART advocacy before the Jan 2028 tool kit deadline.

4 Illinois: Gov. Pritzker signs 4 additional DV/SA bills across August 7 and August 18

Illinois Governor's Office / WJOL / Decatur Radio / RiverBender · Signed August 7 and August 18, 2026

In addition to SB 3048, Pritzker signed a broader August DV/SA legislative package. **August 18:** SB 3044 closes the legal loophole between emergency and final orders of protection (effective 2028), championed by Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton; SB 3506 expands access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners with telehealth options (effective Jan 1, 2027 with some provisions earlier). **August 7:** Two bills strengthening perimenopause/menopause healthcare provider education, and protections for DV survivors against emerging forms of technology-facilitated abuse. Combined, Illinois signed 5 DV/SA-related bills in August — among the most active state months in 2026.

5 Packers RB Josh Jacobs formally charged with two misdemeanors — felony strangulation and three other misdemeanors dropped

ESPN / Spectrum News / WBAY / WTMJ / Brown County DA · Charged August 27, 2026 · Brown County, WI

Brown County DA David L. Lasee filed criminal complaint August 27 charging Jacobs with misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor criminal damage to property. Dropped from original May 26 booking: felony strangulation/suffocation, disorderly conduct (DV abuse), intimidation of a victim. Lasee: "Our office sought to ensure a fair and complete review of available evidence, some of which only recently became available to our office due to significant, ongoing forensic efforts by law enforcement." Per criminal complaint: girlfriend was looking through Jacobs' phone, upset over conversations with other women; Jacobs allegedly grabbed her arm and threw her to the ground in the garage. First court date November 17. Jacobs' attorneys emphasized the charges "do not include domestic violence."

6 Escambia County FL: Man charged with DV homicide after shooting roommate in bed

WEAR TV / Escambia County SO · Incident early August 2026 · Ferry Pass, FL

Will Victor Bryant (31) of Pensacola arrested for fatally shooting his 37-year-old roommate at Spanish Trail apartment. Deputies called around 10 a.m.; roommates reported death to dispatch. Victim was lying in bed when shot. Bryant booked into jail around 11:20 p.m. on DV homicide charge; held without bond. Case demonstrates the recurring pattern of intimate-partner / cohabitant DV homicides that account for a substantial portion of US DV deaths per FBI UCR data.

7 OVW FY26 ICJR Grants NOFO closing August 18 — \$500K–\$1.5M for offender-accountability and homicide-reduction programs

DOJ / OVW / grants.gov / Tyboone Consulting · Deadline August 18, 2026

FY 2026 Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Program NOFO closed August 18 (grants.gov) / August 20 (JustGrants). Provides tribal, state, and local governments and courts with funding to strengthen criminal justice response to DV, dating violence, SA, and stalking. Focus: offender accountability, victim safety, homicide reduction, protection order enforcement, coordinated LE/prosecutorial action. Category 1 awards: \$500K–\$1.5M (36 months); Category 2 awards: \$400K (24 months). Directly relevant to LE agencies interested in scaling LAP implementation and coordinated community response.

8 OVW FY26 State & Territory Coalitions Program NOFO closing August 31 — \$18.9M for state DV/SA coalitions

DOJ / OVW / NAVAA / grants.gov · Deadline August 31, 2026

FY 2026 State and Territory DV and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program NOFO. Total program funding: \$18,868,575. Expected awards: 87. Award range: \$106,581–\$343,065. Anticipated notification by September 30, 2026. Set-aside program under OVW STOP Formula Grant Program statute. Direct funding for state DV coalitions (including NCCADV, TCFV, SCADAVSA, MNADV, CCADV-CO, CCADV-CT, PCADV, WSCADV) that Forseti partners with in multiple jurisdictions.

9 Seguin TX: Man fatally shot by deputies after holding knife to woman's neck during DV incident

News 4 San Antonio / Guadalupe County SO · August 15, 2026 · Seguin, TX

Guadalupe County SO deputies responded to a DV incident and encountered a man holding a knife to a woman's neck. Officers fatally shot the suspect. Adds to a sustained August 2026 pattern of DV incidents escalating to officer-involved lethal force response. Represents the tail end of the risk-escalation curve that LAP instruments are designed to detect and intervene on earlier.

10 Downey CA: Double homicide with police officer-involved shooting

KTLA / The Downey Patriot / Downey PD · August 8, 2026 · Downey, CA

Two people found shot to death in Downey. Police shot and killed an allegedly armed suspect. Incident carries DV-related characteristics; investigation ongoing. One of several DV-related OIS incidents documented in August 2026 per Wikipedia LEO killings list.

11 Bartow County GA: Deputy shoots DV-related suspect in Cartersville

11 Alive / Bartow County SO / GBI · August 11, 2026 · Cartersville, GA

Bartow County SO deputy shot and killed a suspect in Cartersville during a DV-related incident. GBI investigating per standard officer-involved shooting protocol. Another August OIS with DV incident-response tie-in.

12 Millville NJ: Man fatally shot during DV-related police standoff

6 ABC / Millville PD · August 8, 2026 · Millville, NJ

Officer-involved shooting during a police standoff at Millville, NJ residence. Deceased suspect identified in follow-up reporting. DV-related tie-in per state investigation framework. Continues the August OIS pattern.

13 Cornelius, NC: Woman indicted on murder charge after DV-history stabbing of intimate partner

WBTV / Mecklenburg County records · Update in August; incident April 15, 2026

Update on Makayla Hooks case: indicted on murder charge after allegedly stabbing 24-year-old Demetri Niji McGruder to death April 15. Hooks had been charged with simple assault and misdemeanor DV against the same victim four weeks earlier (March 17); released on \$5,000 bond hours after that arrest. Precisely the escalation-after-inadequate-intervention pattern that motivates LAP mandates. Continuing case follow-up in August through the indictment stage.

14 Federal: FY25 OVW \$150M+ backlog remains structurally unresolved as October 1 deadline approaches

The 19th / DOJ / OVW / House Bipartisan Working Group on DV · Continuing federal context

Approximately 30 days remain until October 1, 2026 statutory FY25 OVW distribution deadline. The 19th's May 28 investigative report documented \$150M+ still undistributed, layoffs at 250+ surveyed orgs, voluntary pay cuts. House Bipartisan Working Group on DV letter to DOJ (March 6) remains publicly unanswered. Trump FY27 budget proposal

continues to include ~\$208M OVW cut. Watch for advocacy pressure escalation in September as the deadline approaches.

15 Broncos Cooper attended in-patient clinic for over a month between June arrests and August plea

AP / Washington Times / KJCT8 · Disclosed August 30–31, 2026

Coverage of Cooper's late-August plea revealed that between his June arrests and return to training camp, he attended an inpatient clinic near Vail, CO for more than a month. This detail, disclosed only in coverage of his August 30 exempt list placement, is a rare public disclosure of DV-adjacent mental health treatment for an active professional athlete. Provides a template for how teams and leagues can pair legal proceedings with treatment intervention.

16 Bowie County TX: Officer-involved shooting following stabbing incident

TXK Today / Bowie County SO · August 8, 2026 · Bowie County, TX

Suspect died after stabbing incident and subsequent officer-involved shooting in Bowie County, TX. DV incident context per initial reporting; investigation continues. Another entry in the August 2026 DV-related OIS pattern.

17 Colorado LAP mandatory implementation continues — 10 months to effective date

Colorado AG / CCADV-CO · Ongoing through August 2026

Colorado AG's office continues mandatory LAP training development in coordination with state DV coalition, per HB26-1009 signed June 3. Effective date July 1, 2027 — approximately 10 months out. 44 CO counties already using LAP voluntarily since 2020 will need to align with mandatory statewide standard. This continues as a priority Forseti outreach opportunity for CO agencies, CCADV-CO, and CO OAG.

18 Missouri: Multiple 2026 DV-related bills take effect August 28

MOCADSV Legislative Updates / Missouri General Assembly · Effective August 28, 2026

Per the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence tracker, all Truly Agreed and Finally Passed bills from the 2026 session (unless a different date is specified) took effect August 28. Includes HB 2273 (protection of children/vulnerable persons; cyberstalking, intimate digital depictions, grooming, MO Crime Victims Fund) signed April 7; HB 1908 (marriage dissolution when a party is pregnant) signed April 7. HB 2637 (no-contact orders, cyberstalking, unlawful vehicle tracking) and other bills continue awaiting governor's signature. Continuing implementation activity across MO state DV/SA framework.

19 Nebraska: 2026 Domestic Abuse Death Review Team Annual Report released

Nebraska Domestic Abuse Death Review Team / KRVN 880 / KAMI · Released August 2026 · Nebraska

Nebraska Domestic Abuse Death Review Team published its 2026 annual report in August. Fatality review reports across states (NE, VT, MA, NY OPDV, WA WSCADV, GA GCADV, others) surface systemic gaps in LE response, DVSP referral pipelines, and coordinated community response — precisely the gaps that HART and County Connect are designed to address. Fatality reviews remain a valuable but underutilized data source for lethality-assessment-driven policy discussions. Vermont's 2025 report (published Jan 2026) noted that Vermont is actively evaluating alternatives to the Maryland LAP as MD converts to a subscription-based model in 2026.

DV in Professional Sports

August 2026 was the resolution month for the two most-watched NFL DV cases — Cooper (Broncos) placed on commissioner's exempt list with felony charges added; Jacobs (Packers) charged with two misdemeanors only after DA dropped felony strangulation and three other misdemeanors. Historical baseline: NFL athletes have a DV arrest rate 55.4% higher than the general population; NBA athletes 38.2% higher. The Cooper and Jacobs resolutions together define the modern range of NFL DV outcomes.

NFL

- **Jonathon Cooper (Denver Broncos, LB)** — August 30 placed on NFL commissioner's exempt list; August 31 pleaded not guilty to five charges including felony second-degree assault by strangulation. Jury trial November 10–13. Attended inpatient clinic near Vail for over a month between June arrests and July training camp. Was captain in preseason finale Aug 28 before exempt list placement Aug 30.
- **Josh Jacobs (Green Bay Packers, RB)** — August 27 formally charged with misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor criminal damage to property. Brown County DA dropped felony strangulation and three other misdemeanors. First court date November 17. Attorneys emphasize charges "do not include domestic violence." Continues to practice with team.
- **Alaric Jackson (LA Rams, OT)** — June 9 arrest continues in early proceedings through August. No August developments of note.
- **Tyreek Hill (Miami Dolphins, WR)** — May 2026 civil suit continues; no material August updates.
- **Rashee Rice (Kansas City Chiefs, WR)** — April 2026 \$1M civil suit continues; no material August updates.
- **Zachariah Branch (Atlanta Falcons, WR)** — charges dropped in July per Pro Football Rumors reporting.
- **James Pearce Jr. (Atlanta Falcons, LB)** — pretrial diversion clean-record period continues.

MLB · NBA · NHL · MLS · WNBA

- **MLB:** No new August 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced. eyeblack's May 8 investigative report on MLB Clevinger handling remains ongoing scrutiny.
- **NBA / NHL / MLS / WNBA:** No new August 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced.

Cross-league observation: The Cooper and Jacobs cases together produced two very different NFL DV resolution templates in the same week — commissioner-driven proactive exempt-list intervention (Cooper) vs. DA charge reduction from felony to misdemeanor after extended forensic review (Jacobs). Neither has yet produced NFL personal conduct policy suspensions; those decisions typically follow the criminal case conclusion. For LE/DVSP stakeholders, the Cooper exempt-list intervention is the more actionable model — it demonstrates that leagues can take meaningful action based on charge severity independent of criminal case timing.

Statistical Snapshot

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Mandatory-lethality-assessment states after IL SB 3048 (FL, CT, CO, IL)

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DV/SA-related bills signed by IL Gov. Pritzker in August

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OIDV homicide-suicide (Pinellas Co FL — most severe of 2026)

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Cumulative OIDV incidents tracked YTD 2026

Other notable counts and figures:

- **2 NFL cases resolved** in August — Cooper (exempt list + felony) and Jacobs (misdemeanors only).
- **\$18.9M** in FY26 OVW State Coalitions Program funding (NOFO closed Aug 31; 87 expected awards).
- **July 1, 2028** officer-administration effective date for Illinois SB 3048; training deadline Jan 1, 2028; DHS/ISP tool kit deadline Jan 1, 2028; feedback deadline Aug 1, 2027.
- **14 years** — Deputy Savetz's tenure at Pinellas County SO before the murder-suicide.
- **Ages 9 and 12** — Fackler's daughters, who called 911 after their mother told them to go inside.
- **93 days** from Josh Jacobs' May 26 arrest to August 27 formal charging (misdemeanors only).
- **5 charges** against Cooper — felony second-degree assault by strangulation plus 4 misdemeanors including protective order violation.
- **Nov 10–13** Cooper trial dates — during Broncos bye week.
- **Nov 17** Jacobs first court date on misdemeanor charges.
- **~30 days** until October 1, 2026 statutory FY25 OVW distribution deadline.
- **10 months** until Colorado HB26-1009 mandatory LAP effective date (July 1, 2027).
- **NBA DV arrest rate 38.2% higher** and **NFL DV arrest rate 55.4% higher** than general population (unchanged academic baseline).

Looking Ahead — September 2026 Priorities

Federal: October 1 FY25 OVW distribution deadline

Approximately 30 days out at the start of September. Continued deadlock will trigger escalating advocacy pressure and likely additional investigative journalism. Watch for Congressional oversight movement, possible litigation.

Track: NFL discipline decisions on Cooper and Jacobs

Cooper on exempt list pending; NFL personal conduct policy discipline typically follows criminal case, meaning Cooper's November 10 trial is the trigger. Jacobs' misdemeanor-only charging complicates the calculus — NFL can still discipline independently of criminal outcome (Ezekiel Elliott 2017 precedent).

Monitor: Pinellas County SO institutional response to Savetz case

Departmental policy changes, intimate-partner screening protocols, or public commitments from Pinellas SO or FL sheriff's associations would be a leading indicator. The severity of the Savetz case creates pressure for institutional action beyond the individual officer.

Watch: OVW FY26 State Coalitions Program notifications (by Sep 30)

87 expected awards from \$18.9M program. Anticipated notification by September 30. Direct impact for state DV coalitions Forseti partners with (NCCADV, TCFV, SCADAVSA, MNADV, CCADV-CO, CCADV-CT, PCADV, WSCADV).

Continue: FL HB 277 electronic monitoring pilot implementation reporting

Effective July 1. First implementation data from Sixth Judicial Circuit expected in Q4 2026. Also FL statewide LAP training deadline (all currently sworn officers) approaching October 1, 2026 — ~30 days out.

Upcoming events

IACP 2026 — Oct 24–27 Orlando. TCFV Statewide Conference — Oct 27–29 Round Rock TX. CA Partnership Annual Conference — Nov 18–19 Sacramento. FL LE lethality assessment mandatory training deadline — Oct 1.

Continue tracking: DV homicides and OIDV pattern

Ten cumulative OIDV incidents YTD, sustained monthly DV homicide pattern, DV-related OIS pattern all continuing. September's pace will indicate whether August's Savetz case is an anomaly or the leading edge of further escalation.

Watch: Q3 fatality review report releases

State DV fatality review teams typically release annual reports in Q3–Q4. Nebraska's 2026 report released in August. Watch for reports from OPDV (NY), WSCADV (WA), Mass DPH, and others that could provide systemic insights on gaps in LE response, DVSP referral pipelines — exactly the gaps HART/County Connect address.

Priority: Illinois lethality assessment tool kit development window opens

SB 3048 requires IL DHS + IL State Police to develop a "domestic violence lethality tool kit" by January 1, 2028 (~16 months out). Feedback from "interested groups" due to state by August 1, 2027 (~11 months out) — this is the leverage window for tool advocacy. Officer administration effective July 1, 2028; training required by Jan 1, 2028. **Priority Forseti action: engage IL DHS and IL State Police as they define the state's model policies and lethality assessment framework.** Illinois coalitions (ICADV) and state-level DV advocates will be part of the "interested groups" feedback process. Given MNADV LAP's subscription-model transition in 2026, Illinois' tool selection is a genuinely open question with meaningful room for alternative validated tools.

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