

June 2026 in Review

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

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Executive Summary

June 2026 delivered two landmark state-level DV enactments and confirmed a trend line from May: state legislatures continue to lead where federal action lags. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed HB26-1009 (Colorado Mandatory Lethality Assessment Act) on June 3, making CO the next mandatory-LAP state effective July 1, 2027. Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs signed HB 2995 (the "Alec and Lydia Act") on June 22, restructuring ARS 25-403.03 to narrow judicial discretion in family court proceedings involving family violence findings.

The NFL DV pattern escalated into what OutKick and other outlets are now calling an "offseason epidemic." Two additional NFL arrests in June: LA Rams OT Alaric Jackson (June 9, felony DV) and Denver Broncos LB Jonathon Cooper (June 4, then arrested a second time June 11 for allegedly violating the protective order and additional DV charges). Josh Jacobs' case (Packers, May 26 arrest) remains under DA investigation.

OIDV surfaced three more times in June — Boulder PD (Herkalo), Las Vegas Metro PD (Jordan, two victims, \$200K bail), Modesto PD (Foketi, from a March incident). Combined with May's four arrests, the two-month total is **seven OIDV arrests**, sustained across geographies.

Federal funding shows the first meaningful positive movement of 2026. FY26 OVW Notices of Funding Opportunity began posting in early June — including the STOP Formula Grant Program (~\$173.3M), Financial Assistance for Victims Initiative, and Transitional Housing Assistance Grants. The FY25 backlog issue remains unresolved, but the FY26 pipeline is finally moving.

✓ MILESTONE DEVELOPMENT

Colorado becomes the next mandatory-LAP state — Gov. Polis signs HB26-1009 on June 3

Sponsored by Majority Leader Monica Duran (D, DV survivor), Rep. Ryan Gonzalez (R), and Sen. Byron Pelton (R). Effective July 1, 2027. Requires every peace officer responding to a DV incident to administer an evidence-based lethality assessment, include results in the incident report, and immediately connect high-risk survivors to a community-based advocate (phone or in-person). AG's office to develop mandatory training in coordination with a Colorado-based DV coalition. Colorado had 44 counties already using LAP voluntarily since 2020; this standardizes practice statewide. **Direct market signal for Forseti — HART is purpose-built for exactly this workflow.**

Monthly Themes

1. State-level DV reform continues its 2026 acceleration

Two more state DV laws signed in June (CO HB26-1009, AZ HB 2995) bring the cumulative count of state DV enactments in 2026 to at least seven (WV Joanna Phillips Act, HI HB1959, FL HB 277, SC H3569, CO HB26-1009, AZ HB 2995, plus prior). The pattern is consistent: state legislatures are enacting comprehensive reform — mandatory LAPs, family court restrictions, protective order enhancements, funding for survivor services — while federal action remains stalled. For LE/DVSP partners, this means state-specific compliance and training obligations are proliferating. For Forseti, every state mandate is a market catalyst.

2. Mandatory lethality assessment is becoming a durable national trend

Colorado joins Florida (Gabby Petito Act, effective July 1, 2024) and Connecticut (POST Council mandate, late 2025) as mandatory-LAP states. Combined with Oklahoma and Virginia running active statewide OAG-driven rollouts, the trend line is unmistakable: LAP is transitioning from voluntary best-practice to statutory requirement. The Colorado bill's AG-led training model and 2028 legislative reporting requirement establishes an implementation template other states will likely replicate. Forseti's HART platform is aligned with this trajectory by design.

3. The NFL "DV epidemic" narrative crystallized in June

OutKick and Fox News in early June ran features framing NFL DV as an "offseason epidemic." Within a single 30-day window, five active NFL players faced or were resolving DV allegations: Josh Jacobs (Packers, May 26 arrest), Jonathon Cooper (Broncos, June 4 + June 11 second arrest), Alaric Jackson (Rams, June 9 arrest), Rashee Rice (Chiefs, April civil suit still active), Tyreek Hill (Dolphins, May civil suit still active). Combined with the Falcons' James Pearce Jr. pretrial diversion resolution in April, the pattern is impossible to dismiss as isolated incidents. Historical context: per academic research, NFL athletes have a DV arrest rate 55.4% higher than the general population.

4. OIDV pattern held steady with three more June arrests

Boulder PD Officer Matthew Herkalo (June 15) — DV, harassment, official misconduct. LVMPD Officer Jeremiah Jordan (June 19) — five charges including assault DV with a deadly weapon, three counts of coercion DV with threat or use of force, and DV battery; TWO named victims; \$200K bail with high-level electronic monitoring. Modesto PD Officer Solomon Foketi (June 20) — assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, false imprisonment, misdemeanor DV; incident occurred in March, investigated by Tuolumne County SO. Combined with May's Wichita, Gwinnett, Cleveland, and Fresno arrests: **7 OIDV arrests across May–June 2026**. The Jordan case is particularly notable given the electronic monitoring bail condition — a rare judicial signal in OIDV proceedings.

5. Federal DV funding pipeline is finally moving on FY26

OVW published multiple FY26 Notices of Funding Opportunity in early June — STOP Formula Grant Program (~\$173.3M), Financial Assistance for Victims Initiative, Transitional Housing Assistance Grants. This is the first positive federal funding movement of 2026 after months of pipeline stall. However, the FY25 \$150M+ backlog referenced in The 19th's May 28 report remains unresolved, and the Trump FY27 budget proposal continues to include a ~\$208M cut to OVW (roughly 30% reduction). DV service providers report that the FY26 openings do not yet compensate for the FY25 shortfall.

6. Family court reform emerged as a distinct 2026 legislative theme

Arizona's Alec and Lydia Act (HB 2995, signed June 22) is the second high-profile 2026 state law targeting family court's handling of DV. Following Texas's April H. v. N. appellate decision reaffirming hard prohibition on joint custody after family violence findings, AZ HB 2995 restructures ARS 25-403.03 to narrow judicial discretion and create new procedural obligations for courts when DV is a factor. The bill is named for Alec and Lydia Mater, children shot and killed by their father during court-ordered parenting time after his divorce from their mother. Together with prior state action, this signals family court is emerging as a distinct 2026 reform target.

Top Stories of June 2026

1 Colorado: Gov. Polis signs HB26-1009 Mandatory Lethality Assessment Act into law

CO Governor's Office / Colorado Senate Democrats / KKTU / Denver7 · Signed June 3, 2026

Effective July 1, 2027. Makes Colorado the next mandatory-LAP state. Requires every peace officer responding to a DV incident to administer an evidence-based lethality assessment, include results in the incident report, and connect high-risk survivors to a community-based advocate. AG's office to develop mandatory training in coordination with CO-based DV coalition. Bipartisan sponsors: Rep. Monica Duran (D), Rep. Ryan Gonzalez (R), Sen. Byron Pelton (R). Bill provides State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board evaluation authority beginning 2030.

2 Arizona: Gov. Hobbs signs HB 2995 "Alec and Lydia Act" — comprehensive family court DV reform

AZ Governor's Office / heyannette.com · Signed June 22, 2026 (transmitted June 11)

Named for Alec and Lydia Mater, children shot and killed by their father during court-ordered parenting time after his divorce from their mother. Overhauls ARS 25-403.03 to narrow judicial discretion in family court proceedings involving family violence findings, adds new procedural obligations for courts, and clarifies what "type" of DV triggers limitations on parenting time with children. Effective immediately upon signature. One of the most substantial 2026 state DV reforms focused on family court process.

3 NFL "offseason DV epidemic" — LA Rams OT Alaric Jackson arrested on felony DV charge

NFL.com / OutKick / Fox News / KNBC · Arrested June 9, 2026 · West Hills, CA

Rams starting left tackle for three seasons, projected to remain LT in 2026. LAPD Topanga Area responded to a battery DV call at 7400 Cliffside Court, West Hills. Officers found Jackson and a woman had argued because Jackson believed she was recording him; he allegedly took the phone from her hands. Arrested at 12:30 a.m. and booked at Van Nuys Community Police Station. Rams held mandatory minicamp June 15–16 amid the fallout.

4 Denver Broncos LB Jonathon Cooper arrested twice for DV within eight days

FanBuzz / Douglas County SO / Broncos organization · First arrest June 4; second arrest June 11 or 12, 2026

Cooper (28) initially arrested June 4 with his girlfriend on suspicion of misdemeanor DV and criminal mischief in Colorado. Pled not guilty June 8. Arrested again Thursday June 11/12 and booked into Douglas County Jail with new charges: two additional DV counts, harassment based on repeated phone calls, and violating a protective order. Trial date set for July 22. Broncos: "we are disappointed to learn of Jonathon Cooper's arrest on Thursday and continue to review this matter." The dual-arrest pattern within a single reporting window is unusual.

5 Bellevue, WA: Husband arrested for cold-case strangulation murder of wife; \$5M bail

FOX 13 / Seattle Times / King County Insider · June 30, 2026 · Bellevue, WA

Bellevue PD arrested a 30-year-old man in the death of his wife after months of investigation into what began as a "suspicious death" at a downtown Bellevue apartment. Originally dispatched to Woodland Commons Apartments on October 27, 2025 when the husband reported his wife was locked in a bathroom and not responding. King County Medical Examiner subsequently ruled the death a strangulation homicide, prompting the reclassification and arrest. Held on \$5M bail; faces first-degree homicide charge. Cold-case pattern illustrates value of forensic follow-through in initially ambiguous DV cases.

6 Federal: FY26 OVW Notices of Funding Opportunity begin posting after prolonged stall

DOJ / OVW / grants.gov / fundsforNGOs · Early June 2026

First positive federal DV funding movement in 2026. OVW posted at least three FY26 NOFOs: STOP Formula Grant Program (~\$173.3M, June 8), Financial Assistance for Victims of SA/DV/Dating Violence/Stalking Initiative (June 2), and Transitional Housing Assistance Grants (June 3). Individual STOP awards expected to range from \$617K to \$16.4M. Note: the FY25 \$150M+ backlog (per The 19th May 28 report) remains unresolved, and Trump FY27 budget proposal still includes a ~\$208M OVW cut. Positive signal, incomplete resolution.

7 Las Vegas Metro PD officer arrested on 5 DV charges — TWO victims; \$200K bail with electronic monitoring

Las Vegas Sun / KSNV / FOX5 Vegas · Arrested June 19, 2026 · Las Vegas, NV

LVMPD Officer Jeremiah Jordan (22), employed with LVMPD since 2023 and assigned to Enterprise Area Command's Community Safety Division, arrested and booked into Clark County Detention Center. Charges: one count of assault DV with a deadly weapon, three counts of coercion DV with threat or use of physical force, and one count of DV battery. Prosecutor noted TWO named victims. Judge set \$200K bail with high-level electronic monitoring — a rare judicial signal in OIDV proceedings. Suspended from police powers without pay pending investigation.

8 Modesto PD officer arrested for March off-duty DV incident; assault with a deadly weapon

CBS Sacramento / Tuolumne County SO / Crime Voice · Arrested June 20, 2026 · Tuolumne County, CA

Officer Solomon Foketi, a four-year veteran of Modesto PD, arrested by Tuolumne County SO on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor DV. Incident allegedly occurred in March 2026 within Tuolumne County jurisdiction. Modesto PD self-reported the allegation to Tuolumne County SO on June 20 after independent review confirmed the incident; TCSO ran independent criminal investigation. Illustrates the multi-agency coordination pattern in OIDV cases where jurisdictional boundaries complicate investigation.

9 Boulder PD officer arrested for DV, harassment, and official misconduct

Denver Gazette / Boulder PD · Arrested June 15, 2026 · Erie, CO

Officer Matthew Herkalo (with Boulder PD since July 2024) arrested by Erie PD in connection with alleged off-duty incidents. Charges: DV, harassment, official misconduct. Turned himself in Monday afternoon; placed on paid administrative leave. Third OIDV arrest in the June window.

10 Alachua County, FL: Mother arrested for beating 2-year-old to death; charged with 2nd-degree homicide

Alachua Chronicle / Alachua County SO · June 18, 2026 · Tower Oaks, FL

ASO responded to a Tower Oaks residence on June 18. Mother arrested for allegedly beating her 2-year-old child until she was unresponsive; child later succumbed to injuries. Charged with second-degree homicide. Domestic violence-adjacent child fatality; illustrates the child-victim dimension that continues to define the most severe DV incidents nationally.

11 Alachua County: DV Unit multi-arrest week — strangulation, weapon threats, choking to unconsciousness

Alachua Chronicle · Week of June 19–24, 2026 · Alachua County, FL

ASO arrested one man for DV battery by strangulation after allegedly waking his girlfriend by choking her and preventing her from leaving. Survivor lost consciousness, was punched in face, escaped to kitchen and called 911. Deputy reported extreme rib and throat pain, blood, chipped tooth. Same week: aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon threats against a boyfriend, a man chasing his grandson with a knife. Operational-level pattern showing continued DV enforcement activity at agency level.

12 Federal: Trump FY27 budget proposal continues ~\$208M cut to OVW (~30% reduction)

Ms. Magazine / Congressional appropriations documents / Sen. Susan Collins · Ongoing federal context, June 2026

Executive budget proposal continues to target OVW for major reduction. Sen. Collins (R-Maine) has publicly noted the ~30% cut, including reductions to transitional housing and sexual assault services. Ms. Magazine estimates lifesaving services for 680,000 women and children could disappear in FY26. Combined with the ongoing FY25 backlog, the funding picture remains structurally negative even with the June FY26 NOFO postings.

13 Josh Jacobs case (Packers) — DA investigation continues; no charges filed as of month-end

Yahoo Sports / ESPN / OutKick · Ongoing throughout June, from May 26 arrest

Green Bay Packers running back Josh Jacobs, initially arrested May 26 by Hobart-Lawrence PD on five DV charges including felony strangulation, remained under prosecutorial review throughout June. Released without charges filed pending DA investigation. Case remains high-profile through NFL calendar; Packers OTAs began at time of arrest. Pattern of prolonged DA review before charging decisions is a recurring issue in NFL DV cases.

DV in Professional Sports

June 2026 was one of the most consequential months on record for pro-sports DV coverage. OutKick, Fox News, and mainstream sports media outlets began framing the current NFL cluster as an "offseason epidemic." Historical baseline: NBA athletes have a DV arrest rate 38.2% higher than the general population; NFL athletes 55.4% higher (per academic research). June activity is consistent with those baselines.

NFL

- **Alaric Jackson (LA Rams, OT)** — Arrested June 9, 2026 by LAPD on felony DV charge. Rams starting LT past three seasons, projected 2026 starter. Argument over alleged phone recording escalated to physical incident.
- **Jonathon Cooper (Denver Broncos, LB)** — **TWO arrests in eight days.** June 4: misdemeanor DV and criminal mischief with girlfriend. June 11/12: booked again into Douglas County Jail with two more DV counts, harassment charge, and violating a protective order. Not-guilty plea entered June 8. Trial: July 22. Broncos organization "reviewing the matter."
- **Josh Jacobs (Green Bay Packers, RB)** — May 26 arrest carrying over. Five charges including felony strangulation/suffocation. DA investigation ongoing through June, no formal charges filed to date. Three-time Pro Bowl, former Raiders rushing title holder.
- **Tyreek Hill (Miami Dolphins, WR)** — May 2026 civil suit filed by Sophie Hall alleging he broke her leg during "backyard football drills." Civil action still active through June.

- **Rashee Rice (Kansas City Chiefs, WR)** — April 2026 \$1M civil suit filed by ex-girlfriend Dacoda Jones. Unresolved through June.
- **James Pearce Jr. (Atlanta Falcons, LB)** — February 2026 arrest resolved via pretrial diversion in April 2026; six-month clean-record window continues.

MLB

- No new June 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced. The May 8 eyeball investigative report on MLB's Mike Clevinger investigation handling remains ongoing scrutiny of the league's policy enforcement integrity.
- MLB Joint Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse Policy (in effect since August 2015) continues as the league's primary framework.

WNBA

- Rickea Jackson (LA Sparks) — alleged victim in the April-resolved James Pearce Jr. case — continues her WNBA season without further public developments.
- No new WNBA player DV arrests surfaced in June 2026.

NBA · NHL · MLS

- **NBA:** No new June 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced.
- **NHL:** No new June 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced.
- **MLS:** No new June 2026 active-player DV arrests surfaced.

Cross-league observation: June was overwhelmingly an NFL story. The Jonathon Cooper dual-arrest pattern — where a player was arrested again for allegedly violating a protective order tied to a prior DV arrest within the same reporting window — is a public illustration of the escalation risk that lethality assessment instruments are designed to detect. For LE/DVSP stakeholders, the Cooper case is a useful teaching example of why post-arrest supervision and protective order enforcement need to be treated as active risk-management, not administrative closure.

Statistical Snapshot

2 Major state DV laws enacted in June (CO, AZ)	3 OIDV arrests in June (Boulder, LVMPD, Modesto)	3 NFL DV arrests in offseason: Jackson, Cooper, Jacobs	\$173M FY26 STOP Formula Grant Program NOFO now posted
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Other notable counts and figures:

- **7 OIDV arrests** across May and June 2026 combined — sustained pattern across geographies.
- **\$5M bail** set for the Bellevue WA cold-case strangulation homicide arrest (June 30).
- **\$200K bail with electronic monitoring** for the LVMPD Officer Jordan case — rare judicial condition in OIDV proceedings.
- **2 named victims** in the LVMPD Officer Jordan complaint.
- **Trial date July 22** for Broncos LB Jonathon Cooper following his second arrest.
- **~30% (~\$208M)** cut to OVW proposed in Trump FY27 budget, per Sen. Collins.
- **4 mandatory-LAP states** confirmed post-June: FL, CT, CO (effective July 2027), plus MD (origin state). ND, OK, VA, UT among active statewide implementers.

- **44 Colorado counties** already using LAP voluntarily since 2020; CO HB26-1009 will make usage statewide.

Looking Ahead — July 2026 Priorities

Track: Broncos LB Jonathon Cooper trial (July 22)

Trial outcome will be significant for NFL disciplinary precedent and Colorado protective-order-violation prosecution. Colorado case — adjacent to the state that just signed mandatory-LAP legislation.

Track: Josh Jacobs (Packers) DA charging decision

DA investigation ongoing since May 26. Wisconsin case — relevant to Forseti's WI/MNADV deployment context. Charging decision will shape NFL response and OTAs/training camp participation.

Watch: Colorado LAP implementation planning

HB26-1009 takes effect July 1, 2027 — but AG's office training development, statewide coalition coordination, and county-by-county planning begins immediately. Priority outreach opportunity for Forseti to CO agencies, the CO Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and CO OAG in advance of the 2027 effective date.

Monitor: OVW FY26 NOFO application cycle

STOP Formula Grant Program and other FY26 NOFOs now posted. Application deadlines will determine which DV organizations receive relief from the FY25 backlog. Watch for further NOFO postings across other OVW programs.

Monitor: FY25 OVW \$150M+ backlog resolution

The 19th's May 28 investigative report on missing FY25 funds remains unresolved. October 1, 2026 statutory deadline approaching. House Bipartisan Working Group on DV letter to DOJ (March 6) still unanswered.

Watch: Arizona HB 2995 immediate implementation

Effective immediately upon June 22 signature. AZ family court judges must begin operating under new ARS 25-403.03 procedures immediately. Watch for case-law development.

Upcoming July–August conferences to monitor

NDAA DV Conference — Aug 25–27 in Nashville. FL LE lethality assessment training deadline approaching Oct 1 (all currently sworn officers). IACP 2026 — Oct 24–27 Orlando. TCFV Statewide Conference — Oct 27–29 Round Rock, TX.

Continue tracking: NFL DV cluster

Three active NFL DV cases entering July (Jacobs charging pending, Cooper trial July 22, Jackson early-stage). Training camp opens late July — roster/discipline decisions from teams and NFL will be a major storyline.

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