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## WEEKLY UPDATE

April 29 - May 3, 2019

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### Latest News

- The House and Senate are in session this week, with Attorney General William Barr testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committees on the Mueller investigation of Russian collusion and interference in the 2016 elections. The Senate Judiciary Committee also held a markup on legislation to reauthorize the Debbie Smith Act. Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan testified before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the department's FY 2020 budget.
- **ATF Acting Deputy Director** - Regina Lombardo has been appointed to serve as Acting Deputy Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and will take over as head of the agency on May 1. She will take over from Tom Brandon, who retired from the agency on April 30. Lombardo has served as the Associate Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for the agency since March 2018. You can read the announcement [here](#).
- **CLIENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT** - Recently, the Polk County, Florida Sheriff's Office made a major meth bust, which led to the arrest of 44 individuals, and the seizure of 50 pounds of meth, currency and firearms. Polk County Sheriff and Major County Sheriffs of America President Grady Judd stated, "These drug traffickers and drug dealers are what some in the Florida legislature refer to as low-level, non-violent drug offenders." He goes on to say, "But make no mistake: everything about Meth is violent and destructive." You can read more about the case [here](#).

### Previous Updates:

- [FY 2019 FEMA Grants](#)
- [FY 2020 Budget](#)
- [FY 2019 Omnibus](#)
- [Congressional Leadership](#)
- [Weekly 4/22/19](#)
- [Weekly 4/8/19](#)
- [Weekly 4/1/19](#)
- [Weekly 3/25/19](#)
- [Weekly 3/18/19](#)

### ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

#### Rod Rosenstein submits letter of resignation to Trump

AP | Eric Tucker & Michael Balsamo

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein submitted his resignation Monday after a two-year run defined by his appointment of a special counsel to investigate connections between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russia. His last day will be May 11, ending a tumultuous relationship with Trump and a tenure that involved some of the most consequential, even chaotic, moments of the president's administration. **Continue reading [here](#).**

#### Trump seeks \$4.5 billion in emergency border aid

Politico | Sarah Ferris and Caitlin Emma

President Donald Trump on Wednesday asked Congress for \$4.5 billion in emergency aid to address the surge of Central American immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. The funding request is the first major move by the White House to respond to what it calls a "humanitarian crisis" at the Southern border and intensifies an ongoing funding battle over border security, just four months after the issue led to a paralyzing 35-day gov-



ernment shutdown. **Continue reading [here](#).**

### **Oregon became a testing ground for Amazon's facial-recognition policing. But what if Rekognition gets it wrong?**

**The Washington Post | Drew Harwell**

When workers at an Ace Hardware here reported a young woman had walked out of the store with an \$11.99 tank of welding gas that she hadn't paid for in her tote bag, an elaborate high-tech crime-fighting operation sprang into action. A Washington County sheriff's detective, working with the agency's Special Investigations Unit, ran the store's surveillance footage through an internal facial-recognition program built by Amazon, revealing a possible match. That woman's license plate was flagged and, three months later, spotted by a narcotics officer in an unmarked SUV who radioed other patrol deputies to stop her. A deputy clapped a pair of handcuffs around her wrists, an arrest report states. She said she'd needed the gas to fix her car. **Continue reading [here](#).**

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## Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

House Appropriations Committee - Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing

[FY2020 Budget Hearing - Department of Homeland Security](#)

April 30 @ 9:00 am - 2359 Rayburn

House Homeland Security Committee - Border Security Subcommittee Hearing

[The Impacts of Trump Policies on Border Communities](#)

April 30 @ 10:00 am - 310 Cannon

House Veterans' Affairs Committee - Health Subcommittee Hearing

[H.R. 712, the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019; H.R. 2191, Veterans Cannabis Use for Safe Healing Act](#)

April 30 @ 10:00 am - 2253 Rayburn

House Appropriations Committee - Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing

[FY2020 Budget Hearing - Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

April 30 @ 1:00 pm - 2359 Rayburn

House Homeland Security Committee - Cybersecurity Subcommittee Hearing

[Resourcing DHS' Cybersecurity and Innovation Missions: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Science and Technology Directorate](#)

April 30 @ 2:00 pm - 310 Cannon

House Appropriations Committee - Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing

[FY2020 Budget Hearing - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#)

May 1 @ 9:30 am - 2008 Rayburn

Senate Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[The Department of Justice's Investigation of Russian Interference with the 2016 Presidential Election](#)

May 1 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

House Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Trouble at the Top: Are Vacancies at the Department of Homeland Security Undermining the Mission?](#)

May 1 @ 10:00 am - 310 Cannon

Senate Commerce Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Consumer Perspectives: Policy Principles for a Federal Data Privacy Framework](#)



May 1 @ 10:00 am - G50 Dirksen

House Judiciary Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice: Report by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III on the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election; and Related Matters](#)

May 2 @ 9:00 am - 2141 Rayburn

Senate Judiciary Committee - [Full Committee Markup](#) - May 2 @ 10:00 am - 226 Dirksen

[Nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen](#), to be United States Deputy Attorney General

**Status:** To be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 5/2.

**[S. 820 - Debbie Smith Act of 2019](#)**

**Status:** To be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 5/2.

**Summary:** To strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

**[S. 998 - Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis Act of 2019](#)**

**Status:** To be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 5/2.

**Summary:** To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

**[S. 1231 - Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization](#)**

**Status:** To be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on 5/2.

**Summary:** A bill to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

Senate Appropriations Committee - Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing

[Review of the FY2020 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security](#)

May 2 @ 10:00 am - 138 Dirksen

**[Upcoming scheduled hearings/markups:](#)**

House Homeland Security Committee - Intelligence Subcommittee Field Hearing

[Local Efforts to Counter the Terror Threat in New York City: A Retrospective and a Roadmap](#)

May 6 @ 3:00 pm - Staten Island, NY

House Homeland Security Committee - Full Committee Hearing

[Confronting the Rise of Domestic Terrorism in the Homeland](#)

May 8 @ 10:00 am - 310 Cannon

Senate Judiciary Committee - Border Security Subcommittee Hearing

[At the Breaking Point: The Humanitarian and Security Crisis at our Southern Border](#)

May 8 @ 2:30 pm - 226 Dirksen

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## Legislation on the Floor This Week

**[House:](#)**

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.



**Senate:**

**Note:** Due to Senate scheduling and rules, additional items not listed may be added to the calendar for consideration.

Nothing affecting the law enforcement or homeland security communities.

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## Recap of Last Week's Hearings & Markups

**Note:** For more details on any of the following hearings, we can provide access to hearing transcripts upon request.

The House and Senate were not in session.

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## Legislation Considered Last Week

**House:**

The House was not in session.

**Senate:**

The Senate was not in session.



## Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
4/29/2019	<a href="#">HR 2383</a>	Val Demings (D-FL-10)	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit the expenditure of certain grant funds to purchase firearms, and for other purposes.
4/29/2019	<a href="#">HR 2379</a>	Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-9)	To reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.
4/29/2019	<a href="#">HR 2378</a>	Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for naturalization processes for the immediate relatives of public safety officers who die as a result of their employment, and for other purposes.
4/25/2019	<a href="#">HR 2368</a>	Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA-14)	Supporting and Treating Officers In Crisis Act of 2019 - To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.
4/25/2019	<a href="#">HR 2366</a>	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL)	Ensuring Successful Reentry Act of 2019 - To amend title 18, United States Code, to remove the requirement that residents of residential reentry facilities pay 25 percent of any gross income earned during work release to offset the cost of being housed, and for other purposes.
4/25/2019	<a href="#">HR 2365</a>	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL)	Federal Bureau of Prisons Medical Care Act of 2019 - To amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the ability to assess a fee for health care services for prisoners, and for other purposes.
4/25/2019	HR 2364	Gregory Meeks (D-NY-5)	Investor Choice Against Gun Proliferation Act - To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose in an annual report any substantial financial relationship with any manufacturer or dealer of firearms or ammunition.
4/22/2019	<a href="#">HR 2348</a>	Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL)	To require automatic sealing of certain criminal records, and for other purposes.



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**Upcoming Events/Conferences**

[Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies 2019 Spring Conference](#)

May 5-8—Gulf Shores, AL

[MCCA/NEIA/PERF Summer Meeting](#)

May 28-11—Miami Beach, FL

[Major County Sheriffs of America 2019 Summer Conference](#)

June 12-14—Louisville, KY

**April 2019**

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**May 2019**

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Senate in Session

House & Senate in Session

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