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## FBI: Gunman targeted Trump in Fla.

Arrest made after agents fired at man pointing AK-style rifle as Trump golfed nearby, sheriff says

From news services

WASHINGTON — The FBI said former President Donald Trump was the target of “what appears to be an attempted assassination” at his golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday, just nine weeks after the Republican presidential nominee survived another attempt on his life. The former president

said he was safe and well.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said the U.S. Secret Service agents noticed the muzzle of a gun and fired at a man pointing an AK-style rifle with a scope as Trump was on the course. Bradshaw said the gunman also had two backpacks hanging on a fence and a GoPro camera, and that he was about 400 yards to 500 yards

away from Trump and hiding in shrubbery while the former president played golf on a nearby hole. The person dropped the weapon and fled in an SUV, and was later taken into custody in a neighboring county.

The New York Times identified the suspect as Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, of Hawaii, according to a law enforcement official who was granted anonymity to describe an open investigation.

Authorities are working to determine a motive.

It occurred roughly two months after Trump was shot in an assassination attempt in Pennsylvania, when a bullet grazed his ear.

In an email to supporters, Trump said Sunday: “There were gunshots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I AM SAFE AND WELL!”

The golf course was partially shut down for Trump as he played, and agents were a few holes ahead of him when they noticed the person with the fire-

arm, Bradshaw said.

Trump was returned Sunday to his private Mar-a-Lago club, where he resides in neighboring Palm Beach, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The White House said President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, had both been briefed and would be kept updated on the investigation. The White House added they were

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### MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



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## WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION

People ride down Michigan Avenue in celebration of Mexican Independence Day on Saturday. While the official holiday is Monday, locals and visitors celebrated it through the weekend with the El Grito festival at Chicago's Grant Park, festivities in the downtown area and a parade in the Little Village neighborhood. Some residents complained of sudden, restrictive road closures. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## Johnson slow to put civilians in police jobs

Plan has been to free up officers from desk duties to fight crime

By Alice Yin  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson has made little progress hiring civilians to new administrative positions in the Chicago Police Department this year, leaving mostly unfulfilled his promise to move the cops now doing that work to the street to fight crime.

A year ago, the mayor earned plaudits from fiscal watchdogs and policing experts for pledging to create 398 civilian positions in his 2024 budget plan. It was part of a bid to shift desk duty roles away from sworn personnel, thereby freeing up them to do police work while cutting costs.

But as of this month, only 51 of those roles have been filled, according to the city's budget office.

Those familiar with the hiring process in Chicago government say that's no surprise given the reality of age-old hurdles within City Hall bureaucracy. And the progressive,

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Dan Eldridge, president of a group challenging Illinois' ban on many semiautomatic guns, stands in his Des Plaines store, Maxon Shooter's Supplies & Indoor Range. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Firearm law faces tough test

Trump-picked judge to hear challenge to state's assault weapons ban

By Jeremy Gornor  
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Legal wrangling over Illinois' sweeping gun ban is set to resume Monday in East St. Louis, where a federal judge will consider a challenge to the constitutionality of a law that is almost two years old and has so far withstood a barrage of challenges from gun rights advocates.

The bench trial before U.S. District Judge Stephen McGlynn could be a difficult test for the ban on many semiautomatic guns, however, since McGlynn last year said the law was likely unconstitutional following a hearing over a request by plaintiffs seeking to temporarily block the ban from being enforced.

McGlynn issued a preliminary injunction on the ban, but the U.S. 7th Circuit Court

of Appeals in Chicago subsequently issued a stay on that ruling. The appeals court then in November rejected an argument that the law violates the Second Amendment rights of residents and ruled that states and municipalities “have a strong likelihood of success” in defending their gun bans.

However, the court made clear that its opinion dealt only

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## Get out your old antenna, sports fans

Chicago Sports Network to launch on DirecTV, free TV

By Robert Channick  
Chicago Tribune

When the Chicago Sports Network launches as the new 24/7 TV home of the White Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks on Oct. 1, many Chicagoans initially won't be able to tune in, at least not without a rabbit ears antenna.

A carriage agreement with DirecTV is expected to be announced shortly, but Comcast and other pay-TV providers are still on the sidelines, leaving an old-school solution for those desperate to watch the Bulls and Blackhawks as their new seasons begin.

CHSN has struck a deal with a small, independent Chicago TV station to broadcast its 300-plus game schedule and associated sports shows, making the nascent network free to anyone who can capture the over-the-air signal.

While not being able to watch the White Sox may be a blessing after coming off potentially the losingest season in baseball history, there may be more than a few Chicago sports fans clamoring up on their roofs this fall to hook up that rusty old TV antenna.

Jason Coyle, a veteran sports media executive and president of the Chicago Sports Network, expects more pay-TV distributors to come on board in the months ahead, but said over-the-air TV will bring in new viewers and more budget-conscious sports fans.

“It comes down to reaching fans to the full extent of our rights geographically, and providing them the network on as many platforms as we possibly can,” said Coyle, 53.

A joint venture between the three teams and Nashville-based Standard Media, the Chicago Sports Network is supplanting NBC Sports Chicago, the 20-year-old regional sports network whose broadcast rights expire after the current White

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## North DuSable Lake Shore Drive closures continue

Drivers should plan around road resurfacing work continuing on the roadway between LaSalle Drive and Hollywood Avenue this week. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## Israel hints it will respond to strike by Yemeni rebels

A missile fired by Yemen's Iran-backed rebels landed in an open area in central Israel and triggered sirens at its international airport. **Nation & World**

