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Teen’s killing reignites debate on which crimes law should cover

Child rape suspects can’t be detained under dangerousness

By Sean Cotter
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The killing of an Acton teenage girl last week by her stepfather, who was charged with raping her three years ago, has reenergized an effort to include child rape and other sexual offenses under the state’s dangerousness law, which would allow prosecutors to detain suspects prior to their trials.

Juliano Santana had been free on \$30,000 bail when he tracked down the 16-year-old on her way home from school last Thursday and shot her to death before turning the gun on himself. The murder-suicide occurred as Santana was slated to go to trial in July on three-year-old charges that he sexually assaulted the girl on multiple occasions.

Prosecutors can ask a judge to detain a suspect under the dangerousness law for a variety of violent crimes, including arson, burglary, those involving guns, or incidents in which someone violates a protection order and abuses a past victim. But in 2019, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that rape of a child and similar sexual offenses do not qualify as crimes of violence under the dangerousness law, and so cannot be subject to dangerousness hearings.

While opponents say such detentions are already used too often and deprive suspects who have not been found guilty of their liberty, supporters say the violent nature of child rape and other sexual offenses, as well as the potential for intimidation of victims, cries out for them to be in-

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Haley delegates prepared for GOP convention to be . . . awkward

By Sam Brodey
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — While Jason Watts will probably pack his Nikki Haley T-shirt when he travels to the Republican National Convention, he hasn’t decided whether he’ll actually wear it.

But he already knows exactly what message he wants to send as an alternate delegate for Haley at the July gathering, where he will be surrounded by thousands of diehard Donald Trump supporters.

“I don’t necessarily see myself as representing her,” said Watts, a longtime GOP activist from Allegan County, in western Michigan. “I see myself as representing the segment of Republicans who aren’t satisfied with the current nominee.”

“I’m here to represent them,” he said, “because I think they need a voice.”

Despite the fact that millions of Republican voters supported Haley’s bid for president, only a tiny group — perhaps no bigger than 200 — will file into Milwaukee’s Fiserv Forum as delegates she earned in state primary elections. These Republican activists, representing state voter preferences, are the official human building blocks in the process of nominating someone for president.

The Haley delegates are not a monolithic group: some supported her during the primary and are now excited to back Trump. Some are not.

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Flash in the plan

Thursday: Showers. High 67-72. Low 60-65.

Friday: A bit more sun. High 69-74. Low 59-64.

High tide: 11:51 a.m., 11:58 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:08 Sunset: 8:18

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Senate Republicans blocked legislation designed to protect women’s access to contraception, calling it a political stunt. **A2.**

The Boston City Council approved Mayor Michelle Wu’s controversial property tax proposal but it still needs the Legislature’s approval. **B1.**

The Boston-based Appalachian Mountain Club is making cuts as it struggles with dated facilities at a time when glampers want more. **D1.**



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After spending the day at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan, Haitian migrants waited for the Mattapan trolley. They have been sleeping at Logan Airport, then packing up each day and heading to the church.

Migrants fear for those left behind

As Biden closes border, concerns raised about families who’d hoped to reunite

By Daniel Kool
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President Biden’s order to close the border with Mexico reminded Jean Civil of a snake: It struck in an instant, he said, moving too quickly for anyone to dodge its fangs.

Standing in immigration court Tuesday, Civil, a Haitian immigrant living in Providence, said he came to the United States around three years ago, but still has at least five desperate family members waiting at the Mexican border. They are unable to cross, he said, and afraid to return to a country wracked by gang violence and political instability, which have driven the civilian population into an acute humanitarian crisis.

“They said this is a big deal for them; they don’t know what they are going to do,” Civil, 55, said. “In one day, [the government] killed their hope.”

On Tuesday, Biden issued a



Children played outside the church. After hearing the news about the border this week, many migrants were grateful for having made the crossing to the United States in time.

presidential proclamation that bars migrants from being granted asylum when the seven-day average of illegal crossings hits 2,500 per day. Because the figures already exceed that threshold, the order had been expected to take effect overnight Tuesday.

In some locations along the border on Wednesday, there seemed to be confusion as to whether the order had technically taken effect and if border agents should be enforcing it,

The New York Times reported. Shelter operators and humanitarian workers in Mexico were also scrambling to understand its implications, the Times said.

The border would remain closed until the seven-day average falls below 1,500 per day, a figure not seen in years, according to the Associated Press.

Immigration advocates throughout Massachusetts largely condemned Biden’s order, calling it cruel and potentially dangerous to those waiting in Mexico.

“The right to apply for asylum is one that has been protected in our laws for many years,” said Elizabeth Sweet, executive director of the MIRA Coalition, an immigrant and refugee advocacy group. The United States, she said, has long served as a country that people abroad can look to for that protection.

Sweet said she would rather

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Celtics in good position to cap off a a banner season

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COMMENTARY

With the Celtics tipping off Game 1 against the Mavericks Thursday night, we can look forward to a fortnight of fury featuring Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown against Dallas superstars Luka Doncic and (gulp) Kyrie Irving.

Having the Celtics in the Finals is a great development for Boston and NBA America. The league is always well-served when its signature franchise is featured in its showcase event.

Like the New York Yankees, the Green Bay Packers, and the Montreal Canadiens, the Celtics are synonymous with their sport. In the second half of the 20th century, when the fledgling NBA was coming of age, Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, and Red Auerbach put Boston’s parquet floor on the national sports map, winning 11 championships in 13 seasons.

In subsequent decades, as the torch was passed from Russell and Sam Jones to men named Havlicek, Cowens, Maxwell, Bird, Parish, and McHale, the Celtics continued winning championships — two in the 1970s and three more in the golden ’80s. It was also in the ’80s that Larry Bird and Magic Johnson

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The teams are led by their superstars — the Celtics with Jayson Tatum, and the Mavericks with Luka Doncic. Boston has won the title only once since 1986. **C1.**



After years in the business, Doris Burke will become the first woman to call a championship telecast in a major American men’s sports league.

With Finals role, Burke is blazing another TV trail

By Aidan Ryan
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At practice before a crucial college basketball game, Doris Burke had disappeared. Dave O’Brien, preparing to call the game alongside Burke, turned to his broadcast partner only to find that he was alone.

Burke had slipped away to get a better handle on how the team would play in the upcoming game.

“All of a sudden, Doris isn’t sitting there with you. She’s down on the base line crouching with a notepad watching how they’re running their sets. And I don’t know what she’s looking at,” recalled O’Brien, now the play-by-play announcer for the Red Sox on NESN. “She’s getting more out of that — she’s a gym rat in the most flattering way.”

Burke, 58, will make history this week as the first woman to call a championship telecast in a major American men’s sports league. Colleagues say her gig as an ESPN and ABC color announcer for the NBA Finals is the culmination of decades of preparation.

A standout basketball player at Providence College who still calls Rhode Island home, the Hall-of-Fame broadcaster never lost her point guard’s eye for details. People close to Burke say

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