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Court rejects challenge to regulation of gun silencers

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court rejected a challenge to federal regulation of gun silencers June 6, just days after a gunman used one in a shooting rampage that killed 12 people in Virginia.

The justices did not comment in turning away appeals from two Kansas men who were convicted of violating federal law regulating silencers. The men argued that the constitutional right "to keep and bear arms" includes silencers.

The court's action in the silencer cases was among dozens of orders in pending appeals, including decisions to add an international child custody dispute and four other cases to next term's docket. The justices also will hear cases dealing with a death row inmate in Arizona, racial discrimination claims against Comcast by an African American owned media company, environmental cleanup at a Superfund site in Montana and a dispute between Intel Corp. and a retired Intel engineer.

The court also rejected an appeal from a Yemeni man who has been held at the Guantanamo Bay naval base for more than 17 years. But Justice Stephen Breyer said "it is past time" for the court to decide whether indefinite detention at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba is legal.

In the silencer cases, Kansas and seven other states joined in a court filing urging justices to hear the appeals. The states said the court should affirm that the Second Amendment protects "silencers and other firearms accessories."

The other states are: Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, South Carolina, Texas and Utah.

President Donald Trump's administration asked the court to stay out of the case and leave the convictions in place. Shane Cox, owner of a military surplus store, was convicted of making and transferring an unregistered silencer, and customer Jeremy Kettler was convicted of possessing one, all in violation of the 85-year-old National Firearms Act. Both men were sentenced to probation.

Meanwhile, police are trying to determine a motive for the deadly shootings in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Authorities have said that city employee DeWayne Craddock opened fire in a municipal building on May 31. Police say Craddock was armed with two semi-automatic handguns, a silencer and extended ammunition magazines. Craddock later was killed in a shootout with police.



MS. KYRA BYNUM-PATTILLO

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Names Kyra Bynum-Pattillo

Kyra Bynum-Pattillo, a Graduate of Spelman College Class of 2019, has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Induction into Phi Beta Kappa is a rare honor, as only 10% of colleges and universities in the United States have Chapters. An invitation to join recognizes and honors exceptional academic achievement in the Arts and Sciences. See story on page 6.

Michael B. Jordan presents Central Park 5 with courage award

Katie Campione
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Michael B. Jordan told the men known as the Central Park Five June 7 that he cannot watch footage of the new series "When They See Us" without getting emotional and feeling like as a young black man he too could have faced a similar ordeal. "It's dangerous in America when you're living in a black body," Jordan said.

Jordan praised the men - Yusef Salaam, Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana, and Korey Wise - for their perseverance and courage during a luncheon in which the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California honored Netflix's series about their case.

"The whole time that these men were incarcerated, they never changed their story," he said. "They insisted of their innocence even as they did their time."

Salaam cried as he accepted an award on behalf of series creator Ava DuVernay.

"I'm not ashamed to cry in front of you," Salaam said after a moment of silence as he reflected on how he and the other men were "just boys" between the ages of 13 and 16 years old when they were wrongfully convicted.

"Our story is a story of an egregious miscarriage of justice," he added.

Jordan hugged Salaam, who also spoke on behalf of the five men.

"That's courage," said Jordan, whose performances have ranged from his acclaimed portrayal of a young black man killed by a police officer in "Fruitvale Station" to the vengeful Erik Killmonger in "Black Panther."

Salaam and the rest of the Central Park Five were exonerated in 2002 after being charged with the 1989 rape of a white woman in New York's Central Park. They received a standing ovation while accepting the ACLU chapter's inaugural Roger Baldwin Courage Award. Baldwin was one of the ACLU's founders and its first executive director.

"When They See Us" isn't Hollywood's first attempt to recount the story of the Central Park Five's wrongful conviction, but it has sparked a renewed interest in the details of the case.

Hector Villagra, executive director of the ACLU of Southern California, said DuVernay refocused the narrative on the humanity of the five men and it has shone a new light on a widely known case 30 years later.

The series has re-ignited outcry about how the case was handled. Linda Fairstein, the Manhattan sex crimes prosecutor who observed the teenagers' interrogation, has faced backlash for her role in their conviction. Fairstein has already resigned from at least two nonprofit boards as backlash intensified and a (hash)CancelLindaFairstein movement spread on social media.



Democratic committee members have said they would press those members of Trump's cabinet on their "budgets and allocations of personnel, data collection practices, and strategic plans" to address threats from white supremacists. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

Democrats Hold Hearing on White Supremacy

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House Democrats on Tuesday, June 4, grilled officials from the FBI and Department of Homeland Security during a hearing focusing on how the Trump administration is addressing the growing threat of violent white supremacist groups.

The House Oversight Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties hearing, titled "Confronting White Supremacy: Adequacy of the Federal Response," reportedly is the latest effort by Democrats to spotlight ways they say the Trump administration has systematically cut back on resources used to address threats from domestic extremists even as the FBI has reported a 30 percent to 40 percent rise in domestic terrorism cases just since October.

The hearing included FBI Assistant Director for Counterterrorism Michael McGarrity, FBI Deputy Assistant Director for Criminal Investigations Calvin Shivers and DHS assistant secretary Elizabeth Neumann.

Woman in viral racist rant sentenced to 1 year of probation

CHARLOTTE (AP) - Authorities say a white woman in North Carolina whose racist rant against two black women having car trouble was captured in a viral video has been sentenced to probation and will not go to jail.

News sources report Meghan McDonald of the Mecklenburg County district attorney's office says 52-year-old Susan Westwood was sentenced June 5 to one year of unsupervised probation. Westwood pleaded guilty to misuse of the 911 system and two counts of simple assault.

Judge Donald Cureton also ordered Westwood to pay court costs, continue attending "community support" meetings and any recommended alcohol programs. Cureton also ordered her to participate in meetings of a group that encourages white participants to "examine and deconstruct their internalized racial superiority."

The video showed Westwood berating black neighbors she didn't recognize while they waited for AAA last October.

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