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## DOJ DECIDES NOT TO CHARGE BALTIMORE COPS IN FREDDIE GRAY CASE



The DOJ has decided not to pursue civil rights charges against the Baltimore police officers involved in the death of Freddie Gray. Photo by Jim Ruymen/UPI | License Photo

**By: Brooks Hays**  
UPI

The Department of Justice has decided against bringing federal civil rights

charges against the officers involved in the death of Freddie Gray.

Justice Department officials ultimately decided there was not sufficient

evidence to meet the burden of proof for federal charges.

"It is not enough to show that the officer made a mistake, acted negli-

gently, acted by accident, or even exercised bad judgment," the DOJ wrote in a released statement.

"Although Gray's death is undeniably tragic, the

evidence in this case is insufficient to meet these substantial evidentiary requirements."

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## Flynn broke law by omitting contacts

**By: Ed Adamczyk**  
UPI

House Democrats have sent special counsel Robert Mueller -- the leader of the Justice Department's Russia investigation -- what they say is evidence that President Donald Trump's

former national security adviser Michael Flynn violated the law.

The letter from Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., and Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., was sent Tuesday to three companies Flynn advised in 2015 and 2016, with a copy sent to Mueller.

The letter says that Flynn, a former military officer who served in the Defense intelligence Agency and was Trump's national security adviser for 24 days, violated federal law by withholding foreign contacts he made during a trip

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# LOL Comedy Explosion Is Coming to Roanoke Rapids in October

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC - VitalSoul Group presents Michael Colyar and Friends: LOL Comedy Explosion at Roanoke Rapids Theatre Saturday, October 14 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are currently available online at lolcomedyexplosion.eventbrite.com.

The event will be hosted by Corey Manning and feature comedy legends Michael Colyar, Jammin Jay

Lamont, Chris Thomas, and Talent Harris.

"I encourage everyone to join me and my mentors, friends, and legends in comedy...as we fill the theater with side splitting laughter," said Manning,

"With the addition of an amazing performance by the legendary Chubb Rock, and opening by comedian DWissh, this will definitely be a night to remember."

About the Performers

Michael Colyar is a Chicago native who made his mark in Los Angeles as "The King of Venice Beach." For nine years, he performed five shows a day, leaving a positive imprint on the crowd with his thought provoking humor.

For 15 years, he has built his television and film career while working with luminaries like John Singleton, Eddie Murphy, Bernie Mac, and Oprah Winfrey.

Jammin Jay Lamont is a professional comedian, entertainer, and musician who has been in the business for over 18 years.

He's been seen on BET's Comic View, Def Comedy Jam, Showtime At The Apollo, Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen, America's Got Talent and more. Talent Harris has made special appearances on BET's Comic View, HBO Snaps, and Def Comedy Jam, and has

a spot on New York's 98.7 KISS FM morning show. Talent has also appeared in the movies "Sunset

Park," "Full Court Press," and "A Brother's Kiss." Deemed the official "King of New York Comedy," Talent is an unorthodox comedian who regales audiences with his knack for storytelling.

Chris Thomas is one of the nation's brightest comedians. In the words of the Washington Post

magazine, he is "an accomplished impressionist... on his way to fame and fortune." Thomas is the master of over 2,000 celebrity impressions including Denzel Washington, F. Lee Bailey, Mike Tyson, and Orson Welles. Thomas combines this versatility with a quick wit to create comedic conversations between several personalities at once.

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit: lolcomedyexplosion.

## May

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"The investigation into this incident has been closed without prosecution," the DOJ added.

Gray's death in 2015 while in police custody sparked large protests across Baltimore and the

U.S. On April 12, 2015, Gray, 25, suffered a severe spinal cord injury while being transported in a police van to a booking precinct.

Gray fell into a coma as a result of the injury and died a week later.

Six police officers involved in Gray's arrest and handling were charged with various crimes, including second-degree depraved murder, by Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby.

All six officers were acquitted of the various

charges in separate bench trials.

Gray's family was awarded \$6.4 million in a civil suit filed against Baltimore city officials.

Under the Obama administration, the Justice Department opened an investigation of Baltimore's criminal justice system.

The department also opened a civil rights investigation of Gray's death.

The latest DOJ decision officially closes the latter investigation.

The broader investigation of the city's police

and court system -- concluded last year -- found officers and officials engaged in various forms of racial discrimination, unconstitutional actions and excessive force.

The investigation's findings resulted in a consent decree that ordered Baltimore police and court system to undertake sweeping reforms.

In April, a federal judge ratified the decree, defying the wishes of new Attorney General Jeff Sessions and confirming the city's obligation to enact reforms



## Flynn

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to the Middle East.

"It appears that General Flynn violated federal law by omitting this trip and these foreign contacts from his security clearance renewal application in 2016 and concealing them from security clearance investigators who interviewed him," the letter states.

The trip was intended to explore a business deal between the Saudi government and a Russian agency regarding nuclear

power. Three U.S. companies involved sought a joint venture with Moscow to bring nuclear power to several countries in the Middle East.

Cummings is the ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee and Engel is the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction regarding the security clearance process.

The alleged violation of the law could help prosecutors in compelling Flynn to assist in the larger investigation of Russian involve-

ment in the 2016 presidential campaign.

During his vetting process as Trump's national security adviser, Flynn failed to declare a 2015 trip to Moscow on which he received a \$33,000 fee and sat with Russian President Vladimir Putin. He also was fined this year for a late filing with the Department of Justice, in which he disclosed his consulting group, Flynn Intel Group, was paid \$533,000 on behalf of a firm owned by a Turkish businessman with close ties to Ankara's government.

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# YAHWEH Magazine the show

Special guest lieutenant governor of North Carolina, Mr. Dan Forest.

YM: So tell us who is lieutenant governor before he became lieutenant governor of NC?

Dan: My background is actually architecture, I'm an architect. I did that for a little over 20 years, and I kind of grew with the same company. I worked with one company that entire time. I started as an intern and ended up being a senior partner with that company before I left. I'm a family guy, I've got four kids and have been married for 26 years. That's kind of where my pride and joy is in my family. I really felt called to leave the architecture thing behind and jump into serving people in NC as lieutenant governor. That's how we got here.

YM: So, when you became lieutenant governor, which is so awesome, what was the first thing that you wanted to tackle for NC?

Dan: We have really made education our passion. We can talk a lot about successes of education but at the same time we know there are a lot of folks out there who don't have equal opportunity in education. We wanted to make sure that we were starting to push the envelope from an innovation standpoint using the tools and the technology to bridge the education divide or gap that has existed out there for a long time. If you are in a wealthy suburban community, you probably have a lot of parent engagement, you probably have the finances you need. You're going to have the taxes that you need to be able to do the things to provide

for your kids' education. If you're not blessed to be in one of those kind of areas socioeconomically, then you're probably going to be struggling on the education front. We've looked at it as an opportunity to use technology specifically to bridge that divide. Little successes we've talked about. About six years ago I said, "I really believe we should be the first state in the nation to have every classroom connected to high speed broadband", giving all students at least the same opportunity for the access to equal education. It's not equal education at that time, it's just access to it. So, we did that. NC, as of this coming year, will be the first state in the nation that will have



every classroom connected. We're the second most rural state in the country, so that's a big deal. Now we're work-

ing on plans actually to get all of the rural communities in NC, communities, not just the school classrooms.



I believe we'll be the first state in the nation to do that. These are just little tools that we're placing in the hands of schools and the hands of teachers to be able to provide the opportunities to students they wouldn't have otherwise.

YM: Wonderful. That's what I loved when you gave your presentation on that day back in May of this

year. How much longer in office do you have?

Dan: We're term limited. This is my second term, we wrapped up our first term in January and started serving our second term. We'll have three and a half years left as lieutenant governor, that's when this term ends. We'll see what the future holds, but this will be my last run as lieutenant governor.

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### Richmond, VA- HOW IT ALL BEGAN

With humble beginnings in 2006, Richmond,

VA the Christmas for Kids Parade began with its creator Ricky Johnson joined by his team of friends.

That's right for the past 11 years we have historically given a grand of 100,000+ toys, bikes and gifts to children in the cities of Richmond, Petersburg and Norfolk, VA.

Each year we begin collecting toy and monetary donations by partnering with local businesses to host toy drives around each city, collecting private donations and campaigning for sponsorships.

Staying consistent with or giving each year we have managed to build strong alliances and lasting relationships with some of Virginia's most prestigious organizations. Such as Optima Family Care and iHeart Radio.

### WHO STARTED IT

Ricky L. Johnson is a Community Activist, Motivational Speaker, and Entrepreneur. Mr. Johnson is a proud member of Restoration Assembly in Richmond, Va. Mr. Johnson is the father of two young men. His love for the LORD shows in everything he put his hands on. In the year of 2007 Ricky Johnson & Friends collaborated together to bless

the children from the inner city housing units.

What started out as a vision of two people has now blossomed into the collective efforts of over twenty organizations and churches. For the past eight years this organization, along with their generous sponsors, have come together to provide toys to the children in need. Ricky Johnson & Friends mission is to "Educate" the community, as well as its volunteers in the importance of supporting each other while building a mutual partnership; "Motivate" each other to successfully achieve personal and career goals; And lastly to Donate" their time to the com-

munity jointly to continue the process of community & family development.

Ricky Johnson & Friends has formed partnerships with local businesses, school districts, several major corporations and the juvenile court system. Ricky Johnson & Friends goal is to foster a commitment to young people that will promote pro-social friendships, strong interpersonal skills, and reassert a sense of hope in the future.

### 10,000+ Toys Collected For "Christmas For Kids" Parade, The Largest Haul Ever

It's not quite Christmas just yet, but hundreds of kids in Richmond already have some new toys to

play with. The 8th annual Christmas for Kids parade sprinkled cheer across some city neighborhoods Wednesday morning.

Several organizations and businesses sponsor the massive giveaway. They managed to collect more than 10,000 toys over the last several months — making it the largest yet.

"The community is our family because we all live in this area and we want to make sure we give back to them...to make sure they have a Christmas just like the rest of us," said Jerilyn Lundy of Ricky Johnson & Friends, one group that helped out with the parade. Ricky Johnson of Ricky Johnson & Friends says a

lot of people need a helping and this time of year.

"We focus on the community at large because people in low-income housing as well as regular income housing need help and we just want to put a smile on a child's face," he said. Despite the downpour, dozens of people loaded up trucks and cars with toys and set off to deliver them to unsuspecting neighborhoods. The motorcade of police cars, motorcycles and four-wheelers hit Gilpin Court first.

### Local judges hand out toys to kids in Christmas for Kids parade

On this Christmas Eve, See FOUNDATION, page 9

### SMILE FOR THE CAMERA



Petersburg-Shown in Photo Candidate Petersburg City Treasurer and CEO of Child saves Inc., Robert Bolling were some of the main participants at the recently held Petersburg School Partnership which hosted a Va. who's who including Gov. Terry Mc Auliffe, Va. Sec. Education, Diatra Trent and Sec. of HHR. The Partnership is a collaboration among the Virginia Governor's Children's Cabinet, the United Way, state and local government along with nonprofit organizations city public schools. The Partnership was created in 2015 to create the climate and conditions for every child in Petersburg to succeed, initiatives have focused on academics, attendance and hunger.

### EDUCATION IS KEY



Petersburg-Shown in photo Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe was on hand at the recently held partnership presented at the Petersburg High School. The Partnership consists of several government and local non profit organizations whose sole purpose is to ensure the health and welfare of the students in Petersburg in a bi-partisan way. The gathering celebrated the success achieved by the City and School and included plans for the future.

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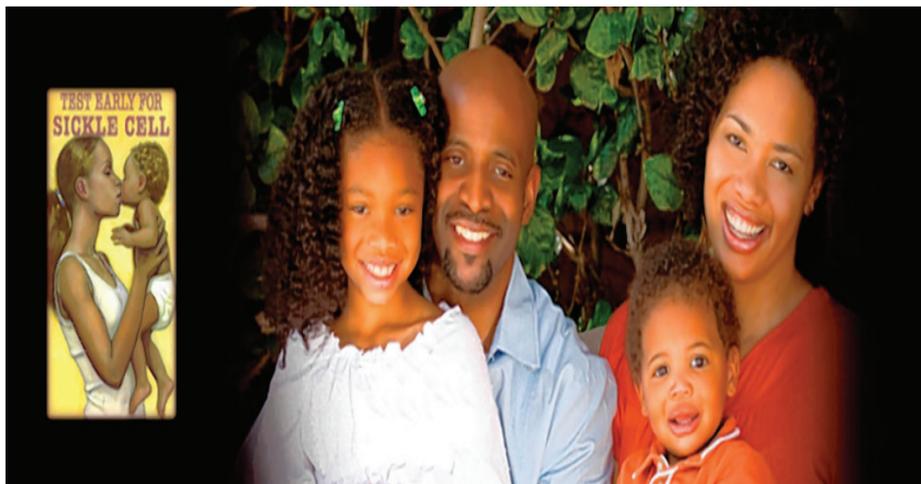
Petersburg-Shown in Photo-Ward 2 Council Member Darren L.Hill, Candidate for City Treasurer Gloria Person-Brown and Dir. of Library Services Wayne M. Crocker, these professional individual prove once again that education is the key to a successful future and life. There presence at the Petersburg school partnership was one of the highlights of the political and educational event that focused n the youth of today as they prepare for tomorrow. You can be sure that these individuals will follow through on the promise of the partnership.

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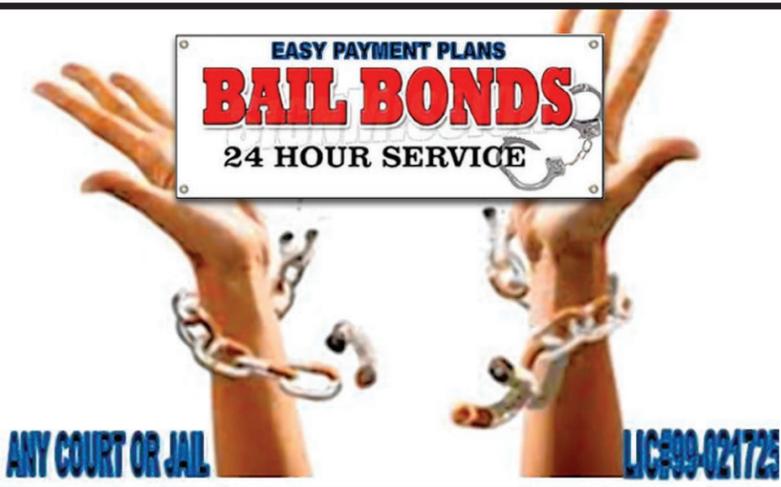
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families living in Mosby court got some holiday cheer from some area judges as they handed out toys in the Christmas for Kids parade.

"We've seen some children smile. We've seen some genuine thank you's. So, it's a warming of the heart," said Honorable Rondelle D. Herman, Chief Judge with Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations court. Herman and the other judges are known to hand out punishments in the courtroom, but they were handing out presents Thursday.

"I know it sounds a little odd for a judge to be out here in the rain giving out toys, but it's a part of what I do," said Herman.

One judge said it means a lot to her to give back and see families she deals with every day.

"I've even seen some of my families here and it's very nice to see them in a different setting, for the families, the mothers, the grandmothers to know that I do have a heart," said the Honorable Marilyn C. Goss, Richmond Juvenile & Domestic Relations court judge.

"All I want is what's best for them and our community."

Goss said they want young people to know there's a better way than the streets and violence. "They can finish their education.

That's what we want them to do," Goss said. "We want the kids to go to school, but to give back to them at this time to show we love them, it's very important."

The judges said this event is a labor of love for them and they've been a participant in the annual Christmas for Kids parade every year.

"I hope they'll have a very Merry Christmas," said Goss. "I hope we added just a little bit to that."

### WTVR -Annual Christmas for Kids Parade

The Christmas for Kids Parade is an annual event that provides thousands of gifts for children in our area every year.

Ricky Johnson and Wade T. Watkins from the Ricky Johnson and Friends Foundation joined us during our LIVE show to share the details behind this years event, and how you can help spread holiday cheer to children in need this season.

Donations for the Annual Christmas for Kids Parade can be sent to PO Box 26351 Richmond, VA 23260 or can be dropped off at McEachin and Gee Law Location.

For more information you can call 804-774-0099 or visit <http://www.cfkparade.org>

See that full video online here <http://wtvr.com/2016/12/14/annual-christmas-for-kids-parade/>

**Christmas for Kids**

### Parade providing 15,000 toys for Petersburg kids

(WTVR) Hundreds of volunteers are making Richmond and Petersburg children smile this holiday season.

The group Ricky Johnson and Friends is known for spreading holiday cheer throughout the streets of Richmond and now it's taking its mission to Petersburg.

The group will host the city's first ever Christmas for Kids Parade Saturday December 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Johnson said donors, local churches and Optima Health made this event possible.

The goal of the event is to put a toy into every Petersburg child's hand.

"It's an overwhelming response. More than 10,000 kids we will be able to bless, community taking care of the community," said event founder Ricky Johnson.

Johnson said they will be giving out over 15,000 toys Saturday in Petersburg streets.

Ricky chats up the crowd of volunteers at a Santa's Workshop event in preparation for parades the next day.

### Headquarters

Our headquarters in Norfolk was the Military Circle Mall. The allowed us the space to set p a office, accept donations, plan events register volunteers ad ore. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to partner with them in 2016

### Second Calvary Baptist Church opened it's doors to us

Every city we bring the parade to seems to welcome us with opened arms. Norfolk was no different.

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### SUPPORTING EVENTS DATES ARE ANNOUNCED DURING MEETINGS COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Our community meetings are held every two weeks.

The purpose of the meetings are to update committee members on logistics information, organize toy drives, welcome new clubs/organizations/businesses etc., submit essential information and planning.

These meetings are occasionally accompanied by

## IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS



Henrico Co.-Shown if Photo Mike Rodriguez owner of RHR, LLC and Ricky Johnson of Pinchback Bail Bonds and Ricky & Friends Foundation. Mr. Rodriguez along with Mr. Johnson prepare to send one of several loads to the hard hit Florida area after the hurricane, both Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Johnson are heavily invested in their communities and felt the need to reach out after the devastating occurrence,if you want to get involved you can reach out to Mr. Ricky Johnson at CFKParade.org as he prepares for the upcoming Christmas parade as well.

### light fare appetizers. TOY DRIVES

As we draw closer to each parade date we toy drives will be held on a more frequent basis as a final push to collect as many toys as possible to donate back into our communities.

We encourage all sponsors and organizations to host their own toy drives in efforts for our largest collection of toys in 2017!

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

The night before each parade The Ricky Johnson Foundation hosts a huge all night Santa's workshop event to organize and wrap toys, prepare gift bags and plan a final line up of vehicles joining in the parade. The events are accompanied by music from a professional DJ, dinner and fellowship.

### PARADE FINALE EVENT

The parade finale is or big send off to celebrate the success of the event for each city before joining or families for the holidays. Dinner is served and we honor the organizations or individuals we have gone above ad beyond to assist s in reaching or goal during the holiday season.

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cluded in the parade

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Your company will receive an honorable mention

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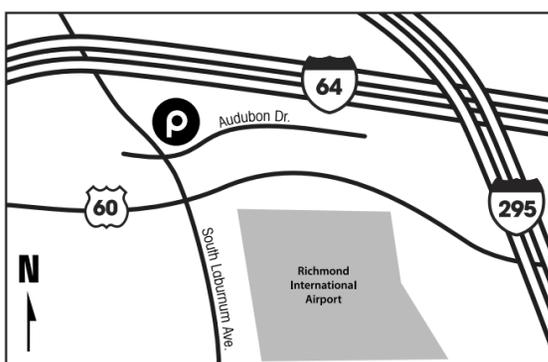
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# Houston Texans to start QB Deshaun Watson on Thursday, reports

By Sports Xchange  
UPI

**Houston** - Houston Texans rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson is expected to start his first NFL game Thursday night against the Cincinnati Bengals, according to The Houston Chronicle.

The Chronicle reported that Watson's injured right ankle held up fine during practice Tuesday, removing the only potential obstacle to having the first-round draft pick make his starting debut at Paul Brown Stadium as the replacement for veteran Tom Savage.

During the portion of practice open to reporters, Watson took every snap.

The Texans are going with Watson for multiple reasons, including his superior mobility and elusiveness while operating behind a porous offensive line. Although Watson was sacked four times during a 29-7 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars and experienced some rough fundamental moments where he threw off his back foot, he did throw one touchdown pass and displayed an ability to escape pursuit.

Although the 0-1 AFC South franchise is poised to launch the Watson era, Texans head coach Bill O'Brien played it close to the vest Tuesday and declined to make it official and name a starting quarterback.

"I don't think there's a rule that says I have to publicly announce it," O'Brien said when asked if this was a potential game-time decision.

Unless Watson suffers a setback between now and kickoff, he's scheduled to start his first game since

manufacturing a BCS national championship victory over Alabama with a game-winning touchdown pass.

"The health of any player is the first determinant in whether they play or not," O'Brien said of Watson, who didn't speak with reporters Tuesday.

After replacing Savage at halftime Sunday, Watson completed 12 of 23 passes for 102 yards, one touchdown and one interception for a 60.4 passer rating.

Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis is already convinced his defense will be competing against Watson.

"We're kind of planning on it being Deshaun," Lewis said during a conference call with Houston reporters.

"Because if they made the change like they did at halftime, I would imagine it would be him coming forward here, at least this week."

The first-round draft pick, consensus All-America and national championship game-winner from Clemson completed 52.2 percent of his throws against Jacksonville and had a second interception nullified by a penalty.

He rushed for 12 yards on two carries.

"He's a playmaker with good instincts and he's young," Texans quarterbacks coach Sean Ryan said.

"He's going to make some mistakes, and it's on us to keep working with him and minimize his mistakes and get rid of them, not repeat them, and keep moving forward with him."

The Texans have started Ryan Fitzpatrick, Ryan



Deshaun Watson was selected by the Houston Texans as the 12th overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft at the NFL Draft Theater in Philadelphia, PA on April 27, 2017. Photo by Derik Hamilton/UPI | License Photo

Mallett, T.J. Yates, Case Keenum, Brian Hoyer, Brandon Weeden, Brock Osweiler and Savage in O'Brien's time as head coach.

Watson becomes the ninth different starting quarterback over the past four seasons.

O'Brien is hoping he won't continue to have a revolving door under center.

"I can tell you that we're pretty close to making a decision as to who's going to play," O'Brien said. "In this case, a lot of different factors go into it that aren't really in our control, maybe. I think that we'll make a good decision for the team."

"I try not to look too far into the future. It's definitely, obviously, for Thursday, but you're also saying you're going to try your best to stick with the decision."

## Petersburg Sheriff's Office 8th Annual Re-entry Forum

### JOURNEY TO JUSTICE



Jarrett Adams

Jarrett M. Adams was wrongfully convicted of sexual assault at age 17 and sentenced to 28 years in a maximum security prison. After serving nearly 10 years and filing multiple appeals, Jarrett was exonerated with the assistance of the Wisconsin Innocence Project.

Jarrett used the injustice he endured as inspiration to become an advocate for the underserved and often uncounted. As a first step, Jarrett earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in May 2015 and started a public interest law fellowship with Ann Claire Williams, judge for the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. This is the same court that reversed Jarrett's conviction because of his trial lawyer's constitutional deficiencies.



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## Los Angeles Chargers aim to bounce back after yet another close defeat

By Sports Xchange/Jay Paris  
UPI

**COSTA MESA, Calif.** -The Los Angeles Chargers are looking forward to Sunday's home opener against the Miami Dolphins, but only after being thrown into the time machine when falling to the Denver Broncos.

Few would fault the Chargers of reflecting on 2016 after a familiar loss to open 2017. The Chargers lost eight of their games last year by seven or fewer points and they were on the wrong side of a squeaker again: 27-24 to the Broncos. A feel-good ending for the Chargers -- they rallied from a 17-point, fourth-quarter deficit -- wasn't meant to

be. Kicker Younghoe Koo's field-goal attempt that would have sent the game into overtime was blocked. What made the deflection more disheartening was that Koo was successful with his kick just before it -- but not before the Broncos had called time out. "I had no doubt he was going to make it," head coach Anthony Lynn said. "He has ice in his veins."

But the Chargers, who've won once in two seasons in the AFC West, were once again dunked by a familiar opponent. "It was really frustrating because I feel like we were coming," Lynn said. "His second kick was just as solid but we gave up some pressure on the right side."



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## La Voz Latina

### Satellite images show devastation in Caribbean

By Danielle Haynes  
UPI

NASA released satellite images of islands in the Caribbean showing the devastations wrought there by Hurricane Irma.

While closeup damage of specific structures can't be seen in the photographs, there is a stark difference in the color of the islands. Before the hurricane there are a dark green, while after the Category 5 storm, they are a dull brown.

"The most obvious change is the widespread browning of the landscape," NASA said in a blog post. "There are a number of possible reasons for this. Lush green tropical vegetation can be ripped away by a storm's strong winds, leaving the satellite with a view of more bare ground. Also, salt spray whipped up by the hurricane can coat and desiccate leaves while they are still on the trees."

Irma made first landfall on Wednesday, causing

destruction on the island of Barbuda. The government there said up to 90 percent of buildings were damaged or destroyed. It moved on to Anguilla, St. Martin, St. Parts and the British and U.S. Virgin Islands before passing near Puerto Rico.

On Thursday, Irma caused flooding in the Dominican Republic and Haiti before hitting the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Bahamas.

On Friday and Saturday the storm passed over Cuba before heading north to make landfall in the Florida Keys.

Residents throughout the region say food is scarce and in some cases looting is a concern.

UNICEF, the United Nations' children's relief fund, called on the international community to provide help to those affected by the storm in the Caribbean.

"People are concerned, there is a general sense that [the British Virgin Islands] is British govern-

ment territory and therefore the British will handle it," Khin-Sandi Lwin, who is leading the organization's response there, told The Guardian.

"So we haven't been able to raise the funds from other governments at the moment.

This is where I do think we need a much bigger international response to the funding that's needed.

"At the moment we are operating on regular funds we have for our ongoing programs. We put aside money -- about \$800,000 -- to get our first response up, but it means our regular programs into next year will be down. We do need that additional funding -- about US\$2.3m."

Virgin Atlantic CEO Richard Branson, who lives on the British Virgin Islands' Necker Island, has called for a new Marshall Plan to help the region.

On Tuesday, the leaders of the countries that control some of the islands



The terrain on the island of Virgin Gorda is noticeably different in from the photo on the left, taken August 25, when compared to the photo on the right, taken after Hurricane Irma passed through on September 10. Image courtesy NASA UPI

planned to visit the territories. French President Emmanuel Macron planned to survey damage on the French-controlled portion

of St. Martin; the other side of the island, St. Maarten, is controlled by the Netherlands.

British Foreign Secre-

tary Boris Johnson, meanwhile, plans to visit the British Virgin Islands and Anguilla in the "coming days."

## AZ Diamondbacks edge San Diego Padres for much-needed win



Arizona Diamondbacks batter J. D. Martinez watches the flight of his second home run of the game in the sixth inning of Sunday's win over the San Diego Padres. Photo by Art Foxall/UPI | License Photo

By Jack Magruder,  
The Sports Xchange  
UPI

PHOENIX -- There is no closer controversy in Arizona. Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo made clear Sunday. However, he does have a second reliever capable of shut-down saves.

With Fernando Rodney given a day off, Archie Bradley struck out the side on 12 pitches in the ninth inning for his first career save to preserve a 3-2 victory over the San Diego Padres at Chase Field.

J.D. Martinez hit two bases-empty homers, and Paul Goldschmidt added a solo shot on his 30th birthday to help Robbie Ray earn his fourth consecutive victory.

"Since you've been in

the 'pen, you think about things you hadn't done in the big leagues yet, and I hadn't had a big league save yet," said Bradley, who was moved to the bullpen this spring and has become the primary setup man.

"I just tried to approach it like the eighth inning. Keep the same mentality. Attack. Throw the ball the way you have all year long. As cliché as it sounds, the biggest picture is, we won."

Martinez's homer with one out in the sixth inning broke a 2-2 tie and make a winner of Ray (13-5), who has given up four earned runs in four starts since returning from a concussion.

In the ninth, Bradley got the first two batters on 98 mph fastballs and the last

on a breaking ball as the Diamondbacks (83-60) broke a two-game losing streak after winning the previous 13.

Bradley has 22 holds, often pitching the eighth inning before Rodney closes. Rodney has 36 saves in 42 chances, and he threw 28 pitches while failing to hold a three-run lead in the ninth inning of an 8-7 loss to the Padres on Saturday.

"Rodney is our guy, that's the one thing I want everybody to know," Bradley said. "We believe in Rodney."

I believe in Rodney, maybe more than anyone in the world."

Martinez has a career-high 37 homers this season, including 21 in 45 games since joining the Diamondbacks in a July 18 trade with the Detroit Tigers.

## Golfistas de Washington terminan una ronda en medio de un incendio forestal

Un grupo de golfistas en Washington mostró su dedicación al juego completando una ronda en medio de un furioso incendio.

Beacon Rock Golf Course, en Bonneville, compartió una foto de los golfistas decididos, ya que, casualmente, terminaron su ronda a pesar de los 31.000 acres de fuego en la parte trasera de Eagle Creek, el miércoles.

"Nuestros golfistas están comprometidos en terminar la ronda!" dijo quien grabó las imágenes.

Después de elogiar a los golfistas por el compromiso con su juego, el campo de golf compartió otro video abordando la

gravedad del incendio.

"Al ver la magnitud del incendio se piensa en cuántas personas se verán afectadas, y durante mucho tiempo", dijo el campo. "Estamos agradecidos de que no hubo pérdida de vidas."

Mark Mayfield, gerente de operaciones de Beacon Rock, dijo que el incendio estaba "a una milla y media de distancia" en Portland, Oregon, a través del río Columbia.

Agregó que algunos lugareños estaban asombrados por la imagen, mientras que otros cuestionaron la toma de decisiones del grupo.

"Algunas personas dijeron: 'Wow, es impresio-



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nante', mientras que otros se preguntaban, '¿Cómo podrían seguir jugando al golf?', dijo Mayfield.