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# Report Reveals Federal **Prison Workers Committing** the Most Heinous Crimes

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



Federal prisons are filled with those accused and convicted of crimes like drug smuggling, sexual abuse, and murder. But a comprehensive new report revealed that those crimes also are associated

with those who work in the prisons, including war-

The report published by the Associated Press revealed that over 100 federal prison workers had been arrested, convicted,

or sentenced for crimes since the start of 2019, including a warden indicted for sexual abuse, an associate warden charged with murder, guards taking cash to smuggle drugs and weapons, and supervi-

sors stealing property such as tires and tractors.

According to the report, the federal Bureau of Prisons has turned a blind eye to misconduct. The

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## NTTA's Financial Segregation: Black Contractors Say It's No Justice, No Piece of The Pie

By Allen R. Gray NDG Contributing Writer

Social injustice comes in many forms, with one ever wanted was their being no more harmful than the other. Yet, when it comes to the distribution of wealth, one will find that failing to provide sustainable forms of income to Black communities may be the most damning injustice of all.

A 2020 report of the years. affairs of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) revealed a grave disparity in the amount of contracts it awards to Black businesses compared to contracts with whites.

The NTTA receives federal and state funds in the billions for the construction of freeways, tollways, and other services that are associated with the construction of the state's infrastructure. By law, 30% of those tax dollars are to go to "minorities." The problem is this: whereas, a small percentage of those funds actually are awarded to "minorityowned" businesses, the businesses that are whollyowned Black businesses again find themselves on the outside looking in.

While all Black businesses small piece of a rather sizeable tax-funded pie.

Construction contractor John Proctor serves as Chairman of the Regional Black Contractors Association. Proctor has been in the construction business for the past 46

> After nearly a halfcentury of dealing with the contract procurement system, Proctor has grown annoyed at the way the wealth of contracts is unevenly distributed to businesses competing for construction contracts. Proctor says NTTA's maze of requirements for earning a contract are something akin to systemic racism, something Blacks believed they had overcome.

"It's simple to me," Proctor declares, "Segregation today. Segregation tomorrow. And segregation forever in the infrastructure business."

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#### White House: 10% of kids have been vaccinated in 1st 2 weeks

By **ZEKE MILLER** 



WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says about 10% of eligible kids aged 5 to 11 have received a dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine since its approval for their age group two weeks ago.

At least 2.6 million kids have received a shot, White House COVID-19 coordina-Jeff Zients Wednesday, with 1.7 million doses administered in the last week alone, roughly double

the pace of the first week after approval. It's more than three times faster than the rate adults were vaccinated at the start of the nation's vaccination campaign 11 months ago.

Zients said there are now 30,000 locations across for kids to get a shot, up from 20,000 last week, and that the administration expects the pace of pediatric shots to pick up in the coming days.

Kids who get their first vaccine dose by the end of this week will be fully vaccinated by Christmas, assuming they get their second shot three weeks after the first one.

Democrat Beto O'Rourke running for Texas governor in 2022





FILE - Democrat Beto O'Rourke listens to a volunteer before a Texas Organizing Project neighborhood walk in West Dallas on June 9, 2021. (AP Photo/LM Otero, File)

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Democrat Beto O'Rourke is running for governor of Texas, pursuing a blue breakthrough in America's biggest red state after his star-making U.S. Senate campaign in 2018 put him closer than anyone else in decades.

O'Rourke's announcement Monday kicks off a third run for office in as many election cycles. He into the 2020

Democratic presidential primary as a party phenomenon but dropped out just eight months later as money and fanfare dried

"It's not going to be easy. But it is possible," O'Rourke said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of announcement. "I believe, very strongly,

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By Dr. J. Ester Davis



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"My Day"

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Laura Hornbeck, Global Women's Network, Texas Chapter, Ester Davis, Chair, Linda Henderson, CEO, Henderson Chicken; Deborah Kelley-Hill, Chief of Staff, Kelley Law Firm

An Open Letter to Kevin L. Kelley, Attorney A Home Grown Success Story

On behalf of a grateful community, with a global focus, I wanted to say "thank you" for your overly gracious attitude headlining, sponsoring and placing a bright spotlight on "Missing-Black-Girls". Additionally, thank you for the video you left for us with a warm welcome. Your staff was exemplary! Since you were out of town on business, I wanted to publicly write this report to you detailing the evening, copying in the universe. The response from the beginning was overwhelming. You helped us

propel an agenda and sound the alarm of awareness before the holidays. Carl Sherman, Sr., Texas Representative, attended with staff members. His information was invaluable with a proposed bill for legislation. "Missing black girls' fall through the cracks in so many ways. They are too young for the *Amber Alert* and not old enough for the Senior Alert. We want that changed for all girls.

"Missing-Black-Girls": Town Hall Report, we invited four speakers. They consisted of Judge Sandra Jackson,

Dallas County Legacy Court; Constable Tracey Gulley, Precinct One, (largest precinct in Dallas Dallas City County). Council Lady Carolyn King Arnold, gave us grant sources and assistance from her office. Tonya Stafford, a survivor, with a movie script headed to production spoke candidly about surviving. I wrote a story about her many years ago entitled "No One Looked for Me". So riveting still to this day! Beverly Pipkins, a former police and parole officer, currently a truck driver continuing with temporary housing for missing girls. Mistress Ceremonies was Keisha Lankford, a Cedar Hill ISD Trustee, who has operated a 'safe house' with her husband for over twenty(20)years. Organizations that had Journal articles were representatives in atten- printed and out to the dance included, "4 The One Foundation"," C7", "The Avenue" and a special guest, Dr. Mollie Williams, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) with excerpts from their national initiative "Good Health Wins" in partnership with Uber.

A spotlight snapshot of the attendees... newspaper publishers, writers, a

A major factor in

parole officer, three professional cameras, i.e., Spectrum, DFWBAM, Jasmine Greer, Indie Lens; officers from National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), SBA, WFAA, Channel 8 (executive producer and a reporter who stayed for the duration of the evening), Terry Allen, Founder, Sister CEO; Moorehead, Judge Kim Cook, both from Dallas County Judiciary, several business owners, my banker, Denise Lias, a teacher from a local academy with four teenage girls, from her school. The Elite Newspaper printed 'Press Release' immediately. Cheryl Smith, mega-Publisher and NNPA Officer bought her laptop "pen-on-fire" of course. Metro News and Garland public by Wednesday. Much @youtube/Ester Davis Show. EDTV. DFW-

I am out of time and space, Mr. Kelley. Just thanks. Thank you so much.

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Proctor isn't talking segregated water fountains or restrooms, but the segregation of wealth. Proctor says that NTTA is run by rich white men, who will casually spend \$20 million on a project, but as a Black contractor "You won't get a dime of your own tax money."

NTTA is not a privately-owned entity, but rather, a political subdivision of the State of Texas. NTTA authorized acquire, construct, maintain, repair, and operate turnpike projects in the region of North Texas. With each execution of its authority, a contract is awarded and sometimes millions of dollars change hands.

"All you have to do is look at the arithmetic," Proctor con-

A recent report published by MGT Consulting Group bears witness to Proctor's math.

The May 7, 2020 Availability AndDisparity Study report of NTTA's contractual expenditures supports Proctor's math. During the course of the study, the report shows that NTTA's contracts with all businesses were approximately \$2.5 billion. Report also shows that white-owned companies netted 93.93% of that \$2.5 billion, while businesses Black (construction, professional services, consulting services and goods & services) received a little over 2%.

the disparate distribution of wealth to Black businesses is housed in the label of "minority-owned" opposed to Blackowned. One is then left with the ambiguity of the definition of "minority" and the many ways it can be manipulated. The use and ultimate abuse of socially the more acceptable term "minority" and its effect on contracts being awarded Black businesses have a history that was born in the wake of decades Civil Rights demonstrations.

A pacification of sorts for America's injustice to Blacks issued was President Richard M. Nixon when he signed Executive 11458 on March 5, 1969. That order created the need for the Business Minority Development Agency (MBDA), which was originally established as the Office of Minority **Business** Enterprise. Then in1971, President Nixon signed Executive <u>Order</u> 11625 expanding the scope of the MBDA and its minority business programs by authorizing grants to public and private organizations to provide technical and management assistance to minority busienterprises ness (MBEs).

In 1972, the first ever survey of Minority-Owned **Business** Enterprises was published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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## "THE POWERFUL MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

ACTS 2:1-13

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Prior to the powerful moving of the Holy Spirit, a great company of believers met on one accord as they waited on the promise of Jesus that they would be endued by the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5). Yes, with great anticipation, these believers waited on the great promise of God as recorded in Acts 1:5 which reads, "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." Ten days after Jesus' marvelous ascension (Acts 1:9-11), we find the

fulfillment of the Holy Spirit baptizing the believers. The same company of believers referred to in Acts 1:14-15 experienced the powerful fulfillment of the Holy Spirit coming on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1). These believers were unified, for "they were all with one accord in one place" (v. 1).

The day on which this powerful manifestation of the Spirit's coming was indeed a planned event 23:15-21). (Leviticus Pentecost was a tremendous event in the life of all Jewish people. This event occurred fifty days after the Feast of First Fruits, which is a type of the resurrection of Christ John 12:24; Corinthians 15:23). So, the day of Pentecost occurred fifty days after the resurrection of Christ. Pentecost is often referred to as the "Feast of Weeks", because it occurred seven weeks after the Feast of First Fruits. Pentecost marks the beginning of the church age in which the Holy Spirit baptized each believer into the body of Christ.

According to verses 2-3, the Holy Spirit manifested His awesome power and presence in an unusual way, for these verses read, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." These believers both heard and witnessed to the phenomenal power and presence of the Holy Spirit. In verse 4, the believers

were filled by the Holy Spirit. The filling of the Spirit is not the same as the

baptism of the Holy Spirit. At the point of salvation, each believer is placed into the body of Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13). We are placed into Christ's body, the church, only once; however, we are commanded to be filled by the Holy Spirit daily, for Ephesians 5:18 says, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the

Spirit." According to verse 4, no mention is made that the believers were baptized by the Holy Spirit as promised in Acts 1:5; however, a reference to Acts 11:15-16 points to the fact that these believers were baptized by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

According to verses 5-13, the Jews from various eas attending Pentecost

were amazed to hear the Galileans speaking their languages. These Galileans were not speaking unknown languages, but known languages that were understandable (Acts 2:6-8). The Jews that experienced the phenomenon of Pentecost were from countries surrounding Mediterranean Sea (Acts 2:9-11). The fact that these men were able to speak in the dialects of the people visiting Pentecost caused many to wonder, for verse 12 says, "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?" However, many of the unbelieving Jews were in scorn stating that, "These men are full of new wine" (v. 13).

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#### House censures Rep. Gosar for violent video in rare rebuke

By KEVIN FREKING and **BRIAN SLODYSKO** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Wednesday to censure Republican Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona for posting of an animated video that depicted him killing Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a sword, an extraordinary rebuke that highlighted the political strains testing Washington and the country.

Calling the video a clear threat to a lawmaker's life, Democrats argued Gosar's conduct would not be tolerated in any other workplace shouldn't be in and Congress.

The vote to censure Gosar, and also strip him of his committee assignments, was approved by a vote of 223-207.

## BREAKING NEWS



## Investigators Exonerate Men Convicted in the 1965 Assassination of Malcolm X

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agency failed to suspend officers in some cases who have been arrested for crimes.

Two-thirds of the criminal cases against Justice criminal prosecutions and Department personnel in recent years involved federal prison workers, who account for less than one-third of the department's workforce.

The report notes that of the 41 arrests in 2021, 28 were of Bureau of Prisons employees or contractors. The FBI had five. The Enforcement Drug Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives each had two. Officials at Department of Justice did not return messages left by NNPA Newswire.

In a statement to the Associated Press, the Justice Department said it "will not tolerate staff misconduct, particularly criminal misconduct."

The news outlet report-

ed that department officials said they are "committed to holding accountable any employee who abuses a position of trust, which we have demonstrated through federal other means.

Attorney General Merrick Garland has said his deputy, Lisa Monaco, regularly meets Bureau of officials Prisons address issues plaguing the agency.

"Federal prison workers in nearly every job function have been charged with crimes," the report stated.

"Those employees include a teacher who pleaded guilty in January to fudging an inmate's high school equivalency and a chaplain who admitted taking at least \$12,000 in bribes to smuggle Suboxone, which is used to treat opioid addiction, as well as marijuana, tobacco, and cellphones, and leaving the items in a prison chapel cabinet for inmates to retrieve."

The report continued:

"At the highest ranks, the warden of a federal women's prison Dublin, California, was arrested in September and charges he molested an inmate multiple times, scheduled times where he demanded she undress in front of him and amassed a slew of nude photos of her on his governmentissued phone. "Warden Ray Garcia, who was placed on administrative leave after the FBI raided his office in July, allegedly told the woman there was no point in reporting the sexual assault because he was 'close friends' with the person who would investigate the allegation and that the inmate wouldn't be able to 'ruin him.'

"Garcia has pleaded not guilty."

Garcia's arrest came three months after a recycling technician at FCI Dublin was arrested on

charges he coerced two inmates into sexual activity, the report noted. Several other workers at the facility, where actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin spent time indicted this month on for their involvement in the college admissions bribery scandal, are under investigation, according to the Associated Press.

Monaco said after Garcia's arrest that she was "taking a very serious look at these issues across the board" and insisted she had confidence in the bureau's director, Michael Carvajal, months after senior administration officials weighed whether to oust him.

In August, the associate warden at Metropolitan Detention Center in New York City was charged with killing her husband — a fellow federal prison worker after police said she shot him in the face in their New Jersey home. She has pleaded not guilty.

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The survey revealed that in 1969, minorityowned businesses received approximate-\$10.6 billion. Wholly Black-owned businesses, though, had less than half that amount with total receipts of \$4.5 billion.

Black contractors argue that Nixon's Executive Order was intended to aid Blacks almost exclusively. The complexity of the matter is in how companies chose to interpret who and what a "minority" Companies tend to define a minority as anyone who isn't a white male.

Proctor contends that in a lot of ways the designation of MBE has been "hijacked."

Ultimately, Proctor says, the cause for the disparity in the awarding extends beyond just white men sitting around a boardroom table making those decisions that have adverse consequences for the Black contractors. Proctor submits that the remedy lies squarely in the hands of Black people in positions of authority especially ignoring the interest of Black contractors.

The creation of the bills, executive orders, acts and offices of opportunity during the

1960s and into the 70s were supposed to put an end to systemic forms of racism, yet those systems have endured — and are, perhaps, as strong as they have ever been. Systems purport they are promoting diversity, but the definition of diversity has become skewed and disjointed.

All a seasoned Black contractor wants to know is, "Why isn't diversity





# Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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Friday, Nov. 19

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## Prescott, Cowboys say lesson learned as Mahomes, Chiefs loom

By SCHUYLER DIXON



Atlanta Falcons defensive tackle Tyeler Davison (96) rushes as Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) runs the ball in the half of an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Nov, 14, 2021. (AP Photo/Michael Ainsworth)

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys believe they are the team that blew

out Atlanta, not the one that was dominated by double-digit underdog Denver when a six-game

winning streak ended.

Tied for the fewest losses in the NFC (and the NFL), the Cowboys (7-2) say they learned their lesson and proved it with the 43-3 thrashing of the Falcons.

"We're not going to get overconfident again," Prescott said. "That's what a game like last week does for you. It leaves that taste in your mouth and keeps you humble and makes sure that you stay hungry and that you don't get too ahead of yourself."

Dallas doesn't have to worry about any of that this week. Prescott faces Patrick Mahomes for the first time Sunday at twotime defending AFC champion Kansas City in a matchup of division leaders.

The 2018 NFL MVP threw for 406 yards and five touchdowns without an interception to answer doubts about the Chiefs (6-4), who are back atop the AFC West after beating the Las Vegas Raiders 41-14.

The Cowboys answered brief doubts by responding to a poor offensive showing with 219 yards passing and two touchdowns for Prescott before halftime, along with a pair of rushing TDs for Ezekiel Elliott. Dallas' 36-3 halftime lead was its biggest since 1971.

The defense intercepted three passes after going consecutive games without a takeaway following a franchise record-tying 10 straight games with at least two. Atlanta's Matt Ryan had the worst passer rating (21.4) of his 14year career.

"We've got to understand what our journey is and where our competition is," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "We all maybe had overblown what thought we could be. Well, this team handled that beautifully and I think gave us a lot to go forward with."

With Greg Zuerlein on the COVID-19 list, 31year-old kicker Lirim Hajrullahu was perfect in his NFL debut. The former CFL standout went 6 of 6 on touchbacks to keep the ball away from Cordarrelle Patterson and made all five PATs.

Touchdown celebrations. Prescott ended up with a gash on his right cheek because a helmeted CeeDee Lamb head-butted his helmetless quarterback on the sideline after one of Lamb's two receiving TDs.

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from listening to people in this state that they're very his old ones. When fast impression in South unhappy with the direc- O'Rourke tion that (Gov.) Greg Abbott has taken Texas."

O'Rourke's return sets up one of 2022's highestprofile — and potentially most expensive — races for governor. Abbott, a Republican, is seeking a third term and has put Texas on the vanguard of hard-right policymaking in state capitals and emerged as a national figure. A challenge from O'Rourke, a media-savvy former congressman with a record of generating attention and cash, could tempt Democrats nationwide to pour millions of dollars into trying again — to flip Texas.

Still, O'Rourke is coming back an underdog. Although the state's growing population of Latino, young and college-educated voters is good for Democrats, the party's spending blitz in the 2020 presidential election left them with nothing. Texas has not elected a

Democratic governor since Ann Richards in 1990. And freshly gerrymandered political maps, signed into law by Abbott October, bolster Republicans' standing in booming suburban districts that have been drifting away from the party. That could mean fewer competitive races and lower turnout.

O'Rourke, 49, will

hundreds of thousands of first days of his campaign new voters but some of this week trying to make a lost to Republican Sen. Ted Cruz in 2018 by just 2.5 percentage points, Abbott won reelection by double digits that same year, reflecting a large number of Texans who voted for O'Rourke and for the GOP governor.

That crossover appeal was a hallmark of a Senate campaign propelled by energetic rallies, ideological blurriness and unscripted livestreams on social media. But as a presidential candidate, O'Rourke molded himself into a liberal champion who called for slashing immigration enforcement and mandatory gun buybacks.

In one pronouncement heard far and wide in firearm-friendly Texas, O'Rourke declared: "Hell, yes, we're gonna take your AR-15."

Abbott has already begun working to make sure voters do not forget that and other stances O'Rourke took as a presidential candidate. As O'Rourke got in the race Monday, Abbott was on the U.S.-Mexico border, where longtime a Democrat in the statehouse announced he was switching parties and joining the GOP. Sharp inroads Republicans made with Hispanic voters along the border last year alarmed Democrats, and

have to win over not only O'Rourke will spend the Texas.

> "They weren't just at odds with Texans. They were hostile to Texans," Abbott said of O'Rourke's positions during his White House run. "He wants to go take your guns and your Second deny Amendment rights. We will not let that happen."

> In the interview, O'Rourke signaled he'll try to reclaim the middle in his bid for governor. He blasted Abbott for a "very extremist, divisive" agenda that caters to the hard right.

> Asked about gun control, he said he does not believe Texans want to see their families "shot up with weapons that were designed for war." But he pivoted quickly to slamming Abbott abolishing background checks and training for concealed handgun permits, gun regulations that once had bipartisan support.

> O'Rourke argued that the broad coalition of voters that powered his nearupset in 2018, which included Republican could moderates, be formed again.

"What I'm going to be focused on is listening to and bringing people together to do the big work before us," he said. "And obviously that first big job is his winning this election. But the voters and the votes are there."





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