



Inside Track

Grand Jury Indicts Daniel Penny

On May 1, Daniel Penny, a former Marine, protected his fellow subway passengers from Jordan Neely, a career criminal who was threatening them, by restraining Neely until police arrived. Neely later died.



Daniel Penny (AP Images)

The *New York Post* reported on June 14 that a grand jury had indicted Penny on counts of second-degree manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.

Second-degree manslaughter is the killing of another human being without the intent of doing so, and is often referred to as involuntary manslaughter. New York law defines second-degree manslaughter as “a death that occurs without intent to cause serious physical injury, but where reckless conduct by the defendant resulted in death.” Criminally negligent homicide is a charge against a defendant who causes the death of another human being through criminally negligent acts (or omissions).

Penny presented his case in a June 11 video released by his lawyers. In that testimony — backed up by witnesses — he stated that Neely appeared to be on drugs and repeatedly told passengers, “I’m going to kill you,” “I’m prepared to go to jail for life,” and, “I’m willing to die.” Penny restrained Neely in a chokehold until police could take over, and video clearly shows Neely still breathing.

Following its initial investigation of the incident, the NYPD decided not to press charges. But New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg, playing the race card (Penny is white while Neely was black), used the conclusion of the city’s medical examiner that Neely’s death was a homicide to bring charges against Penny for his defense of innocent passengers.

Penny was released after posting the \$100,000 bond required. He was able to fund the bond using some of the nearly \$3 million his GiveSendGo crowdfunding website has already raised. As of June 17, almost 59,000 people had contributed to his defense, supporting Penny in his upcoming fight with the infamous and racist district attorney who will be prosecuting him at his upcoming trial.

— *Bob Adelman*



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Massachusetts Students Revolt Over LGBTQ “Pride” Event

In a June 14 article, *The Epoch Times* reported that a June 2 LGBTQ “Pride” event at Marshall Simonds Middle School in Burlington, Massachusetts, turned contentious when, instead of dutifully wearing the rainbow colors that left-wing agitators have usurped as a symbol for LGBTQ “pride,” many students chanted, “My pronouns are U.S.A!” and chose to wear red, white, and blue in support of America.



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School officials complained of rainbow decorations being torn down and destroyed, and some teachers accused the protesting students of “intimidating” those celebrating “pride.”

Principal Cari Purchase profusely apologized to LGBTQ members of the community, saying she was “truly sorry that a day meant for you to celebrate your identity turned into a day of intolerance.”

Nancy Bonassera, co-chair of the Burlington Equity Coalition and a parent of one of the school’s students, called for the school to “provide consequences” for those who celebrated America instead of LGBTQ “pride,” saying such punishments should emphasize the town’s stance on inclusivity and equality. “We also believe that without any direct and concrete action, these incidents will occur again and increase in severity,” she said.

District Superintendent Eric Conti accused the patriotic students of “intolerance” and “homophobia,” and doubled down on the district’s LGBTQ rhetoric: “We ask all staff, teachers, and members of the Burlington Public School community to join us in taking a stand against homophobia and identity-directed hateful actions.”

The situation at Marshall Simonds Middle School in Massachusetts is just another example of a populace fed up with the LGBTQ agenda. Bud Light, once the most popular beer in America, has lost a third of its market share due to its controversial sponsorship of Dylan Mulvaney, a transgender influencer who largely targets children in his voluminous TikTok videos. Retailer Target has lost at least \$15 billion after prominently displaying transgender-friendly bathing suits. And the Los Angeles Dodgers are facing the wrath of Catholics for allowing an anti-Catholic drag group to be honored on their field on June 16.

— *Jim Murphy*



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DA Ends Investigation of Trump

Business Insider reported on June 14 that Westchester County, New York, District Attorney Miriam Rocah has closed her office's investigation into Donald Trump. A statement from the office explained that they had conducted an investigation "regarding certain properties owned by Donald J. Trump and/or the Trump Organization located in Westchester County, New York," but that "our investigation is now closed" after finding nothing with which to charge the former president.



(AP Images)

The DA was digging in to whether Trump had attempted to illegally reduce the value of his golf club in order to pay lower real estate taxes. The legal wrangling had been going on for years, and was finally settled with the county reducing its assessment of the property by 30 percent.

In other words, the DA in Westchester County found that the county had overstated the value of the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor; Trump was fighting for a lower value.

This is important because it blows a major hole in the charge last September by New York Attorney General Letitia James that Trump had *overstated* the values of his properties in order to obtain loans with more favorable terms.

James filed a \$250 million lawsuit against Trump, the Trump Organization, and his three eldest children, claiming that they colluded in raising the values of the properties and in the process broke various tax, banking, and insurance laws. Trump's golf course was singled out in that lawsuit as one property where the defendants allegedly fudged the numbers *higher*, with "deceptive strategies."

That suit is scheduled to go to trial in October. With that coming up, as well as the ongoing investigations regarding alleged hush money, sexual abuse, and document mishandling, Trump is not out of the woods yet. However, his supporters are seeing through the maze of lawsuits and are reacting accordingly — a May Harvard-Harris poll showed him leading his nearest competitor for the Republican Party's presidential nomination by 42 points.

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Planned Parenthood Lays Off Staff, Targets Black Women

The *Boston Globe* reported on June 12 that Planned Parenthood (PP) will lay off about 100 staff members from its headquarters in Manhattan and Washington, D.C.



(WillSelarep/iStock/Getty Images Plus)

In a May 23 blog post announcing the cutbacks, Planned Parenthood CEO Alexis McGill Johnson attributed the layoffs to “the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and the loss of abortion access,” and said, “Beginning this summer, Planned Parenthood ... will deploy our financial resources to better meet the needs of Planned Parenthood patients and communities.” She announced that their new strategy “requires a reduction in our current workforce,” lamenting that “some of our fiercest, most incredible staff won’t continue on this journey with us.”

Johnson also announced in her blog post that PP is launching a new initiative targeting black mothers-to-be: the Black Health Equity Initiative, designed “to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, particularly for Black patients, starting with states in the South and Midwest.”

This is in line with the eugenicist background and aims of Planned Parenthood’s founder, Margaret Sanger. In a remarkably candid letter to a doctor involved in her early efforts to target black families, Sanger wrote: “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.”

Even the editors at Wikipedia have had to admit Sanger’s agenda: “After World War I, Sanger increasingly posited a societal need to limit births by those least able to afford children. The affluent and educated already limited their child-bearing, while the poor and uneducated lacked access to contraception and information about birth control. Here she found an area of overlap with eugenicists. She believed that they both sought to ‘assist the race toward the elimination of the unfit.’”

In addition to having to lay off employees, Planned Parenthood had to close its only Utah clinic outside Salt Lake City in March. However, it still operates more than 600 clinics around the country, using some \$633 million of U.S. taxpayer dollars every year to fund abortion.

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