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TRUMP THREATENS MORE CITIES WITH TROOPS



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Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents patrol the National Mall on Saturday in Washington.

Baltimore latest target after spat with Maryland governor



People protest against President Donald Trump’s use of federal law enforcement and National Guard troops in the city during a rally along the U street corridor Saturday in northwest Washington.

JONATHAN J. COOPER AND LEAH ASKARINAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump threatened Sunday to expand his military deployments to more Democrat-ic-led cities, responding to an offer by Maryland’s governor to join him in a tour of Baltimore by saying he might instead “send in the ‘troops.’”

Last week, Trump said he was considering Chicago and New York for troop deployments similar to what he has unleashed on the nation’s capital, where thousands of National Guard and federal law enforcement officers are patrolling the streets.

Trump made the threat to Baltimore in a spat with Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, a Democrat who criticized Trump’s unprecedented flex of federal power aimed at combating crime and homelessness in Washington. Moore last week invited Trump to visit his state to discuss public safety and walk the streets.

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OPD: Men in U-Haul truck block traffic to rob victims

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Two Opelika men in a U-Haul blocked traffic on Dale Avenue to rob two victims at gunpoint, authorities said.

Opelika detectives executed search warrants on Aug. 20 and arrested 40-year-old Corey Sheve Cooper and 22-year-old Justin Martinez Monrell McGhee on first-degree robbery charges. They were taken to the Lee County Justice Center.

Opelika police responded to the 3500

block of Dale Avenue on Aug. 18 to investigate an armed robbery. Two people said they were driving in the area when a U-Haul truck “went around their vehicle and stopped, blocking their path.”

“Two suspects exited the truck, and one pointed a firearm at them and demanded money. After the robbery, both suspects fled the scene in the U-Haul truck,” police said.

No one was injured. No additional information was immediately released.



Corey Sheve Cooper, 40, and Justin Martinez Monrell McGhee, 22, were arrested on a first-degree robbery charge. Traveling in a U-Haul, they allegedly blocked traffic in Opelika and robbed two victims at gunpoint, according to Opelika police.

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