

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Group defends '23 Haro ruling

Judge advocates: Sentence 'appropriate' in prior case for man accused of killing baby

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An organization that advocates for judges pushed back this week against Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin's assertion that a judge made an "outrageous error" in sentencing a Cabazon man

to only 180 days in custody in 2023 following a child-cruelty conviction — an "error" that Hestrin said contributed to the apparent death of the man's missing 7-month-old son, Emmanuel Haro. "The truth is that the judge exercised his judicial discretion, which was totally appropriate," wrote offi-

cials of the San Bernardino/Riverside chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, which aims to promote an independent judiciary and protect the constitutional right to civil jury trials.

Emmanuel was still missing on Friday. His parents, Jake Mitchell Haro, 32, and Rebecca Renee Haro, 41, have pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and filing a

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Jake Haro, who was charged with murder in the disappearance of his 7-month-old son, Emmanuel, was told "don't mess it up" by a judge who sentenced him to a suspended six-year prison term in a 2023 child cruelty case for a different child. ANJALI SHARIF-PAUL STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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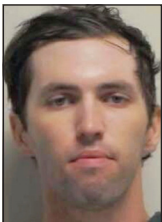
Suspect arrested in Kirk assassination



Arizonans mourn Turning Point USA co-founder Charlie Kirk, who was assassinated Wednesday, outside the nonprofit political organization's headquarters Friday in Phoenix. CHARLY TRIBALLEAU — AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Authorities say man opposed activist's views

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OREM, Utah — A 22-year-old Utah man who was arrested and booked on murder charges in the assassination of Charlie Kirk held deep disdain for the conservative activist's provocative viewpoints and indicated to a family member that he was responsible for the shooting, authorities said Friday.

The arrest marked a major break in a case that shocked the country and

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Kirk, left, speaks with Pastor Tim Thompson, who leads 412 Church Temecula Valley, on Thompson's "Our Watch" program in 2021. Inland Empire conservatives are mourning Kirk, who was shot while speaking to thousands at a Utah university. COURTESY OF TIM THOMPSON

Inland Empire conservative leaders inspired by Kirk mourn his death

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Pastor Tim Thompson's connection with Charlie Kirk went beyond mere fandom.

Well-connected to the Make America Great Again movement's high-

est ranks, Thompson, who leads 412 Church Temecula Valley, got to know Kirk through local conferences and events hosted by Kirk's Turning Point USA. In 2021, Kirk also appeared on Thompson's "Our Watch" program,

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CABAZON

Air crew faulted in report on crash

National Transportation Safety Board releases findings on deadly '23 Cal Fire helicopter collision

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A fire helicopter crew didn't follow Cal Fire protocol before crashing into another helicopter, killing three people above a Cabazon wildfire in 2023, according to a report federal officials published Thursday.

The crew of the Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane responding to the Broadway fire on Aug. 6, 2023, failed to contact a supervisor before flying above their approved altitude and then descending rapidly into congested airspace, where the helicopter crashed into a Bell 407 spotter helicopter also responding to the fire, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

All three people aboard the Bell died in the crash, including Cal Fire Riverside County Assistant Chief Josh Bischof, 46, who had 24 years of fire service, Cal Fire Capt. Tim Rodriguez, 44, who had 19 years of fire service, and pilot Tony Allen Sousa, 55, who worked for Air Shasta Rotor & Wing in Redding. The Skycrane landed safely with two people on board.

Gary C. Robb, a Kansas City, Missouri-based aviation attorney representing Rodriguez's and Bischof's families, said he is satisfied with the safety board's findings. The report's publication allows him and his clients to move forward with wrongful death lawsuits that were previously filed in Riverside County.

In his aviation law career, Robb said, he's never seen a case where one helicopter crashed on top of

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A memorial service is held Aug. 24, 2023, for Cal Fire Riverside County Assistant Chief Josh Bischof at the Toyota Arena in Ontario. Bischof died in a helicopter crash above a wildfire in Cabazon. ANJALI SHARIF-PAUL — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TENNESSEE

Trump to send National Guard to Memphis

President escalating his use of troops in U.S. cities

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump said Friday he'll send the National Guard to address crime concerns in Memphis, Tennessee, his latest test of the limits of presidential power by using military force in Amer-

ican cities.

Speaking on Fox News, Trump said "the mayor is happy" and "the governor is happy" about the pending deployment. Calling the city "deeply troubled," he said "we're going to fix that just like we did Washington," where he's sent the National Guard and surged federal law enforcement.

Tennessee's Republican governor embraced the troop deployment as part of a broader law enforcement surge in Memphis, however Trump's assertion

drew pushback from the Democratic leader of Memphis, which is majority Black.

"I did not ask for the National Guard and I don't think it's the way to drive down crime," Mayor Paul Young told a news conference Friday, while acknowledging the city remained high on too many "bad lists."

Several Memphis leaders said they welcome federal help but don't think

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President Donald Trump, seen Thursday in Maryland, said Friday he'll send the National Guard to Memphis, Tenn., to address crime concerns there. ALEX BRANDON — AP

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