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Fans enjoy fireworks during the Marion County Celebrates America 250 Independence Day celebration at the Ocala/Marion County Veterans Memorial Park in Ocala on July 4. To see more photos from the celebration, visit [ocala.com](http://ocala.com). PHOTOS BY ALAN YOUNGBLOOD/OCALA STAR-BANNER

## Ocala and Marion County celebrate USA 250



Fans watch the Patriot Parade as it marches down Silver Springs Boulevard on July 4 during the Marion County Celebrates America 250 Independence Day celebration.



Uncle Sam waves to the crowd on July 4 during the Marion County Celebrates America 250 Independence Day celebration in Ocala.

## Gunshots hit Lamborghini, killing influencer

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A popular Florida influencer with nearly 400,000 TikTok followers was killed with the Lamborghini she was riding in was hit with gunfire, according to authorities.

Brianna Johnson, 21, was riding in the lime green Lamborghini Urus Sunday, July 5 when a white sedan pulled up along side it at an intersection and opened fire, Miramar police said in a statement released to USA Today Network. Two other people also were in the luxury vehicle and were transported to a hospital in critical condition.

Johnson died from her injuries. Identities of the other two victims have

not been released.

Detectives are asking anyone with information to contact them as the investigation is ongoing.

### Who was Florida influencer killed when Lamborghini shot at?

Johnson went by the name @\_itgirlbri on TikTok where she had more than 382,000 followers. On Instagram she was known as @dreamdoll\_brii with more than 87,000 followers.

Her last post, about a week ago, amassed 3 million views on TikTok. It featured her posing with a high-end Mercedes Benz.

Followers were posting condolence messages on her social media page ex-

pressing shock and disbelief.

### Where is Miramar where popular Florida influencer was killed?

Miramar is in the southern part of Broward County. It's located about 30 minutes from Fort Lauderdale and just north of Miami Stadium.

According to Miramar police, officers responded to the area of Southwest 27th Court and Sunrise Boulevard to investigate.

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## Ocala house fire under investigation

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Two agencies are investigating an early morning house fire July 3 in the 2000 block of Southwest Fourth Street in Ocala.

According to a news release from Ocala Fire Rescue, crews were dispatched at 6:31 a.m. and were on scene at 6:34. They had the fire under control by 6:49 a.m. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

"No injuries were reported during the incident," the news release says. "However, due to preliminary reports from bystanders suggesting foul play, the cause of the fire is under investigation by the Florida State Fire Marshal and the Ocala Police Department. The Fire Prevention Division and Marion County Fire Rescue also participated in the response."

About noon on July 3, the fire scene was quiet and empty. A foam football was on the ground near the chain-link fence that surrounds the one-story block house. A few bicycles also were in the yard.

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## Federal court rules Florida Stop WOKE act is not constitutional

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Florida's law limiting race-based trainings or instruction still can't be enforced, after a sharply divided three-judge appeals court panel ruled that the law violates the First Amendment rights of students and professors.

The 2-1 majority of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals contended that the law suppresses political viewpoints contrary to Florida officials in academic settings, and that the law would "create a new rule that would quietly remove all free speech protections from the classroom," wrote Judge Britt Grant, who was appointed by President Donald Trump in 2018.

The ruling blasts the law as a "breathtaking assertion of power to ban unpopular ideas from public discourse."

"Because the government pays the professors' salaries, Florida says, their speech is the State's speech," Grant wrote. "Emphatically no."

This decision comes after multiple years of legal battles, since the law (HB 7) was signed in 2022 by Gov. Ron DeSantis to combat "woke" ideologies in schools, colleges and universities. At this time, DeSantis' national profile was rapidly rising prior to him announcing a White House presidential bid, and he positioned himself on battling cultural issues and a chief critic to critical race theory. DeSantis has kept the fight going over the years. In recent months, Florida officials moved to disallow introductory sociology classes

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