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Trump revoking TPS for Hondurans, Nicaraguans

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First came the Venezuelans. Then came the Haitians. Now it's 72,000 Hondurans and 4,000 Nicaraguans who are facing the end of Temporary Protected Status by the Trump administration that would leave them undocumented and at risk of deportation.

Some of them have had TPS for a

quarter-century, since U.S. officials first determined that storm damage and political conditions in those Central American nations warranted the protection, allowing people to live and work in the United States.

There is a chance the federal courts will delay the end of TPS for Hondurans and Nicaraguans, as one did in June for people from Haiti. In May, however, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowed President Donald Trump to revoke TPS

protections from 350,000 Venezuelans while their cases play out in the lower courts. That process could take months.

Many of them live in Florida, a state that already has seen thousands of immigration arrests and whose pool of workers has shrunk amid the Trump crackdowns. The DeSantis administration reported the unemployment rate for May in the state was 3.7%, below the

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People display a Honduras flag during a demonstration in support of the immigrant community before Hispanic Cultural Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City on May 15, 2024.
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After 38 years, Lakeland Police Department Assistant Chief Steven Pacheco has retired. A lot has changed in law enforcement in that time. ERNST PETERS/THE LEDGER

38 YEARS OF CHANGE

LPD Assistant Chief Steven Pacheco retires

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After nearly 40 years of service, Lakeland Police Department Assistant Chief Steven Pacheco has seen transformative changes in law enforcement.

Pacheco, who officially retired July 11, said the core mission of police officers is one of the few things that has remained unchanged.

"Over the years, the laws have changed, case law changed and our practices changed," he said. "This is still a customer service job."

Pacheco, 59, said he takes seriously that an officer's task is to serve the citizens and visitors to Lakeland: from answering questions about public safety to helping traumatized people who might be facing the worst day of their life.

"It's still the same as when I started in

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Assistant Chief Steven Pacheco said body cameras have been a helpful technology. "I think they are a great tool." PROVIDED BY LAKELAND POLICE

Florida, FSU institute launch program

Effort to address pediatric rare diseases

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Florida State University's efforts to address pediatric rare diseases have reached greater heights.

Gov. Ron DeSantis recently signed HB 907 – the Sunshine Genetics Act – which establishes a pilot program for newborns through FSU's Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases. And with the initiative, families can have their baby's full genetic code sequenced at no cost to identify potentially serious conditions.

"This not only marks the beginning of the next generation of healthcare for Floridians, but it also ensures that IPRD (Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases) will go on to live longer than anybody here in this room," Rep. Adam Anderson, R-Palm Harbor – whose son Andrew died from Tay-Sachs disease – said July 9 at a ceremonial check presentation at the FSU College of Medicine.

As the new Sunshine Genetics law was made effective July 1 and kicks off the pilot program with \$3 million, the Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases at FSU – launched in February 2024 – has received an additional \$4.5 million from Florida's 2025-2026 budget to boost research, which totals the state's allocation toward the overall initiative to \$7.5 million.

The signed act was championed by Anderson and establishes the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases within the FSU College of Medicine in state law.

The pediatric institute at FSU is also a significant result of Anderson's advocacy, with the goal of driving interdisciplinary research and leveraging gene therapy to improve outcomes for millions of children across the country who are affected by rare diseases.

While speaking at the July 9 event, Anderson thanked DeSantis as well as FSU administrators for their support. "Your work today is providing hope to countless families, but it's just a matter of time before that hope is transformed into cures for rare diseases," he

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