

Social Circle sues administration to halt conversion for ICE center

Federal lawsuit says Homeland Security failed to perform environmental and health reviews on property it wants to use for a massive detention facility.

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The city of Social Circle filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday attempting to block Trump administration officials from converting a warehouse there into a sprawling immigrant detention facility. The Department of Home-

land Security first purchased the vacant, 1 million-square-foot warehouse in early February, with the intention of turning the property into an 8,500-bed facility – part of a broadscale expansion of the country's immigration detention system.

But in what it describes as a rushed acquisition process, Social

Circle claims in its lawsuit that the federal government failed to perform required reviews of the project's environmental impacts and its effects on the health and safety of town residents.

In failing to perform those studies, according to the lawsuit, DHS ran afoul of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Adminis-

trative Procedure Act and Georgia's public nuisance law.

"If allowed to proceed with their plan to transform Social Circle into the site of one of the nation's largest immigration detention facilities, (immigration authorities) will cause immense and irreparable harm to Social Circle and its residents," the city's complaint says.

DHS did not respond to a request for comment from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution about

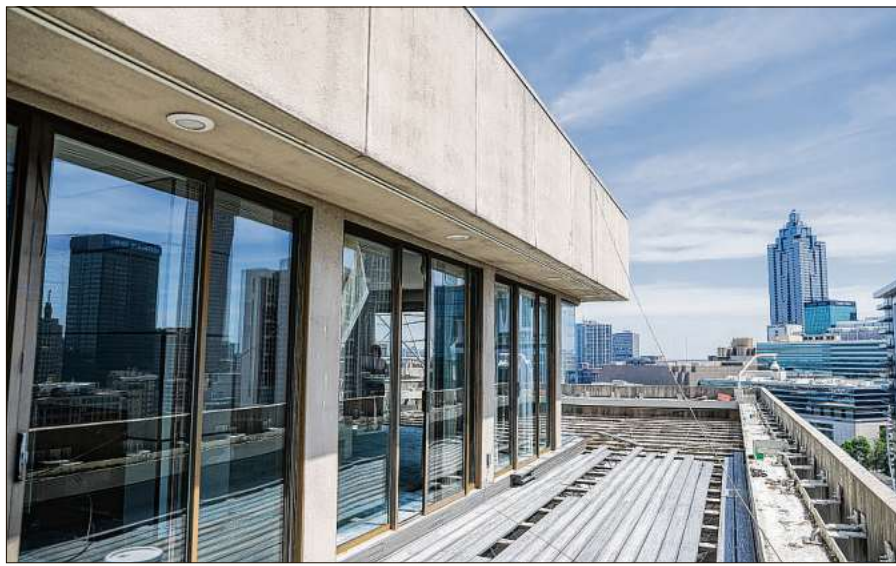
the lawsuit.

Instead, a spokesperson said DHS is "reviewing agency policies and proposals" and reiterated a statement shared by Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin during his recent confirmation hearing, where he vowed to "work with community leaders."

"We want to be good partners," Mullin said.

Social Circle's suit, filed in the

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LEFT: The apartment had floor-to-ceiling windows with a striking view of the skyline. **ABOVE:** A TV that was considered state-of-the-art in the 1990s. PHOTOS BY ABBEY CUTRER/AJC

Stabbing suspect has history of violence

He pleaded guilty to beating a woman at a MARTA train station in January, records show.

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Just three months after he was convicted of beating a woman at a MARTA station, authorities are now accusing the same man of randomly attacking two people.

In the most recent violence, police said one of the two victims was fatally stabbed on Atlanta's Beltline.

Jahmare Ameen Brown, 21, faces a murder charge after a massive Thursday manhunt ended when police spotted him and a bike he had been riding on Peachtree Street near Pine Street. His arrest came about five hours after the Beltline attack near the Ansley Golf Club as authorities asked the public for help looking for the suspect, officials said.

He was booked into the Fulton County Jail shortly before 1 a.m. Friday on additional charges of possession of a weapon during the commission of a felony, aggravated assault and aggravated battery. No bail was set during his first court appearance, and he'll remain behind bars. He is scheduled to be in court again June 8.

An attorney for Brown did not respond to a request for comment Friday.

A review of Fulton jail logs reveals this isn't Brown's first time sitting in a cell. In February, he entered a negotiated guilty plea on a battery charge stemming from an attack on MARTA property, court records show. And in late 2025, he pleaded guilty to charges of loitering, willful obstruction, giving false information and disorderly conduct after Georgia State University police saw him "peering" into a campus building, various records detail.

Fulton Solicitor-General Keith Gammage said he was aware of Brown's previous misdemeanor convictions in the county. Gammage extended his sympathies to Thursday's victims in a written statement and said more investments need to be made into mental health intervention, safety initiatives and collaborative public

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Inside Ted Turner's CNN Center loft, a 1990s time capsule being restored

Modest space downtown was a home for Turner as he was building his cable empire.

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Fish tank, jewel box, observation tower. At the top of the former CNN Center sits a small residence that has been the subject of much mystery over the past several decades.

Cordoned off to the thousands of CNN employees who once reported to the building, it's accessed by taking the elevator to the 14th floor, walking through a hallway that once housed a marketing department and opening an unassuming door that gave way to a narrow spiral staircase. They're modest digs, closer to a studio apartment than an expansive penthouse.

The apartment, totaling about 800 square feet, is where Ted Turner spent

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LEFT: Green carpet covers what Jane Fonda once called the "take-your-life-in-your-hands spiral staircase." **ABOVE:** Yes, that's a landline telephone in the bathroom.

Rep. Mike Collins says foreign truckers make our roads unsafe. His own truckers harmed motorists.

The candidate for U.S. Senate wants to take away commercial licenses of noncitizens.

A review of his own truckers' records shows death and injuries over the decades.

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A Georgia congressman running for one of the country's most competitive U.S. Senate seats has vowed in social media posts and interviews to make America's roads safer – by taking commercial driver's licenses away from noncitizens.

"If you can't read English road signs," Mike Collins posted on Facebook in April, "you don't belong behind the wheel. Period."

Collins, the owner of a trucking business and a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives' transportation committee, is one of the loudest champions of the Trump administration's effort to revoke licenses from nearly 200,000 noncitizen commercial drivers, including thousands of truckers. The Trump administration has pushed the policy forward even though its own officials have written that there's no empirical evidence to show that foreign truckers

cause more crashes than truckers who are American citizens.

At the same time, however, Collins has opposed rules that experts say actually would reduce the odds of serious crashes. Those rules could have required that Collins' family business sink substantial money into new safety measures for its fleet.

Over the past 25 years, crashes involving truckers for Collins' busi-

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