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Bears move on Indiana stadium

Incentive for team to stay fails in Illinois legislature

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The Chicago Bears are moving forward with a stadium in Hammond, Indiana, after Illinois lawmakers failed to pass a bill to incentivize the team to stay in Illinois.

The board for the Chicago Bears voted to move forward with the Indiana plan June 4, the team said in a news release June 5, though the exact site for the stadium has not yet been determined. The decision comes after Indiana lawmakers courted the team with

a new law that would help finance the stadium with state-backed bonds, repaid by new local taxes. The team also previously committed to investing \$2 billion into the stadium.

"We believe a world-class stadium project in Hammond will transform the region, connecting Northwest Indiana to the South Side of Chicago through the Loop and across neighborhoods and suburbs stretching north of the city," Bears Chairman George H. McCaskey and CEO Kevin Warren said in a statement. "It will bring Chicagoland together and deliver new opportunities to its residents and businesses."

Gov. Mike Braun welcomed the news in a statement, saying the decision will have long-lasting ramifications for Indiana.

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Chicago Bears quarterback Caleb Williams (18) eludes Green Bay Packers defensive end Rashan Gary on Dec. 20, 2025, at Soldier Field in Chicago. DAN POWERS/USA TODAY NETWORK VIA IMAGN IMAGES

Prosecutor Mears points to guns, calls out critics who 'assign blame' in IU grad's death



Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears speaks on Friday, June 5, in downtown Indianapolis, where he announced charges against a 14-year-old boy who was arrested and accused of killing Indiana University graduate Brett Scrogham. CHRISTINE TANNOUS/INDYSTAR

Teen suspect had no earlier arrests

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A 14-year-old boy with no criminal history is facing several charges, including murder, for the downtown Indianapolis shooting of recent Indiana University graduate Brett Scrogham.

Scrogham, a graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, was shot on May 28 in a downtown parking garage near the Indiana Convention Center. The 23-year-old died two days later from a gunshot wound to the head. His death has become part of a larger debate over crime in downtown Indianapolis and a rallying cry among some conservatives who cast the death as a result of failed policies of local Democratic officials.

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U.S. Sen. Jim Banks speaks on the Senate floor June 1, days after the shooting death of Brett Scrogham, 23, of Greenwood (pictured right). Scrogham was shot May 28 in a downtown parking garage and died two days later.

SCREENSHOT FROM SEN. JIM BANKS' X PROFILE

Ex-U.S. Rep. gets pardon from Trump

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President Donald Trump has pardoned former Indiana U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, a Republican who had been convicted for insider trading.

The White House announced the pardon on June 5, just days after Trump had teased the possibility in a May 31 post on Truth Social.

In a June 4 proclamation granting the pardon, Trump cited Buyer's service as a judge advocate general in the Army and as a member of the U.S. House from 1993 to 2011. He also listed the names of more than 50 people

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Buyer was found guilty of insider trading

After carjacking, mayors to meet on public safety issue

Carmel incident spurs social media exchanges

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Central Indiana officials will meet multiple times to discuss crime and public safety — a discussion prompted by social media posts following a carjacking in Carmel.

"Crime takes a toll on every community," reads a joint statement from Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam issued on the morning of June 5. "Individuals who commit crimes often move among jurisdictions, creating

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Hogsett



Finkam

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