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Trump announces 90-day negotiating period with Mexico

25% tariff rates stay in place for now

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WASHINGTON — The United States will enter a 90-day negotiating period with Mexico over trade as 25% tariff rates stay in place, part of the rush of trade activity Thursday before President Donald Trump plans to impose a broad set of global import taxes starting today.

Trump posted on his Truth Social ment through dialogue," Sheinbaum platform that his phone conversation with Mexican leader Claudia Sheinbaum was "very successful in that, more and more, we are getting to know and understand each other."

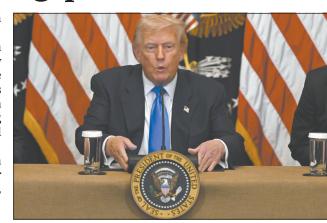
The Republican president had threatened tariffs of 30% on goods from Mexico in a July letter, something that Sheinbaum said Mexico gets to stave off for the next three

"We avoided the tariff increase announced for tomorrow and we got 90 days to build a long-term agreewrote on X.

The leaders' morning call came at a moment of pressure and uncertainty for the world economy. Nations are scrambling to finalize the outlines of a trade framework with Trump in order to avoid him simply imposing higher tariff rates that could upend economies and governments.

Trump reached a deal with South Korea on Wednesday, and earlier with the European Union, Japan,

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Donald Trump speaks at an event in the East Room of the White House on July 30.

McDonnell AP photo

John

Kokomo man

arrested for sex

crimes against

children

Defendant also on lifetime

parole on similar counts

KIM DUNLAP

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Police say a Kokomo man who is

already on lifetime parole for a sex

offense against a juvenile is now

lating lifetime parole, according to

It was back in May that officers were dispatched to a residence in

the 5800 block of Council Ring

Boulevard to meet with the mother

ments, who told authorities Brieger inappropriately touched her son on

Police then interviewed the boy on

During that interview, the boy told authorities Brieger touched his

genitalia area on "two separate occa-

sions" when he was 8 years old, court

documents indicate, adding that he

boy to touch his genitalia, according

to the boy's interview with police,

allegations, authorities also inter-

Brieger agreed to speak without

a lawyer present during that police

interview, per court documents, and

denied inappropriately touching the

But later that same day, another

alleged victim alerted authorities

that he was also approached by

Brieger in September 2021, when he

During that alleged encounter,

Brieger reportedly sent the teen a

photo of a woman's breasts and then

asked the teen to send a picture of

himself, according to the teen's

interview as highlighted in court

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though the boy said he refused. As part of the investigation into the

viewed Brieger on May 22.

was just 15 years old.

was clothed but Brieger was nude. Brieger also allegedly asked the

May 19 as part of the investigation

Brieger

facing new similar

Those formal

charges against

40-year-old Trevor

Brieger include a

level 4 felony count

of child molesting, a

level 5 felony count of child solicita-

tion and two level 6

felony counts of vio-

a previous occasion.

into the allegations.

court documents.

charges.

LOOMING CHALLENGES

Medicaid cuts could disrupt critical home care for disabled Hoosiers

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CNHI STATE REPORTER

WEST LAFAYETTE - Seth Mullen can't use his arms, legs or voice. The 36-year-old is a nonverbal quadriplegic born with cerebral palsy who requires around-the-clock care to eat, dress and bathe.

Seth lives with his twin brother, Cody Mullen, and his retired parents, who all provide some of the critical attention he needs.

But it's only through a mixture of in-home care and day services at a local center for the disabled that the family can live a normal life and keep Seth out of a nursing home or medical facility.

'The programs allow me to work my day job and my parents to live the life that they want to live without the 100% responsibility of



said Cody Mullen, director of Purdue University's master of health administration program.

Some of those services are provided through the Community Integration and Habilitation waiver designed by Indiana Medicaid to serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It's currently utilized by more than 9,000 Hoosiers, according to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's June report on Medicaid enrollment.

But families using those programs could see major disruptions in services in the coming years after Republican lawmakers in July voted to slash Medicaid spending by roughly \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. The provision was part of President Donald Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill."

Indiana will lose nearly \$20 billion in federal Medicaid dollars between now and 2034, representing a 13% reduction, according to estimates by the health research group KFF.

Congressional Republicans have said those with disabilities who need Medicaid would not

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The Vollmer family, from left, Ben, Adrienne, Graham, Nick, Lucy and Graham.

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