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Prairie Band seeks larger land edict

Tribe suing Kansas to try to stop lottery sales within tribal boundaries

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The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is suing Kansas in federal court in an attempt to stop lottery sales within tribal boundaries. But the Nation is seeking a legal dec-

laration that its land is more far reaching than generally thought.

The Nation filed the lawsuit against Kansas Lottery executive director Stephen Durrell on July 6 in the U.S. District Court for Kansas, alleging violations of the federal Indian Regulatory Gaming Act.

The tribe's complaint identified lottery sales at 27 locations — 20 in west Topeka, two each in Silver Lake and Rossville, and one each in Maple Hill and Saint Marys.

None of those locations are in the area most commonly considered to con-

tain the extent of the Nation's land. A 2020 Census tribal tract map identified the tribe having land in just Jackson County.

But the lawsuit brings up a 1846 treaty establishing the tribal boundaries in a 900 square-mile area that stretches across Shawnee, Pottawatomie, Wabunsee and Jackson counties.

Prairie Band is seeking a declaration to acknowledge that "the 900 square mile Reservation as established in the 1846 Treaty has not been disestablished

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The Kansas-based Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation wants the boundaries of a 1846 treaty recognized in its pursuit to stop state Lottery sales. THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL FILE



President Donald Trump, left, attends a NATO summit on July 8 with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, right. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio is also pictured. VYVES HERMAN/REUTERS

Trump says Iran ceasefire is 'over'

Number of U.S. service members killed rises to 14

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President Donald Trump said on July 8 that he considered the ceasefire between the United States and Iran to be over and could resume his bombing campaign after the latest round of tit-for-tat strikes, casting uncertainty over efforts to end the conflict.

"To me, I think it's over. I don't want to deal with them," Trump said from Ankara, Turkey, where he was attending a NATO summit. "They're scum. They're sick people. They're led by sick people, and they're vicious, violent people."

His remarks came as a U.S. Navy commander was presumed dead following an emergency helicopter land-

ing in the Arabian Sea, raising the number of U.S. service members killed in the Iran war to 14.

Cmdr. Gabriel Edwards, the commanding officer of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 5, was reported missing after the July 1 incident. On July 5, the Navy suspended its search-and-rescue operations.

Three of the helicopter's crew members were found and reported in stable condition, the Navy said. They were aboard an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the USS George H.W. Bush, one of two aircraft carriers that continues to operate in the Arabian Sea region amid the war.

What led to the emergency landing remains unclear. The U.S. Navy said an investigation is ongoing and there's "no indication the emergency was caused by hostile action."

'It's over'

Trump told reporters during a morning meeting with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte that U.S. negotiators wanted to continue to try to broker peace with Iran but he declared: "As far as I'm concerned, it's over."

Trump made the comments several hours after Iran said it targeted U.S. military sites in Bahrain and Kuwait. The attacks came after the United States launched strikes against Iran in retaliation for attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz that American officials described as a ceasefire violation.

"We hit them hard last night," Trump said during an earlier meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, adding that the United States

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Data shows violent crime is on the rise

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Newly released crime data show that while total crime went down in Kansas last year, violent crime increased.

That's because rising violent crime was offset by larger drops in property crime, according to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation's calendar year 2025 crime index report released on July 6.

Violent crime, property crime and total crime index

The KBI crime index report uses data from standard offense and arrest reports submitted by law enforcement agencies in Kansas. That means crime data may be underreported, because it is dependent on victims reporting crimes to police and other law enforcement — and on those agencies accurately reporting to the KBI.

"The report is compiled to provide a historical assessment and snapshot of crime trends," the KBI said. "It is often not possible to draw further interpretations or conclusions from the data. The KBI cautions against using data to make direct comparisons between jurisdictions. Often these comparisons are not valid as the factors influencing crime vary widely between communities."

The state index, which mirrors the Federal Bureau of Investigation's index, also does not cover all categories of crime.

The total crime index is comprised of the violent and property crime data. The violent crime index includes four categories: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault and battery. The property crime index includes three categories: burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft.

Arson statistics are also reported by the KBI, but they are not included in the index figures.

What KBI report says about crime statistics in Kansas

The KBI data shows total crime index offenses went down in 2025 compared to 2024. Violent crime index offenses

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