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STATE MARINE PATROLS CUT OVER TRUMP TERMS FOR GRANTS



Wayne County Sheriff Marine Unit and Dive Team Sgt. Michael Roehrig patrols the Detroit River on July 10. Sheriff's departments are curtailing marine patrols because of a funding dispute. FINN GOMEZ/DFP

Trump threatens 100% tariffs on Russia

U.S., NATO sending more weapons to Ukraine

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USA TODAY

President Donald Trump is stepping up his support for Ukraine amid Russia's ongoing attacks and resistance to peace efforts after more than three years of war.

Trump announced July 14 that the United States is sending weapons to NATO, which plans to transfer the equipment to Ukraine, and also threatened steep tariffs aimed at impacting Russia's ability to finance the war.

Trump said that the United States would put 100% secondary tariffs on countries that do business with Russia if a peace deal is not reached within 50 days.

"We're going to be doing very severe tariffs if we don't have a deal in 50 days," Trump said.

The announcement marked a major shift by Trump to increase U.S. pressure on Moscow to make a quick deal. It came during a meeting with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte in the Oval Office.

Congressional leaders have been working on a Russia sanctions package.

A White House official said Trump's intent is to impose "100% tariffs on Russia" and secondary sanctions on other countries that buy oil from Russia if a deal isn't struck in 50 days.

"If I was Vladimir Putin today, and you're speaking about what you are planning to do in 50 days ... I would reconsider whether I should not take negotiations about Ukraine more seriously," Rutte said.

'Only the first wave'

Trump promised to end the war in Ukraine quickly, but has expressed

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Funding feud is hurting Michigan boating safety

U.S. insists on immigration enforcement in the terms

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A funding dispute between the Trump administration and the state of Michigan has sheriff's departments throughout the state curtailing their marine patrols on lakes and rivers in their counties at the most active time of the year — a situation that some sheriff's officials said will affect public safety.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security annually

provide state and local agencies, including county sheriff's departments, with federal funding to support marine law enforcement, boating safety education, and infrastructure improvements. The money in Michigan is administered by the state Department of Natural Resources. For Michigan this year, that federal grant amount totaled \$7.3 million, broken down as:

- \$4.7 million to the DNR Law Enforcement Division for its marine operations.
- \$1.3 million allocated to the DNR to pass through to county sheriff departments, an amount that the state government matches.
- \$1.3 million for capital outlay at state-managed boat launches.

Because the Trump administration included an immigration enforcement provision in the grant language, the state is not taking the federal funding.

"The funding is held up because the U.S. Coast Guard included an unlawful immigration term in the grant agreement that is the subject of ongoing litigation between states and the federal government," DNR spokesman Ed Golder said.

The DNR in mid-June provided county sheriff's departments with \$1.3 million in state marine safety grant funding. But without the additional federal funds, many departments are scaling back or halting marine patrol

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Feds deporting woman who said she was assaulted

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Federal officials are deporting a Mexican woman they discovered in southeastern Michigan only after she went to local police begging for help following

an alleged assault.

Veronica Ramirez-Verduzco recently pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the country. She's a citizen of Mexico, and her record shows she came to the U.S. without proper authorization.

She has two adult sons, both U.S. citizens.

She lived with one in Michigan, but now both are following their mother: Ramirez-Verduzco's lawyer says they know they owe their mother everything.

"Ramirez-Verduzco is not returning to the United States. She and her sons will find a nice place for her in a Mexican bor-

der town across from a United States border town where they can live and cross the border every day to visit their mother," lawyer Lisa Dwyer wrote in a July 1 memo to the judge in her client's case.

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