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CLEANUP WINDS DOWN



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Workers clear an encampment along U.S. 75 south of Pine Street on Tuesday as part of Operation SAFE. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol had indicated it expected the effort to remove homeless encampments along state rights of way in Tulsa to wrap up by Tuesday. Gov. Kevin Stitt, who ordered Operation SAFE, said in a social media post Tuesday that 1.37 million pounds of trash and debris had been removed over 13 days of cleanup.

CHARLIE KIRK KILLING

Suspect in Kirk slaying charged with murder

Charges could result in the death penalty

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Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Prosecutors brought a murder charge Tuesday against the man accused of killing Charlie Kirk and outlined evidence, including a text message confession to his partner and a note left beforehand saying he had the opportunity to kill one of the nation's leading conservative voices “and I’m going to take it.”

DNA on the trigger of the rifle that killed Kirk also matched that of Tyler Robinson, Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray said while outlining the evidence and announcing charges that could result in the death penalty if Robinson is convicted.

The prosecutor said Robinson, 22, wrote in one text that he spent more than a week planning the attack on Kirk, a prominent force in politics credited with energizing the Republican youth movement and helping Donald Trump win back the White House in 2024.

Kirk was gunned down Sept. 10 while speaking with students at Utah Valley University. Prosecutors allege Robinson shot Kirk in the neck with a bolt-action rifle from the roof of a nearby building on the campus in Orem, about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Robinson appeared briefly Tuesday before a judge by video from jail. He nodded slightly at times but mostly stared straight ahead as the judge read the charges against him and appointed an attorney to represent him. Robinson’s family declined to

comment to The Associated Press since his arrest.

Motive unclear

Authorities have not revealed a clear motive in the shooting, but Gray said Robinson wrote in a text about Kirk to his partner: “I had enough of his hatred. Some hate can’t be negotiated out.”

Robinson also left a note for his partner hidden under a keyboard that said, “I had the opportunity to take out Charlie Kirk and I’m going to take it,” according to Gray.

The prosecutor declined to answer whether Robinson targeted Kirk for his anti-transgender views. Kirk was shot while taking a question that touched on mass shootings, gun violence and transgender people.

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Mayor signs ordinance on medians, sidewalks

Nichols also calls for an amended measure

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Mayor Monroe Nichols has signed into law a city ordinance that limits individual’s access to medians and sidewalks but did so with an accompanying letter to city councilors urging them to amend the measure.

“I strongly recommend you consider a future amendment to address feedback regarding Section 1105 as it applies to sidewalks,” Nichols wrote. “I also urge you to revisit the fine structure with an eye toward lowering the penalty to ensure it is fair, not unduly punitive, and effective in fostering a safer city.”

The ordinance will take effect Oct. 18.

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Cuts to mental health contracts create concerns

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OKLAHOMA CITY — A veteran provider of mental health services in the Tulsa area and a Tulsa lawmaker have expressed concerns about cuts to contracts for services announced recently by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

The cuts were referenced by the department’s interim commissioner, Gregory Slavonic, in recent comments he made assessing his first 90 days on the job.

Many providers of drug treatment and mental health services were first notified in letters dated Aug. 29 of plans made by the ODMHSAS to save \$40 million through “cost optimization” by canceling or reducing contracts.

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