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TRUMP THREATENS TO USE INSURRECTION ACT



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Federal immigration officers confront protesters Thursday outside Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building in Minneapolis.

President calls Minnesota protests a ‘travesty’; governor calls feds’ effort ‘organized brutality’

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MINNEAPOLIS — President Donald Trump threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act and deploy troops to quell persistent protests against the federal officers sent to Minneapolis to enforce his administration’s massive immigration crackdown.

Thursday’s threat comes a day after an immigration officer shot and wounded a man. That shooting further heightened the fear and anger that radiated across the city since Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jonathan Ross shot and killed Renee Good on Jan. 7.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to invoke the rarely used federal law to deploy the U.S. military or federalize the National Guard for domestic law enforcement, over the objections of state governors.



Authorities push a man to the ground Thursday as federal immigration officers confront protesters outside Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building in Minneapolis.

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Ex-lawmaker gets 17 years in prison

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — A former Republican lawmaker in South Carolina was sentenced Wednesday to 17 1/2 years in prison for sending hundreds of videos of children being sexually abused to people across the country on social media around the same time he was advocating for laws meant to protect kids.

“He claimed to be their advocate by sponsoring bills in the legislature, but he was their abuser with videos that will live on forever,” the judge said.

RJ May had sought a shorter sentence, saying he was addicted to pornography and screens. He apologized briefly to the victims in a 15-minute statement to the court. He said he began

watching adult pornography when testosterone treatments increased his sex drive, and then sought out more extreme videos when he was lonely at night.

“I was talking about moral decency by day and succumbed to moral indecency by night,” May said.

Judge Cameron McGowan Currie sentenced him in federal court just blocks from where May had served in the South Carolina House.

May, 39, resigned before pleading guilty in September for what prosecutors called a “five-day child pornography spree” in the spring of 2024. Court documents described in graphic detail how he allegedly used the screen name



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South Carolina Rep. RJ May, R-West Columbia, walks down the aisle of the House on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in Columbia, South Carolina.

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