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Tesla to wind down Cybertruck production



The Cybertruck generated significant buzz long before its official debut in late 2023. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Musk: Texas facility will use room for autonomous robotaxis

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Those futuristic, "Mad Max"-looking Tesla Cybertrucks could soon become a rarer sight on the roads.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk announced in a Nov. 5 post on X that the electric vehicle maker plans to wind down Cybertruck production at its Gigafactory Texas facility in Austin around mid-2027 to make room for increased production of the Cybercab, Tesla's autonomous robotaxi.

The Cybertruck generated significant buzz long before its official debut in late 2023. The futuristic pickup appeared in a Travis Scott music video as early as 2019, USA TODAY previously reported.

Beyond declining sales, the Cybertruck has faced a series of manufacturing and safety concerns.

Initial enthusiasm appeared strong, with the all-electric pickup reportedly attracting nearly 1 million reservations within nine days of preorders opening, according to automotive publication Torque News.

However, that early excitement did not translate into comparable sales. Torque News reported that just 2.5% of reservation holders ultimately purchased the vehicle.

Cybertruck sales also declined sharply in 2025. According to a third-quarter sales report from Kelley Blue Book, Tesla sold 16,097 Cybertrucks

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers begin filing bills ahead of session

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Texas' new political landscape is taking shape as lawmakers begin filing bills for the 2027 legislative session. The Associated Press forecasts Democrats will control the Texas House, while Republicans will retain the Senate under a newly elected Democratic lieutenant governor.

Thousands of bills are expected during the 140-day session, though most will not become law. Early filings will offer a preview of lawmakers' priorities, including Gov.-elect Gina Hinojosa's push for education reform and changes to school vouchers.

Lt. Gov.-elect Vikki Goodwin has prioritized THC regulation, clean water and affordable housing. Lawmakers are also expected to confront concerns over data centers.

For comparison, the Texas Legislative Research Library reported 1,511 bills and resolutions filed on the first day of prefiling for the 89th Legislature. As of 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 9, 775 bills have been filed in the House and 138 in the Senate.

How can I see which bills are filed in the Texas legislature?

To see what bills have been filed, visit Texas Legislature Online.

When does the Texas legislative session start?

Texas' 90th legislative session starts Jan. 12, 2027.

It is scheduled to end May 31, 2027.

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Testimony: Nurse admits mailing hoax

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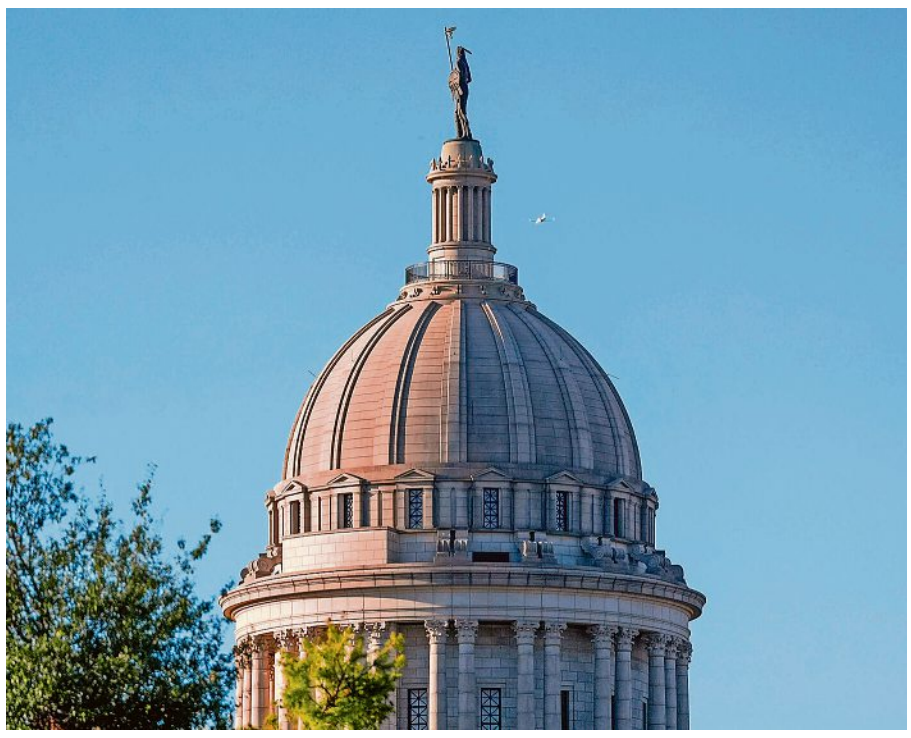
A nurse admitted after his arrest that he mailed more than 700 letters containing white powder nationwide in hopes of increasing security at the polls, a postal inspector testified at the man's detention hearing.

Robin Patrick Martin, 67, was arrested on Nov. 2, a day after being charged in Oklahoma City federal court with conveying a hoax and mailing threatening communications.

He admitted to using the artificial intelligence tools ChatGPT and Claude to research how to stay anonymous, according to the testimony. In an interview that lasted more than four hours, he repeatedly asked how he was identified.

"He did apologize," the postal

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A postal inspector testified that Robin Patrick Martin admitted to sending suspicious letters containing a white powder substance to the Oklahoma Capitol and hundreds of other places across the country. NATHAN J. FISH/ THE OKLAHOMAN FILE

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