

March 10, 2026

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Steve Mulroy  
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District Attorney Mulroy:

Thank you for your response to our February 27, 2026, letter seeking more information about your Office's soft-on-crime approach to prosecution of criminal offenders in Shelby County. We write to seek clarification on one of your responses.

In our February 27 letter, we asked, "Of the cases in the December 2025 [Memphis Crime Beat] report, how many involved violent or serious felony charges?" You responded as follows:

"Tennessee's Public Records Act does not require a public official "to sort through or compile information" or "to create a record that does not exist." Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(a)(4) and (5). However, out of respect for your question, 166 of the 514 cases in the December 2025 report are designated as "violent" in our system. Additionally, if we consider Class A, B, and C felonies to be serious felonies, there were 187 "serious" cases closed in Criminal Court in December 2025."

Based on the data in the Memphis Crime Beat report, we already know that—out of 514 felony cases that were resolved in Shelby County Criminal Court in December 2025—only 84 of those defendants received prison time. Yet, as you have noted in your response, 166 of these 514 felony cases involved violent crimes. It would logically follow that, if there were only 84 defendants who received prison time in December 2025, but there were 166 violent cases in that same month, there appear to be dozens of violent criminal defendants—based on your own admission—that received *no jail time* in December 2025.

As we noted in our first letter, President Trump and his administration are working around the clock to make Memphis the safest city in America. It is your obligation as Shelby County's District Attorney to enforce Tennessee's criminal code and hold violent criminals accountable—not to allow them to be released back onto the streets to reoffend. We have made significant progress in making Memphis the safest city in the United States, and we will not allow you to stall the tremendous progress that the city of Memphis has made.

To that end, please respond to the following questions by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2026:**

1. Please provide a complete list of all violent crimes that were encompassed by these 166 cases that were designated as violent in your system.

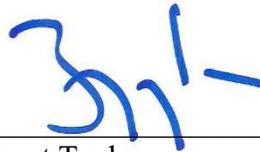
2. How many of these 166 violent criminal defendants were released into the community with no jail time?
3. You also noted in your March 6 response letter that “most of the cases [the Memphis Crime Beat report] lists as receiving probation or diversion are either nonviolent cases, cases involving defendants without significant criminal histories, cases where the defendants have already spent time (often significant time) in jail, or cases in which judges granted such relief without our agreement.”
  - a. To clarify, how many of the 514 felony cases were violent or serious cases that were ultimately resolved by either probation or diversion?
  - b. You claim to prioritize violent crime prosecutions as part of your Fast Track Violent Crime Initiative (V11). Were any of these 514 felony cases V11 cases? If so, how many V11 cases resulted in jail time? Were any such V11 cases resolved with no jail time?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senator



Brent Taylor  
State Senator (TN-31)