

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



Reuters: [US civil rights group joins team seeking answers in death of Black teen Nolan Wells](#)

The NAACP's involvement underscores how Wells' death has evolved from a local investigation into a case drawing national scrutiny. Although authorities have not announced final findings or alleged foul play, questions raised by family members, civil rights leaders and others about race, transparency and accountability have fueled calls for greater scrutiny.

CNN: [President & CEO Derrick Johnson on NAACP Joining Legal Team Representing Nolan Wells' Family](#)

NAACP President & CEO Derrick Johnson joins CNN's Jake Tapper to discuss the NAACP joining the legal team representing Nolan Wells' family as they continue seeking answers and accountability.

MS NOW: [Former assistant AG urges election officials to oppose poll monitors sent to 'cause mischief'](#)

Donald Trump's Justice Department sent election monitors to two states voting

today in what appears to be a test run for a much larger operation come in November. Kristen Clarke, NAACP General Counsel and former Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the DOJ, joins The Weeknight to react.

Clarion Ledger: [NAACP joins push for answers in Nolan Wells case](#)

“The world is watching, and Nolan Wells’s family deserves a thorough accounting of what happened,” said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP. “Too often, the deaths of young Black people are dismissed, downplayed, or inadequately investigated unless we demand answers. Our involvement in this case is part of our ongoing commitment to make sure those answers are pursued with urgency and respect for Black lives.”

WLOX: [NAACP joins legal team in Nolan Wells death investigation](#)

The NAACP’s Office of General Counsel is joining the legal team surrounding the death of 18-year-old Nolan Wells, whose body was found in the water just off Horn Island on the morning of July 6. “We’re taking up this fight to search for truth and transparency surrounding the death of Nolan Wells,” said Kristen Clarke, General Counsel of the NAACP.

The Root: [The NAACP Joins the Legal Fight for Answers Related to Nolan Wells’ Death](#)

The NAACP’s Office of General Counsel announced Monday (Aug. 17) that it will work alongside Wells’ legal team, which includes civil rights attorney Ben Crump and civil rights icon Rev. Al Sharpton, to pursue a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

TMZ: [NAACP’s Legal Arm Helps Fight For Answers](#)

The NAACP joined Nolan Wells’ family in their legal fight for answers ... and the organization is saying enough is enough as questions swirl about the teen’s mysterious death.

CBS: [NAACP joins quest to solve mystery of Nolan Wells’ death](#)

The body of Mississippi teen Nolan Wells was found days after he went missing during a Fourth of July boat trip. NAACP general counsel Kristen Clarke explains why the civil rights organization is joining the Wells family in searching for answers.

WTVA: [NAACP joins legal team in Nolan Wells death investigation](#)

The NAACP’s Office of General Counsel is joining the legal team surrounding the death of 18-year-old Nolan Wells.

TheGrio: [NAACP adds legal support to Nolan Wells case as family continues push for answers](#)

Kristen Clarke, the organization's general counsel, framed the decision as both an investigative commitment and a matter of respect for a grieving family. In the announcement, she described the effort as "victim-focused, community-based and sensitive to the ongoing pain" the Wells family and their community continue to carry, pledging that the Association would bring additional legal and investigative resources to bear so that "no stone is left unturned."

AOL: [SpaceXAI hearing to decide future of Southaven plant, could shut down Grok](#)

In May, the NAACP and the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP filed the initial injunction. In June, the organizations amended the filing after discovery found nearly 30 more turbines at the SpaceXAI power plant, located at 2875 Stanton Road in Southaven, since the initial filing. The Southern Environmental Law Center filed the lawsuit on behalf of the NAACP and State Conference of the NAACP.

The Root: [NAACP Demands Action for Sailors on USS Abraham Lincoln Amid Reports of Mold, Poor Conditions](#)

Thousands of sailors are reportedly suffering aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln with moldy showers and inadequate meals. The NAACP says enough is enough.

Black Enterprise: [NAACP Launches Health Equity Map That Tracks How Race And Zip Codes Impact Quality Of Life](#)

The interactive map reveals how much of an impact your zip code has on getting access to healthy food, quality healthcare, clean air, and fresh water... "Black communities have always known what they face," Dr. Chris Pernell, director of the NAACP Center for Health Equity, said in a statement, according to AfroTech. "Now, nearly 23,000 voices have made their insights undeniable."

The Root: [Trump Considers Stripping Black Navy Hero's Name From New Aircraft Carrier](#)

NAACP President Derrick Johnson spoke out about the potential renaming in a statement, calling it a "slap in the face to every war hero and every service member who has worn the uniform."

The Guardian: [NAACP says 'Trump is making a mockery' of Black legacy of military service](#)

The NAACP has weighed in on efforts by the Trump administration to strip the name of a Black WWII hero from a carrier under construction. "Doris Miller

earned his place in American history through courage, sacrifice, and service. Donald Trump only wants to serve himself,” said NAACP president Derrick Johnson.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Wins Major Privacy Victory as Federal Court Dismisses DOJ Demand for Voter Data in Nevada](#)
 - [NAACP Demands EPA Withdraw Proposed Rule that Cuts Public Input](#)
 - [NAACP Office of General Counsel Joins Nolan Wells’ Family Legal Team](#)
 - [NAACP Calls For Immediate Action To Protect Sailors and Marines Aboard USS Abraham Lincoln](#)
 - [NAACP Celebrates Dismissal of DOJ Lawsuit Demanding Unlawful Disclosure of Private Voter Data](#)
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MARCH ON WASHINGTON



The march continues. On August 28, the NAACP will join Rev. Al Sharpton, the National Action Network, Drum Major Institute, and other partners for [March on Washington: Defend the Vote](#). Sixty-three years after the historic 1963 march, we’re uniting for voting rights, economic dignity, and affordability. Learn more and

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ONGOING ACTIONS

- **Out of Bounds:** NAACP is calling on Black athletes, families, alumni, and fans to withhold athletic and financial support from public universities in these states until they [protect Black voting power](#).
- **Redistricting:** Explore our "[Redistricting, Power & Our Vote](#)" collection, learn more about the fight for fair maps, and stay informed ahead of the 2026 midterms. Plus, visit the NAACP Store to grab our "[A Black Vote Was Suppressed Today](#)" merch and support the fight for voting rights.
- **One Nation, Overcharged:** This summer, NAACP is proud to join [One Nation, Overcharged](#). Together, we're demanding a healthcare system that puts our health over corporate profits – and works for everyone.
- **25th Amendment:** The stability of our nation hangs in the balance under President Trump. [Tell the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment](#).

- **Fund the Future Now:** Learn more about this [youth-led campaign](#) by the NAACP Youth & College Division fighting to make college affordable, accessible, and free from lifelong debt.

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