



Foxx faults 'checks and balances'



Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx on Dec. 7. **YOUNGRAE KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Says they failed before flawed statement on boy's shooting; top aide out

By Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

A misleading description of 13-year-old Adam Toledo's fatal shooting by police was given in court by a prosecutor because of a communication breakdown at top levels of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, an internal investigation found.

"The checks and balances that should have been in place for

someone to be able to review, to ensure that what was being said in court aligned with the information that the office had, it didn't work," Foxx told the Tribune in an interview.

The prosecutor who gave the inadvertently faulty statement in court last month, James Murphy, was restored to his position after about two weeks of administrative leave, according to a news release Wednesday making the investiga-

tion's findings public. Murphy "did not intend to give the impression" that Toledo was holding a gun at the precise moment he was shot, the news release stated.

But shortly before the findings were released, rank-and-file prosecutors received an email from Foxx announcing the resignation of her second-in-command, Jennifer Coleman, a 26-year veteran of the office who was named first assistant about five months ago.

Wednesday's news release did not mention Coleman by name. Neither did Foxx, who in the interview with the Tribune declined to comment on personnel matters.

But she did stress prosecutors were conducting completely separate investigations into what happened that night: one into the shooting itself, and one regarding the man who was with Toledo.

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Dr. Margaret Nettleton checks Jayme Campbell on Monday with Campbell's 2-year-old son alongside her. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

High maternal death rates part of racism toll

Study: Deep roots in staggering pregnancy-linked mortality rate

By Deanese Williams-Harris
Chicago Tribune

Black women have to circumvent racism during their lifetimes, including sometimes one of its brutal side effects: death.

Recently, the harsh reality of racism has been brought to the forefront on a national level in videos. But besides economic, workplace and housing disparities, Black women have some of the highest cases of maternal

deaths nationwide as well as in Illinois, cited in a study released April 29 by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

During Black Maternal Health Week in April, Vice President Kamala Harris tweeted about the high pregnancy-related mortality rates of Black women, and pledged help.

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Campbell tried to escape the violence on Chicago streets by moving to Nevada, but decided to return home after she discovered she was expecting another child, though she hasn't secured a permanent living space for her family, she said.

"It's been hard trying to establish financial proof that I can

pay rent, but I have to try. The most important thing to me now is delivering a healthy child," Campbell said with uncertainty in her voice.

Advocates nationwide have spoken about the plight of Black women who face social disparities. Some advocates, including Dr. Jamila Taylor, director of health reform and senior fellow at the Century Foundation, have

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Mayor's new deputy sided with cops at key times

Alleged Laquan McDonald cover-up among incidents

By Jeremy Gorner and Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's new deputy mayor for public safety is a former No. 2 for the U.S. Marshals Service in Chicago, whose time on the city's police disciplinary panel included siding with officers accused of misconduct in some high-profile cases, including one involved in the alleged cover-up of Laquan McDonald's murder.

Lightfoot announced her hire of John O'Malley to be deputy mayor for public safety on Wednesday.

Aside from being a member of the Chicago Police Board and a former U.S. marshal, O'Malley most recently was director of corporate security for the brokerage firm William Blair & Company until Lightfoot hired him as her public safety czar.

"In a time marked by uncertainty and unpredictability, fully ensuring the safety of our residents is my top priority and a goal that will be made all the more obtainable with John on my team," Lightfoot said in a news release announcing the hire. "John's experience, extensive institutional knowledge and incredible leadership skills will be invaluable to my administration and our city as a whole."

The pick, however, could raise eyebrows among Chicago political circles, not just because of how he voted on some police board cases, but due to his relative lack of experience with local police forces. While the U.S. Marshals Service is a law enforcement agency, it generally focuses on managing federal prisoners, protecting government witnesses in federal criminal cases and catching fugitives, not coming up with strategies to combat the sort of street violence that's endemic in Chicago.

Lightfoot's office did not answer

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O'Malley

A summer of arts, entertainment

Chicago's reopening is picking up speed as the city promotes "Open Culture," a full calendar of entertainment and events for the upcoming summer, including a music festival "Chicago in Tune" and the return of Summerdance. **A+E**

Is there a new King of the North?

With Aaron Rodgers as good as gone from the Green Bay Packers, the Chicago Bears suddenly might have the best QB situation in the NFC North. **Dan Wiederer in Chicago Sports**

Republican support eroding for Rep. Cheney



Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., waits for President Biden to address a joint session of Congress last week. **JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS**

NY contender for No. 3 post backed by caucus leaders

By Nicholas Fandos and Katie Edmondson
The New York Times

House Republican leaders moved forward quickly Wednesday with expelling Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming from her leadership post for criticizing former President Donald Trump and his election lies, as their No. 2, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, publicly backed ousting her and the top leader privately lobbied for a replacement.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for Scalise said he supported

Rep. Elise Stefanik, the New York Republican who has emerged as the leading contender to replace Cheney as Republican Conference chair, the No. 3 leadership position. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, the minority leader, was less public, but lawmakers said he was pushing colleagues privately to support Stefanik, a close ally.

"House Republicans need to be solely focused on taking back the House in 2022 and fighting against Speaker Pelosi and President Biden's radical socialist agenda," said Lauren Fine, Scalise's spokeswoman. "Elise Stefanik is strongly committed to doing that, which is why Whip Scalise has pledged to support her for conference chair."

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