

August 11 Tracker: “The Slow Squeeze”

Framing the Narrative:

- ☐ Opens with “crime is out of control” framing
 - ☐ Cites cherry-picked crime stats ignoring downward trends
 - ☐ Uses recent high-profile incidents as emotional anchors
 - ☐ Directly criticizes D.C. leadership as incompetent or dangerous
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Federal Surge Announcements:

- ☐ Expands existing joint task forces (FBI, ATF, DEA, Park Police)
 - ☐ Announces more visible patrols in tourist/“high-crime” areas
 - ☐ Frames it as “support” for MPD rather than replacing them
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Jurisdiction Expansion:

- ☐ References U.S. Marshals, MOUs, or “unified command” language
 - ☐ Signals shift of certain prosecutions from local to federal court
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National Guard Positioning:

- ☐ References Guard as “ready if needed” for security or event support
 - ☐ Frames potential Guard use as temporary or situational
 - ☐ Does not announce immediate deployment (would come later)
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Command Structure Shift:

- ☐ Announces creation of a “Public Safety Coordinator” or similar role
- ☐ States that position will oversee interagency operations in D.C.
- ☐ Implies the role answers to the executive branch, not local government

Political Theater:

- ☐ Brings “victims of D.C. crime” on stage or in audience
- ☐ Uses them to underscore “failure” of current leadership
- ☐ Promotes the approach as a “model” for other cities
- ☐ Explicitly names other target cities as needing the same approach

Bottom Line Signals to Watch:

- If you see 3 or more of the “Federal Surge / Jurisdiction Expansion” boxes ticked, that’s Phase 2 in motion.
- If a Public Safety Coordinator role is announced, we’re moving into Phase 5 well ahead of schedule.
- If Guard deployment is explicitly tied to a timeline, we’ve skipped straight toward Phase 4–6 planning.