

STATE ROUNDUP

MURFREESBORO (AP) — Local, state and federal authorities in Tennessee have padlocked 23 stores and indicted 21 people they accuse of selling candy and other products containing a form of marijuana.

News outlets report that “Operation Candy Crush” was launched after Rutherford County Sheriff Mike Fitzhugh said parents said their child brought the CBD-laced candy home. Rutherford County Sheriff

Mike Fitzhugh says the stores were selling gummies and similar products that contained cannabidiol, a derivative of cannabis. Tennessee Hemp Industries Association President Joe Kirkpatrick

contends that the products were legal, with CBD derived from hemp, not marijuana. **NASHVILLE (AP)** — A Republican-led House committee has unanimously

voted down legislation to let Tennessee handgun permit holders bring guns most places, including hospitals and professional sports arenas. In the Civil Justice Subcommittee Wednesday,

Gov. Bill Haslam’s administration, the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Tennessee Hospital Association expressed opposition to Republican Rep. Judd Matheny’s bill.

Under it, permit holders would be barred from carrying only when it’s against federal law or court order; under the influence of alcohol or drugs; at judicial proceedings; on school grounds; at correctional facilities or law enforcement offices; or at private residences that post that guns aren’t allowed.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America advocates cheered the vote.

The hearing happened as news of a deadly Florida school shooting broke.

Several other controversial gun bills were delayed in the committee.

NASHVILLE, TENN. (AP) — A fire broke out at a home housing recovering addicts Wednesday, killing three women and injuring 11, officials in Tennessee said. They said the home had no working smoke alarms or fire sprinklers.

The Nashville Fire Department confirmed the deaths on its Twitter account. The department said 12 adults and a child were living in the house, which was operating as a residential recovery program.

Police identified those who died as Kathleen Baird, 22; Tammy Nelson, 36; and Elizabeth Lopez, 35.

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