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## Jury rules against ex-cop

Guevara coerced murder confession, federal panel finds

By Jason Meisner  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A federal jury has found that disgraced former Chicago police Detective Reynaldo Guevara coerced a confession and manipulated evidence in a 1989 murder case, awarding \$750,000 to a former Latin Kings gang member who spent 17 years in prison for the crime.

After a three-week trial that featured Guevara invoking his constitutional rights against self-incrimination, the jury late Thursday found in favor of the plaintiff, Jaime Rios, on six of seven counts against Guevara, including that he fabricated information from confidential informants, coerced Rios' confession, and withheld evidence from Rios' criminal trial that he'd beaten a key witness.

The jury rejected, however, the request from plaintiffs' attorneys for a whopping \$40 million in damages, awarding only \$750,000 in compensatory damages, which the city must pay, and no money in punitive damages against Guevara himself.

The same panel ruled in favor of Guevara's former colleague, retired Chicago police Detective Michael Mason, on all counts against him.

A spokesperson for the city Law Department declined Friday to comment specifically on the verdict.

Rios' lead attorney, Stephen Richards, told the Tribune Rios felt "vindicated" that the jury believed his claim that Guevara had framed him and that the verdict offered "further evidence of my client's innocence."

"Guevara was found liable

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High court strikes Trump actions, ruling in favor of Vernon Hills toymaker

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Patricia Gonzalez places a box above a conveyor system at the Learning Resources warehouse in Vernon Hills on Friday. **JOSH BOLAND/TRIBUNE**

## ANALYSIS

In a loud declaration of independence, decision pushes against Trump's bid to enlist justices as allies

By Adam Liptak  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Starting with the 2024 decision that gave President Donald Trump substantial immunity from prosecution and continuing through a score of emergency orders provisionally greenlighting an array of his second-term initiatives, Trump has had an extraordinarily successful run before the Supreme Court.

That came to a sudden, jolting halt Friday, when Chief Justice John Roberts,

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Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the Supreme Court decision on tariffs. **ERIC LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2025**

By Robert Channick  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Supreme Court dealt a major blow to President Donald Trump's core economic agenda Friday, ruling that he exceeded his executive authority by implementing his sweeping global tariffs without congressional approval.

The decision, which has been applauded by legal scholars, politicians, trade organizations and businesses, is a special cause for celebration at Learning Resources, a family-owned educational toy company in Vernon Hills, which brought the case challenging Trump's tariffs.

Learning Resources, whose name is forever attached to a consequential

Supreme Court decision, shared the victory Friday with small businesses everywhere, which, along with consumers, bore the brunt of the tariff costs.

"It's not really just about us. It's about all the businesses around the world that have been impacted and the consumers that have been hit by this too," said Stephen Woldenberg, senior vice president of sales at Learning Resources.

A pillar of his economic policy, Trump set what he called reciprocal tariffs on a long list of countries in April 2025 to address trade deficits that he declared a national emergency. Those came after he imposed duties on Canada,

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## Chicago breweries adapt to changing drinking, health habits



A woman drinks a beer in a packed taproom at Alarmist Brewing's farewell party in Chicago's Sauganash neighborhood on Jan. 31. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

With craft beer's golden age in decline, some taproom stalwarts fail to survive

By Laura Turbay  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Matthew Nix had driven past the brewery in Sauganash for years, but — not much of a weekday drinker — had never stopped in.

When he finally decided to meet friends at the taproom on a recent Saturday to play some cards, he found bartenders dancing on countertops, dogs wearing sweaters and the last of the beer draining from the tap. It was the farewell party for Alarm-

ist Brewing.

"This is my first time here, first and obviously last," said Nix, 36, a high school teacher living in the Edgewater neighborhood, about the closure.

In Illinois and across the country, breweries have been struggling as consumers seek healthier drinking habits or have a wider range of options, such as THC-infused drinks, as business costs continue to rise. Many have closed their doors, while others have redefined its meaning as a

social space that offers beverage variety and events.

In Chicago alone, a handful of breweries have closed or consolidated in recent years, including Metropolitan Brewing, Revolution Brewing — Brewery and Taproom and Lo Rez Brewing and Taproom.

The number of U.S. breweries closing outpaced those that opened for the second year in a row in 2025 for a net loss of 179 last year, according to preliminary 2025 data from the Brewers Association, a trade group for small American brewers.

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"There's just so much more competition in terms of consumer attention and physical retail space. There's this whole world of other options."

**MATT GACIOCH**, staff economist at the Brewers Association

