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Trump signs 'very strong' executive order protecting US monuments, stays in DC to 'make sure LAW & ORDER is enforced'

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US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to protect American monuments, after calling off a weekend trip to New Jersey to remain in DC amid ongoing protests, insisting “agitators” will be “brought to justice.”

Trump announced the “*very strong*” order in a tweet on Friday, stating it would protect “*monuments, memorials and statues,*” as well as combat “*recent criminal violence,*” promising “*long prison terms for these lawless acts.*”

While few details have emerged about the new directive, on Tuesday Trump said he would sign an order that would “reinforce” existing law, “*but in a more uniform way.*” Friday’s announcement comes after the president said he had cancelled a weekend trip to New Jersey in order to keep an eye on the protests.

*“I was going to go to Bedminster, New Jersey, this weekend, but wanted to stay in Washington, DC to make sure LAW & ORDER is enforced. The arsonists, anarchists, looters, and agitators have been largely stopped,”* Trump said in a tweet on Friday.

***I am doing what is necessary to keep our communities safe – and these people will be brought to Justice!***

Weeks of anti-police brutality demonstrations in DC have seen numerous attempts to tear down monuments and statues which activists deem a celebration of racist historical figures, drawing threats of draconian punishment from the president. Earlier on Friday, Trump tweeted out an FBI wanted poster requesting information on 15 suspected statue-defacers, reiterating that the vandals could spend up to a decade in prison.

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Earlier this week, Trump vowed to unleash “*serious force*” on protesters attempting to create an “*autonomous zone*” in the capital after activists briefly tried setting up barricades in Lafayette Park, modeled after similar protest encampments in Seattle and elsewhere. The warning, posted to Twitter, was deemed a “*threat of harm*” by the platform and hidden behind a “*public interest notice*,” the latest in a series of the president’s tweets to be flagged or deleted. Friday’s posts about “*law and order*” and 10-year prison sentences have yet to receive the same treatment, however.

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