

Biden-Appointed Judge Declines To Block New Mexico Gun Ban

A federal judge declined on Wednesday to block Democratic New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's ban on firearms at parks and playgrounds.

U.S. District Judge for the District of New Mexico David Urias, a Biden appointee, declined to block Lujan Grisham's emergency public health order banning firearms from being carried in public parks and playgrounds from taking effect, according to the court document. Urias temporarily blocked Lujan Grisham's initial 30-day order banning all firearms from being carried in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County on Sept. 13, prompting her to issue the amended order two days later restricting guns only in specified areas.

Urias found that gun owners and advocacy groups who challenged the amended order were unlikely to succeed on their Second Amendment challenge, writing that playgrounds and parks can be considered "sensitive places" where restrictions are permissible under Supreme Court precedent, according to the court document.

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