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SCOTT MACFARLANE: The police department in this community of nearly 700,000 people not responds to the President and the Trump administration. The President has claimed there's a crime emergency unfurling here, but the mayor says this is unnecessary and that crime has been plummeting. A major American community's police department is now under President Trump's control.

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MACFARLANE: The President defended his decision by painting an ominous picture of neighborhoods in the nation's capital.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Our capital city has been overtaken by violent gangs and blood thirsty criminals, roving mobs of wild youth, drugged out maniacs, and homeless people.

MACFARLANE: D.C.'s mayor countered with new crime data showing violent crime has dropped 26 percent from this time last year, with homicides and robberies down, too.

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MACFARLANE: White House and congressional sources told CBS News the President's order is expected to remain in place for 30 days. Nearly 500 federal agents including from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, have already been deployed, which former Homeland Security official Tom Warwick says is risky.

TOM WARRICK: Taking FBI agents off of organized crime cases, terrorism, and other kinds of cases to do street patrols? That's not the best use of a highly trained FBI agent.

MACFARLANE [TO WARRICK]: You think it could be a distraction?

WARRICK: It really looks as though a lot of this is performance.

MACFARLANE: The President has also threatened to expand his crackdown on crime in other U.S. cities. He named Chicago, Baltimore, Los Angeles, New York, and Oakland, but the President doesn't have the same authorities in those cities that he has in D.C. And Gayle, the Democratic mayors and governors in those communities are already pushing back hard on that idea.