

## 1. FBI/NBC's Kevin Collier and Ryan J. Reilly

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-rally-shooting-live-update-rcna161972>

8d ago / 5:18 PM EDT

Law enforcement has easy access to phones

Despite years of back-and-forth debate between law enforcement agencies and tech companies, the FBI most likely had few difficulties accessing the Trump rally shooter's phone, according to Josh Brunty, director of Marshall University's Cyber Forensics & Security program.

A senior law enforcement official told NBC News today that the FBI had gained access to Crooks' phone and that a preliminary analysis did not help establish a motive for the attack.

It has been nine years since the mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, which prompted a monthslong standoff between the FBI and Apple, which said the FBI's demands that it rewrite iOS software to help access a phone would undermine security for all users....(article continues)

## 2. FBI and NBC's Jonathan Dienst and Tom Winter

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-rally-shooting-live-update-rcna161972>

8d ago / 3:48 PM EDT

FBI probing whether ammo was bought days before shooting

The FBI is looking into whether some ammunition was bought in the days before the shooting, according to a senior law enforcement official.

It is probing whether some of the ammunition was picked up and taken to the Crooks' family home or whether it was delivered there.

## 3. "Two senior officials" to NBC's Jonathan Dienst, Julia Ainsley and Tom Winter

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-rally-shooting-live-update-rcna161972>

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Rallygoers alerted police to suspicious person

Rallygoers alerted local police to a suspicious person at the event near the security screening area, two senior officials said. Police tried to search for him but could not find him in the crowd. A short time later, he was on the roof, the officials said.

Two municipal officers tried to approach the suspect shortly before he opened fire, **two senior officials said**.

#### **4. “Four senior officials” to NBC’s Jonathan Dienst, Tom Winter and Andrew Blankstein**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-rally-shooting-live-update-rcna161972>

8d ago / 3:48 PM EDT

More than a dozen guns found at Crooks' home, **senior officials say**

More than a dozen guns were found in a search of the Crooks family home, **four senior officials told NBC News**.

After Crooks opened fire, his father called police to say he was worried that his son and his AR rifle were missing, **three senior officials said**. Police went to the home after the call.

#### **5. USSS/FBI sources to NBC’s Julie Tsirkin, Julia Ainsley, Tim Stelloh and Chloe Atkins**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/trump-rally-shooter-was-reported-suspicious-person-hour-opening-fire-s-rcna162434>

The gunman who opened fire at former President Donald Trump’s Pennsylvania rally was reported as a suspicious person — and photographed — one hour before he began shooting, **according to three sources familiar with a briefing for senators** Wednesday.

**Secret Service and FBI officials shared** a timeline of events that revealed troubling new details about the assassination attempt and raised questions about why Secret Service officials allowed Trump to take the stage.

Thomas Matthew Crooks — who had a range finder and a backpack with him — was reported as a suspicious person one hour before he began shooting, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said in a statement after the briefing.

“This was a 100% cover-your-ass briefing,” Barrasso said. “He had a range finder and a backpack. The Secret Service lost sight of him.”

Roughly 30 minutes after the initial suspicious person report, Pennsylvania State Police notified the Secret Service of a suspicious person at 5:51 p.m. The Secret Service notified its snipers at 5:53 p.m., **the sources said**.

At 6:02 p.m., Trump took the stage. At 6:09 p.m., members of the crowd notified police that Crooks, 20, was on a rooftop. Two minutes later, Crooks opened fire on Trump at 6:11 p.m.

Senators were also told that Crooks visited the site of the assassination attempt last week, **the sources said...**(article continues)

## **6. Law Enforcement officials to CNN's John Miller and Sabrina Shulman**

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-assassination-shot-07-16-24/index.html>

7:02 p.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

Shooter requested Saturday off from work, told colleagues he'd be back on Sunday

The shooter who opened fire at a Donald Trump rally on Saturday told his boss he needed that day off because he had “something to do,” **according to multiple law enforcement officials.**

Thomas Matthew Crooks told his coworkers he would be back to work on Sunday.

By 3 p.m. on Saturday, Thomas Matthew Crooks was at the security screening area for the Trump rally in Butler County, Pennsylvania. He first aroused suspicion when he passed through the magnetometers carrying a rangefinder, which looks similar to a small pair of binoculars and is used by hunters and target shooters to measure distances when setting up a long-range shot, **according to a senior law enforcement official** briefed on the investigation....(article continues)

## **7. “Law enforcement sources” to CNN's John Miller and Sabrina Shulman**

7:12 p.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

What law enforcement found after the shooting

A police vehicle is seen at Butler Farm Show Inc. on Monday, July 15, in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Matt McClain/The Washington Post/Getty Images

After the shooting, **multiple law enforcement sources say** investigators found a bulletproof vest, three fully-loaded magazines, and two remote-controlled explosive devices in Thomas Matthew Crooks' car.

Investigators are uncertain as to whether Crooks had a plan to use the body armor, nearly 100 rounds of additional ammunition from those loaded magazines, and two remote-controlled bombs, had he escaped after the shooting.

Additionally, after a search of his residence, investigators discovered another bulletproof vest, another remote-controlled explosive device, and a 3D printer, **according to multiple law enforcement sources.**

...and:

6:22 p.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

Shooter arrived at rally security screening area more than 3 hours before assassination attempt

By 3 p.m. on Saturday, Thomas Matthew Crooks was at the security screening area for the Donald Trump rally in Butler County, Pennsylvania.

He first aroused suspicion when he passed through the magnetometers carrying a rangefinder, which looks similar to a small pair of binoculars and is used by hunters and target shooters to measure distances when setting up a long-range shot, according to a senior law enforcement official briefed on the investigation. The rangefinder would not have prevented Crooks from getting through the security screening point, but it did attract the attention of security personnel who kept an eye on him until he left the secure area.

Investigators are unsure of where Crooks went after he left the screening area but the working theory is that he went to his car to retrieve the rifle.

Around the same time witnesses alerted police that Crooks was crawling on the roof, one of the four counter-sniper teams observed Crooks looking at their position through the rangefinder, **according to the senior law enforcement official.**

“They were looking at him while he was looking at them,” the official said.

Crooks gained access to that rooftop by climbing on top of the building’s air conditioning system and hoisting himself up, **according to a senior federal law enforcement official briefed on the investigation.**

## **8. “Sources familiar with” to CNN’s Kristen Holmes and Alayna Treene**

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-assassination-shot-07-16-24/index.html>

5:09 p.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

Trump has spoken with shooting victim's family, sources say

Former President Donald Trump has spoken with the Comperatore family, **according to two sources familiar** with the matter.

Corey Comperatore was shot and killed during the attempted assassination of Trump on Saturday...

## **9. Law enforcement official to CCN’s Mark Morales**

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-assassination-shot-07-16-24/index.html>

3:50 p.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

Investigators still haven't found anything that points to motive on shooter's phone and laptop

Investigators are not any closer to finding out the motive of the shooter who tried to assassinate former President Donald Trump, **according to a law enforcement official**.

They've looked through Thomas Matthew Crooks cell phone and are still sifting through his laptop and so far have not found anything, **the official said**. Investigators are also combing through a USB drive that belonged to the shooter but have not yet found any clues, the official said.

#### **10. "Multiple people briefed on the matter" told CNN's Evan Perez, Zachary Cohen, Natasha Bertrand, Kylie Atwood and Kristen Holmes**

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-assassination-shot-07-16-24/index.html>

3:39 p.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

Exclusive: Secret Service ramped up security after receiving intelligence of Iranian plot to assassinate Trump.

US authorities obtained intelligence from a human source in recent weeks on a plot by Iran to try to assassinate Donald Trump, a development that led to the Secret Service increasing security around the former president in recent weeks, **multiple people briefed on the matter told CNN**.

There's no indication that Thomas Matthew Crooks, the would-be assassin who attempted to kill the former president on Saturday, was connected to the plot, the sources said.

But the existence of the intelligence threat from a hostile foreign intelligence agency — and the enhanced security for Trump — raises new questions about the security lapses at the Saturday rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and how a 20-year-old man managed to access a nearby rooftop to fire shots that injured the former president....

#### **11. "Law enforcement sources" told CCN's John Miller, Casey Tolan and Evan Perez**

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-assassination-shot-07-16-24/index.html>

9:15 a.m. EDT, July 16, 2024

Tracking the Trump rally gunman's movements leading up to his attack

In the 48 hours before he opened fire on former President Donald Trump, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks made a series of stops in and around his suburban Pittsburgh hometown.

On Friday, he went to a shooting range where he was a member, and practiced firing, **a law enforcement official told CNN**. The next morning, Crooks went to a Home Depot, where he bought a five-foot ladder, and a gun store, where he purchased 50 rounds of ammunition, **the official said**.

Then, Crooks drove his Hyundai Sonata about an hour north, joining thousands of people from around the region who flocked to Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. He parked the car outside the rally, with an improvised explosive device hidden in the trunk that was wired to a transmitter he carried, **the official said**. Then, investigators believe, he used his newly-bought ladder to scale a nearby building, and opened fire on the former president....

Yet nearly 48 hours after the shooting, investigators are struck by the lack of leads they're finding about Crooks' mindset and possible motives. Even after successfully breaking into his phone and searching his computer, scouring his search history and bedroom, and interviewing his family and friends, agents still haven't found evidence that would suggest political or ideological impetus for the shooting, **law enforcement sources told CNN**.

## **12. "Two sources familiar with" told NBC's Julie Tsirkin**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-secret-service-security-opera-rcna162284>

6d ago / 4:59 PM EDT

Crooks visited the rally site days before the shooting, sources say.

The 20-year-old who shot at Trump on Saturday visited the site of the former president's rally days ahead of the event to scope out the area, **two sources familiar with today's Senate briefing** told NBC News.

Crooks was photographed as a suspicious person 62 minutes before he opened fire, and snipers spotted him 20 minutes before the shooting, **the sources said**.

The FBI has interviewed over 200 people, reviewed over 14,000 images and reviewed Crooks' cellphone but has not yet identified a motive....

## **13. Law enforcement to NBC's Tom Winter and Doha Madani**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-secret-service-security-opera-rcna162284>

6d ago / 2:43 PM EDT

Transmitter found with shooting suspect was a firework detonator, **source says**

The transmitter found alongside Crooks' body after the shooting has been identified as a remote control for a firework detonator, according to **a senior U.S. law enforcement official briefed on the matter.**

Authorities found two suspected improvised explosive devices in Crooks' car, which the FBI described as "rudimentary devices." The transmitter is typically used for commercial firework companies but is available for sale to the general public. Pennsylvania allows the sale of fireworks to adults.

#### **14. "Source familiar with" to NBC's Tom Winter**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-secret-service-security-opera-rcna162284>

6d ago / 1:26 PM EDT

The Secret Service was aware of reports about a suspicious person with a range finder when Trump took the stage:

Local law enforcement saw Crooks with a range finder before Trump took the stage Saturday, a **source familiar with the investigation** into the attempted assassination told NBC News.

**According to the source,** local law enforcement reported to Secret Service that they were looking for a suspicious person with a range finder. It does not appear local law enforcement saw Crooks with a weapon before the event, only a range finder.

#### **15. "Two sources" to Julia Ainsley, Julie Tsirkin, Ali Vitali and Frank Thorp V**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-secret-service-security-opera-rcna162284>

6d ago / 12:24 PM EDT

#### **FBI and Secret Service to brief House members on the assassination attempt:**

The departments of Justice and Homeland Security are hosting a call to brief all House members this afternoon on Saturday's assassination attempt.

The briefers will include FBI Director Christopher Wray, Secret Service Deputy Director Ronald Rowe and FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate, **according to two sources familiar with the planning** for the call and a copy of the invitation.

The briefing, at 3:30 p.m., comes after several House Republicans expressed frustration over what they said was a delay by the Secret Service and DHS to discuss the incident with them.

Wray will also brief senators alongside Cheatle, Rowe and Abbate. As of now, Cheatle is not listed on the House briefer list, according to an invitation obtained by NBC News. The Senate briefing will be at 3 p.m. and the House briefing at 3:30 p.m.

## 16. “A Secret Service Official” to NBC’s Julia Ainsley

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-secret-service-security-opera-rcna162284>

6d ago / 11:16 AM EDT

New information on location of SWAT team at rally raises more questions:

There has been much confusion over the role of local law enforcement versus the Secret Service at Trump’s rally Saturday.

Although Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle said in an ABC News interview earlier this week that local police were inside the building whose roof the gunman used, **a Secret Service official tells NBC News** that the local SWAT team was not actually in the building, but rather was in another building in the same complex.

**The official could not say** which building the local SWAT team used, only that it was connected to the building the shooter used.

This raises new questions about the level of planning and communication between the Secret Service and the local law enforcement officials and whether the local team was in the best position to secure the outer perimeter or whether the local sniper team could have had an even better view of the roof the shooter used if they were perhaps in a building that looked down on the roof....

## 17. “Source familiar with the matter” to CNN’s Kristen Holmes

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-rally-shooting-07-14-24/index.html>

10:45 p.m. EDT, July 14, 2024

Trump underwent precautionary CT scan after assassination attempt, source says:

Former President Donald Trump underwent a precautionary CT scan after the assassination attempt that came back clear, **according to a source familiar** with the matter.

It’s unclear whether he had any other tests performed.

Moments after he was shot at Saturday at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, the former president was seen with blood on his ear and cheek as he was rushed off the stage. He later said he was shot in the ear.



## 18. Law Enforcement source to CNN's Whitney Wild

<https://www.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-rally-shooting-07-14-24/index.html>

3:53 p.m. EDT, July 14, 2024

Discussions underway about adding more federal law enforcement agents in Milwaukee, source says:

A **law enforcement source familiar** with the Republican National Convention planning tells CNN there are discussions underway about adding more federal law enforcement agents to post positions in light of the recent shooting.

However, the perimeter is unlikely to change, **the source said**, noting preparations for the RNC have been underway for a year and a half.

The **source said** that there have been discussions about adding additional security for high-profile GOP members as well.

**The source said** another major concern for law enforcement are events — such as dinners — outside the perimeter that are associated with the RNC but do not have the same level of security and are considered “soft targets.”

The source noted this concern had also been discussed before Saturday's shooting.

## 19. A law enforcement source and a police officer at the scene told CNN reporter/s Jeremy Herb, Jeff Zeleny, Holmes Lybrand and/or Evan Perez.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/13/politics/trump-injured-pennsylvania-rally/index.html>

Shooter fired multiple times outside the rally venue:

A law enforcement source and a police officer at the scene told CNN that the shooter was positioned on a building rooftop just outside the venue where Trump was holding his rally, located to the right of the event stage. There was a heavy law enforcement presence around the building.

The shooting is being investigated as a possible assassination attempt, according to law enforcement officials....

## 20. “A Republican operative familiar with” told NBC's Henry J. Gomez and Matt Dixon

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-republican-convention-rcna161238>

8d ago / 9:58 PM EDT

MILWAUKEE — With the clock ticking last week to the Republican National Convention, Donald Trump met privately to discuss his running mate search with two of his closest advisers: his sons.

The conversation quickly turned tense when Trump indicated that he was leaning toward Doug Burgum, until recently the largely unknown governor of North Dakota — but someone whose low-maintenance, no-drama personality would never threaten to outshine Trump.

That's when Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump chimed in.

“Don Jr. and Eric went bat---- crazy: ‘Why would you do something so stupid? He offers us nothing,’” a longtime Republican operative familiar with the discussion told NBC News.

“They were basically all like ‘JD, JD, JD,’” the operative said.

## 21. White House official to NBC's Monica Alba.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/live-blog/trump-assassination-attempt-live-updates-republican-convention-rcna161238>

8d ago / 11:13 AM EDT

Biden in touch with FBI liaison for family of man killed in Trump assassination attempt

Biden has spoken with the FBI family liaison for Corey Comperatore, the former fire chief who was killed at the Trump rally Saturday, to make sure his relatives know that he is available to speak to them if a conversation would be “right for them,” according to a White House official.

The president has expressed his heartfelt condolences to the Comperatores and has said he is praying for them while respecting their privacy at this difficult time, the official added.

“He was a father. He was protecting his family from the bullets that were being fired and he lost his life, God love him,” Biden said Sunday afternoon, adding that he was also thinking of those who were injured....

## 22. “Person familiar with the matter” to AP (in this PBS) article.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/live-updates-suspected-gunman-1-attendee-dead-after-shots-fired-at-trump-rally>

...Law enforcement recovered an AR-style rifle at the scene of the Trump rally shooting, AP source says:

Law enforcement recovered an AR-style rifle at the scene, according to a **person familiar with the matter. The person was not authorized** to discuss details of the investigation....  
...and:

Shooter was outside Trump rally, and was killed by Secret Service, **law enforcement** officials say:

**Two officials** spoke to The Associated Press **on the condition of anonymity** to discuss the ongoing investigation. They said the shooter was not an attendee at the rally and was killed by U.S. Secret Service agents.

### **23. Two law enforcement officials to AP's Colleen Long.**

<https://apnews.com/live/election-biden-trump-campaign-updates-07-13-2024>

2:42 PM EDT

Local police officer encountered shooter before he fired towards Trump, AP sources say: Not long before shots rang out, rally goers noticed a man climbing to the top of a roof of a nearby building and warned local law enforcement, **according to two law enforcement officials.**

One officer climbed to the roof and encountered Crooks, who pointed his rifle at the officer. The officer retreated down the ladder and Crooks quickly took a shot toward former President Donald Trump, and that's when the U.S. Secret Service counter snipers shot him, said the officials **who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.**

### **24. Law enforcement personnel to AP's Colleen Long and Mike Balsamo**

<https://apnews.com/live/election-biden-trump-campaign-updates-07-13-2024>

11:15 AM EDT

Law enforcement: Bomb making materials found in vehicle, at home of man suspected in Trump rally shooting:

**Law enforcement officials tell** The Associated Press bomb-making materials were found inside the vehicle of the man suspected in the Trump rally shooting. There were also bomb-making materials found at his home.

The **two officials were not authorized to speak** publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

...and:

9:00 AM EDT

Investigators believe gun used in Trump's apparent assassination attempt bought by suspect's father:

**Two law enforcement officials** tell The Associated Press investigators believe the weapon was bought the father of Thomas Matthew Crooks, who's been identified as the shooter, at least six months ago.

The officials said federal agents were still working to understand when and how Crooks obtained the gun and gather additional information about him as they worked to try to identify a possible motive. The investigation is focused on Crooks. The **officials were not authorized to publicly discuss details** of the investigation and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

...and:

"A person familiar with..." to the AP's Alanna Durkin Richer

9:27 PM EDT

Law enforcement recovered an AR-style rifle at the scene of the Trump rally shooting, AP source says:

Law enforcement recovered an AR-style rifle at the scene, according to a **person familiar with the matter. The person was not authorized to discuss** details of the investigation.

## **25. "A source with direct knowledge" to ABC News' Pierre Thomas**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 19, 2024, 12:54 PM EDT

More information arises about shooter's searches, including bomb-making

Thomas Matthew Crooks, the 20-year-old suspected gunman, actively searched about bomb-making, the date of Trump's rally and about the Democratic National Convention, according to **a source with direct knowledge**.

He also actively searched for information about "major depressive disorder," **the source said**.

Crooks' phone also contained some information about Oxford, Michigan, high shooter Ethan Crumbley and his parents, **the source said**.

## **26. "A source familiar with..." to ABC News' Will Steakin and Mike Levine**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 18, 2024, 10:55 PM EDT

Suspect appears to have used encrypted email to sign up for Trump rally:

Using an encrypted email address and cell phone number, someone using the name Thomas Matthew Crooks signed up online to attend Trump's Pennsylvania rally one week before the shooting, **a source familiar with the matter** told ABC News.

The FBI told lawmakers they've conducted 200 interviews as part of the investigation, **a source said**. A search of Crooks' phone history revealed no indication of his political views, and investigators were still trying to determine his motive.

An FBI spokesperson did not respond to an email from ABC News seeking comment.

## **27. Unidentified source told ABC News' Luke Barre**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 18, 2024, 7:04 PM EDT

Trump met with Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle in Milwaukee:

Former President Donald Trump met with Secret Service Director Kim Cheatle to discuss the assassination attempt made against him at his Pennsylvania rally Saturday, **a source told** ABC News. The meeting took place on Tuesday at the former president's hotel in Milwaukee, **the source said**. This comes as Republicans are calling for Cheatle's resignation in the wake of the deadly shooting.

## **28. Law enforcement sources, to ABC News (NFI)**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 18, 2024, 8:34 AM EDT

Gunman may have left message on gaming platform:

Investigators are examining a message left on a gaming platform site purported to have been authored by the suspect, **according to multiple law enforcement sources** briefed on the probe.

Investigators, **according to multiple law enforcement sources**, found a post on the gaming platform Steam that is credited to the suspected gunman, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks. The post reads, "July 13 will be my premiere, watch as it unfolds." Investigators are working to determine whether the post is legitimate.

Investigators are still working to determine a motive....

## 29. “Sources familiar with the investigation” to ABC News’ Aaron Katersky

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 17, 2024, 6:50 PM EDT

Suspected gunman had searched for Trump’s rally date, DNC convention:

Thomas Matthew Crooks, the suspected gunman in the assassination attempt on Donald Trump last Saturday, searched on his phone for the dates of the former president’s rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and for dates of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, **sources familiar with the investigation** told ABC News.

Crooks also searched on his phone for images of both the former president and current president, **sources said**. The suspect’s phone search history revealed no indication of his political views.

## 30. LE Officers and briefed lawmakers, to ABC News

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 17, 2024, 6:58 PM EDT

Secret Service killed Trump rally shooter 26 seconds after first shot:

Law enforcement officials investigating the assassination attempt on Donald Trump told lawmakers today in an unclassified briefing that 20 minutes passed between the time Secret Service snipers first spotted Crooks on the roof and the time shots were fired at the former president, **according to several law enforcement officials and lawmakers** briefed on the matter.

According to this source, briefers said the snipers spotted him on the roof at 5:52 p.m. ET. The shooting happened at 6:12 p.m., 20 minutes later.

The briefing was conducted by the FBI Director, his Deputy Director and the head of the USSS.

In addition, briefers told lawmakers Crooks was identified as a person of interest a full 62 minutes before the shooting took place.

From the time he fired his first shot to Crooks being killed was just 26 seconds, according to law enforcement officials. Eleven seconds after the first shot, USSS counter snipers acquired their target -- and 15 seconds after that, Crooks was shot dead.

### **31. “Two sources familiar with...” to Washington Post & ABC News’ Luke Barr and Josh Margolin**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 17, 2024, 3:34 PM EDT

Secret Service requested local police cruiser at building where shooter was:

The Secret Service requested a local police cruiser to be staged at the building where the shooter was perched when he attempted to assassinate former President Donald Trump, but local police were not able to provide one, **according to two sources familiar** with the situation.

The Secret Service was told before the rally that local police would not be able to stage the cruiser by the building, **sources said**.

The detail was first reported by the Washington Post.

### **32. Sources briefed on...” to ABC News/ Pierre Thomas and Josh Margolin**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 17, 2024, 1:27 PM EDT

Gunman was a loner, had been 'bullied' a little 'but not over the top':

Investigators have found that Thomas Matthew Crooks, the 20-year-old gunman, was a loner without friends and was described as "odd," **according to multiple sources briefed** on the investigation. Crooks had been "bullied" a little, "but not over the top," **one source said**.

Analysts are trying to assess whether he was hard to get close to or was shut off because he was hiding something, **sources said**.

Investigators haven't found any helpful information on Crooks' phone or computer and are looking to see if he may have used "burners" or other devices, **sources said**.

### **33. Law enforcement sources to ABC News’ Luke Barr, Jack Date, Pierre Thomas, Josh Margolin and Aaron Katersky**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 17, 2024, 1:25 PM EDT

Crooks seen walking around near magnetometers before shooting: Minutes before the shooting, gunman Thomas Matthew Crooks was seen walking around near the magnetometers and people reported him as suspicious, **according to law enforcement sources**.

When someone in law enforcement started to approach Crooks, the 20-year-old backed up and faded into the crowd, **according to sources**.

Crooks then climbed on top of air conditioning units and pulled himself up to the roof of the building beside those units, **sources said**. Once on the roof of that first building, he worked his way toward another taller, adjacent building that gave him the vantage point to fire in Donald Trump's direction, sources said. He jumped and landed where he wanted to be and slowly made his way to the summit of the sloped building, **sources said**.

Secret Service agents heard radio traffic about a suspicious person and later heard another radio dispatch about some sort of confrontation with police, **sources said**. When bystanders noticed Crooks, an officer climbed up, sources said. Crooks pointed his gun at the officer who fell to the ground, **sources said**.

There were police personnel and snipers from the local countersniper units in the building where Crooks eventually took up a position to fire at Trump, **sources said**. Investigators believe that could have led to confusion as Secret Service snipers were trying to determine whether there was a threat to Trump and where it might be coming from.

The Secret Service sharpshooters knew that building was being used by law enforcement and, investigators believe, that might have led to a split-second delay in reacting as the Secret Service snipers had to figure out whether the man on the roof was an officer or a suspect, **sources said**.

#### **34. Law enforcement sources to ABC News' Jack Date, Luke Barr, Pierre Thomas, Aaron Katersky**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 17, 2024, 12:27 AM EDT

Authorities detail how they suspect the gunman reached roof; motive still a mystery:

Authorities suspect Thomas Matthew Crooks, the man they allege tried to assassinate former President Trump, was able to access the roof by climbing over an air conditioning



unit adjacent to the building, sources tell ABC News. Though **law enforcement sources say** Crooks is believed to have purchased a 5-foot ladder at a Home Depot before the shooting, it does not appear to have been used to climb on the roof and was not found at the scene.

Investigators found a remote transmitter in the suspect's pocket that may have been intended to set off two suspicious devices found in the suspect's car and one in his home, **according to law enforcement sources.**

Devices at both locations were similarly constructed in ammunition containers using components including receivers that appear to have been paired with the remote control found in the suspect's pocket, **sources said**....

...The shooter also asked his employer if he could take a day off on Saturday but said he would return to work perhaps as soon as Sunday, the day after this attack, **according to law enforcement sources.** But thus far, investigators have turned up nothing to suggest that he had any accomplices or other support to carry out his deadly objective.

An examination of his phone, which the FBI has now unlocked, has not turned up any significant information about the suspect's motives -- only what sources described as "routine" information for a 20-year-old male. Thus far, investigators have turned up nothing to suggest that he had any accomplices or other support to carry out his deadly objective.

### **35. “Multiple law enforcement sources” to CBS News’ Faris Tanyos**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-rally-shooter-death-attendee-butler-county-da/>

A suspected gunman who opened fire during a Trump rally Saturday in Butler, Pennsylvania, was fatally shot by a Secret Service sniper, authorities said.

One rally attendee was killed and two more were critically wounded, the Secret Service said in a statement Saturday night.

The suspect was shot and killed by a member of a Secret Service counter-assault team, **two law enforcement sources told** CBS News.

**Multiple law enforcement sources said** the gunman was outside of the cordoned-off rally area, about 400 feet from the stage, and was on top of a shed, the two sources said. The shooter was armed with a semiautomatic AR-style rifle, the sources said. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is tracing the weapon....(Article continues)

### **36. “Multiple Law Enforcement sources” to ABC News (NFI)**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/live-updates/donald-trump-rally-shooting-assassination-attempt/?id=111916828>

Jul 18, 2024, 9:21 PM EDT

Thomas Matthew Crooks visited Pennsylvania rally site morning of shooting:

The suspected gunman who attempted to assassinate former President Donald Trump at his campaign rally over the weekend had visited and left the event site in Butler, Pennsylvania, before returning that evening, **sources told ABC News**.

Crooks came to the rally site on the morning of the shooting, stayed there for an hour, left and then came back sometime in the early 5 p.m. ET hour, **sources said**.

...and:

Jul 18, 2024, 8:32 PM EDT

Suspected gunman seen with range finder and duffel bag before shooting, sources say:

The suspected gunman at former President Donald Trump's rally Saturday was seen with a range finder and a duffel bag ahead of the deadly shooting, **multiple law enforcement sources confirm** to ABC News.

Attendees who spotted the suspected shooter, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, with the items notified law enforcement, **sources said**.

**Additionally**, Crooks had two cell phones, one on him and a second one found at his home, **sources said**.

## **APPENDIX**

1. FBI/NBC's Kevin Collier and Ryan J. Reilly
2. FBI and NBC's Jonathan Dienst and Tom Winter
3. "Two senior officials" to NBC's Jonathan Dienst, Julia Ainsley and Tom Winter
4. "Four senior officials" to NBC's Jonathan Dienst, Tom Winter and Andrew Blankstein
5. USSS/FBI sources to NBC's Julie Tsirkin, Julia Ainsley, Tim Stelloh and Chloe Atkins
6. Law Enforcement officials to CNN's John Miller and Sabrina Shulman
7. "Law enforcement sources" to CNN's John Miller and Sabrina Shulman

8. "Sources familiar with" to CNN's Kristen Holmes and Alayna Treene
9. Law enforcement official to CCN's Mark Morales
10. "Multiple people briefed on the matter" told CNN's Evan Perez, Zachary Cohen, Natasha Bertrand, Kylie Atwood and Kristen Holmes
11. "Law enforcement sources" told CCN's John Miller, Casey Tolan and Evan Perez
12. "Two sources familiar with" told NBC's Julie Tsirkin
13. Law enforcement to NBC's Tom Winter and Doha Madani
14. "Source familiar with" to NBC's Tom Winter
15. "Two sources" to Julia Ainsley, Julie Tsirkin, Ali Vitali and Frank Thorp V
16. "A Secret Service Official" to NBC's Julia Ainsley
17. "Source familiar with the matter" to CNN's Kristen Holmes
18. Law Enforcement source to CNN's Whitney Wild
19. A law enforcement source and a police officer at the scene told CNN reporter/s Jeremy Herb, Jeff Zeleny, Holmes Lybrand and/or Evan Perez
20. "A Republican operative familiar with" told NBC's Henry J. Gomez and Matt Dixon
21. White House official to NBC's Monica Alba
22. "Person familiar with the matter" to AP (in this PBS) article
23. Two law enforcement officials to AP's Colleen Long
24. Law enforcement personnel to AP's Colleen Long and Mike Balsamo
25. "A source with direct knowledge" to ABC News' Pierre Thomas
26. "A source familiar with..." to ABC News' Will Steakin and Mike Levine
27. Unidentified source told ABC News' Luke Barre
28. Law enforcement sources, to ABC News (NFI)
29. "Sources familiar with the investigation" to ABC News' Aaron Katersky

30. LE Officers and briefed lawmakers, to ABC News
31. “Two sources familiar with...” to Washington Post & *ABC News’ Luke Barr and Josh Margolin*
32. Sources briefed on...” to ABC News/ Pierre Thomas and Josh Margolin
33. Law enforcement sources to *ABC News’ Luke Barr, Jack Date, Pierre Thomas, Josh Margolin and Aaron Katersky*
34. Law enforcement sources to ABC News’ Jack Date, Luke Barr, Pierre Thomas, Aaron Katersky
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