

Federal investigators probe whether Trump shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks flew drone over rally site

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Připnuto

Trump vytáhne člena odborů na pódium během shromáždění a vtipkuje, že „nenosí zbraně“



Člen United Auto Workers Union zdraví bývalého prezidenta Donalda Trumpa během shromáždění. (Úvěr: Associated Press)

Bývalý prezident Trump v sobotu při předvolebním shromáždění stáhl odboráře, kterého poznal na pódiu.

Trump mluvil o elektrických autech, když najednou poznal člena publika.

"Jste stejný chlap? Ano? Nedělám si srandu," řekl Trump. "Docela dobrá paměť, že? Na rozdíl od někoho jiného, proti komu náhodou narážím."

Republikán poté vyzval dělníka, aby vstal na pódium, a vtipkoval s ním.

"Je to seriózní odborář, pracovník United Auto Workers," řekl Trump. "Nenosí zbraně. Pojd'te sem nahoru, podívejte se na něj. Podívejte se, v jakém je tvaru."

"Rád toho chlapa vidím," řekl odborář energicky na pódiu. "Říkal jsem ti, že dostaneme 85 milionů z nás, abychom pro něj hlasovali. Tak pojd'me domů z tohoto shromáždění a udělejme svůj díl."

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Trump řekl Jesse Wattersovi, že nebyl varován před střelcem, navzdory zprávám

Moderátor Fox News Jesse Watters nedávno provedl rozhovor vsedě s bývalým prezidentem Trumpem, aby diskutoval o neúspěšném pokusu o atentát z minulého týdne.

V rozhovoru, který bude mít premiéru v „Jesse Watters Primetime“ v pondělí večer ve 20:00 ET, vystoupili Trump i jeho kandidát na viceprezidenta JD Vance. Vance v současné době slouží jako americký senátor zastupující Ohio.

Tito tři muži minulý týden diskutovali o pokusu o atentát na bývalého prezidenta. Střelec Thomas Matthew Crooks střílel na Trumpa ze střechy uprostřed shromáždění v Butler v Pensylvánii a zranil prezidentského kandidáta na pravém uchu.

Trump během rozhovoru prozradil, že ho americká tajná služba před Crooksem nevarovala.

"Udělal se chyby," řekl Watters Trumpovi. "Hodinu předem toho chlápka monitorovali. Nikdo ti neřekl, abys nešel na jeviště?"

"Nikdo se o tom nezmínil," odpověděl bývalý prezident. "Nikdo neřekl, že je to problém."

„[Mohli] říct: ‚Počkejme 15, 20 minut, 5 minut.‘ Nikdo neřekl...myslím, že to byla chyba,“ dodal.

K této zprávě přispěl Andrea Vacchiano z Fox News.

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Tajná služba zamítla žádosti o dodatečné zabezpečení od Trumpova detailu: zpráva



Republikánský prezidentský kandidát, bývalý prezident Donald Trump, je vyhnán agenty tajné služby USA do zákulisí poté, co ho během shromáždění 13. července 2024 v Butleru v Pensylvánii poškrábala kulka. (Foto: Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images)

Zpráva Washington Post zveřejněná v sobotu tvrdila, že nejvyšší představitelé amerických tajných služeb „opakovaně“ zamítli žádosti o přísnější bezpečnostní opatření ze strany bývalého prezidenta Trumpa.

The Post uvedl, že agenti pověřeni ochranou Trumpa požadovali další bezpečnostní zdroje, jako jsou magnetometry a větší počet personálu pro kontrolu hostů a odstřelovačů. Vysocí představitelé údajně agentům řekli, že tajná služba postrádá zdroje na splnění požadavků.

Úředník, který hovořil pod podmínkou anonymity, řekl Post o zamítnutých žádostech. Noviny údajně přezkoumaly žádosti, které byly v minulosti zamítnuty, ale žádná z nich se netýkala shromáždění z minulého týdne, kde byl Trump zastřelen.

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Státní zákonodárce vyzývá službu „irácká svoboda“, aby analyzovala pokus o atentát na Trumpa

Senátor státu Pensylvánie, který zastupuje komunitu, kde žil pokus o atentát na Trumpa Thomas Matthew Crooks, v sobotu při ohlédnutí za tragickým shromážděním řekl, že povolal své tři bojové výpravy na Blízký východ.

Státní senátor Devlin Robinson, R-Allegheny, sloužil jako pěšák americké námořní pěchoty v Nasiriyah, irácké „přepadové uličce“, kde se v rámci mise na záchranu armádního válečného zajatce Jessica Lynch účastnil prohlídek od dveří ke dveřím. Sloužil také ve Fallúdži.

In Harrisburg, Robinson is chairman of the Senate Labor & Industry Committee and often focuses on veterans' issues.

Robinson said the assassination attempt reminded him of his own experiences in Iraq and said that when it comes to securing sensitive locations — whether a military base in the desert or fairgrounds in the Alleghenies — it is paramount for those tasked with securing the area to always be on guard.

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Profiler says Trump shooter, likely not politically motivated, was 'organized thinker'



An undated file photo of Thomas Matthew Crooks. (Obtained by Fox News Digital)

A criminal profiler said Thomas Matthew Crooks' assassination attempt on former President Trump in western Pennsylvania last week was likely not politically motivated and not a random act of violence.

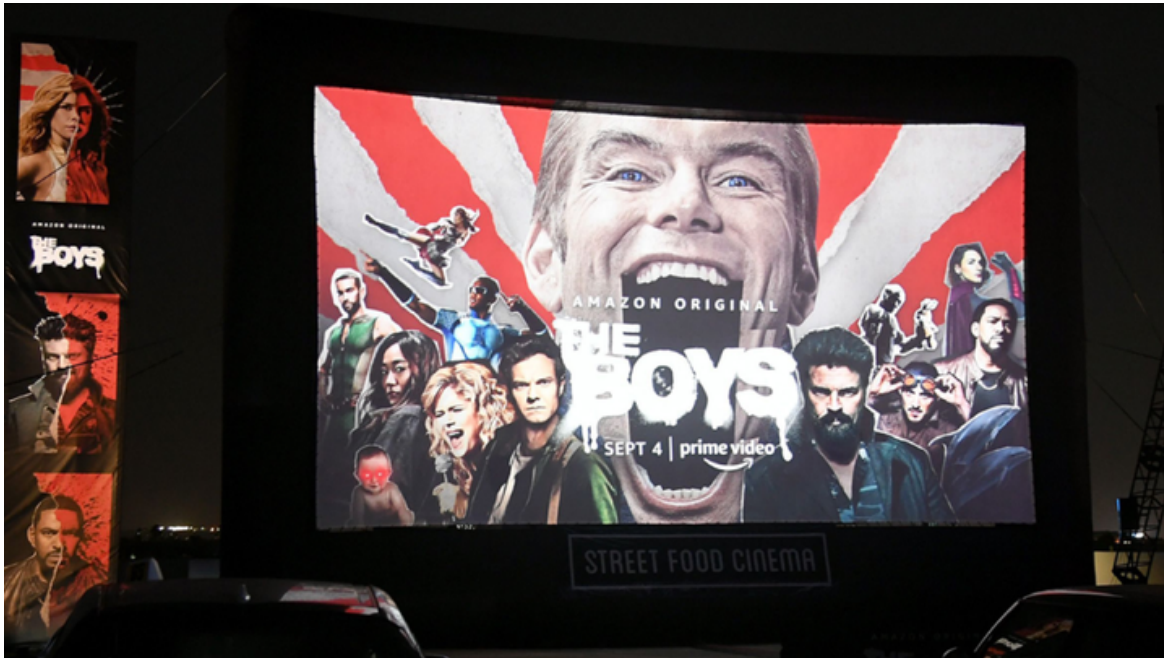
Keith Howard, the chief deputy of the Morgan County Sheriff's Office in Georgia and a criminal profiler, shared with Fox News Digital the behavioral science behind Thomas Matthew Crooks' attempted assassination.

Howard said the shooting of Trump points to an "organized thinker" and not a random act of violence.

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'The Boys' season finale adds political violence disclaimer following Trump assassination attempt



A view of the screen during Amazon Prime Video's "The Boys" Drive-In Premiere & Fan Screening on September 03, 2020 in Los Angeles, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter /Getty Images for Amazon Studios)

Amazon Prime Video has added a disclaimer to "The Boys" season finale condemning political violence following the assassination attempt against former President Trump.

"The season finale of 'The Boys' contains scenes of fictional political violence, which some viewers may find disturbing, especially in light of the injuries and tragic loss of life sustained during the assassination attempt on former President Trump," the disclaimer begins.

Prime Video noted that the newest season of the violent, superhero satire was filmed in 2023 and any similarities to real-world events are "coincidental and unintentional."

Read the full article about 'The Boys' by Nikolas Lanum

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Trump applauds Elon Musk, calls him a 'brilliant guy' and details massive donations



Republican presidential nominee, former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally at the Van Andel Arena on July 20, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Photo by Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images)

Former President Trump praised Tesla, Inc. CEO Elon Musk during his campaign speech on Saturday.

The Republican frontrunner mentioned Musk while speaking about electric cars and the automotive industry.

"And you know Elon, I love Elon Musk. Do we love him? I love him," Trump said to cheering audience members.

"Elon endorsed me recently the other day, he's great," the former president continued. "Elon Musk, he's a brilliant guy."

Trump added that he's "always had a good relationship" with Musk, and confirmed that Musk has donated a massive amount of cash to his campaign.

"He didn't even tell me about it, but he gives me \$45 million a month," the Republican added. "I talked to him just a little while ago to say I was coming here...and he didn't even mention it."

"Other guys, they give you \$2 and you got to take them to lunch. You got to wine 'em, dine 'em," he joked.

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Michigan Republican Sandy Pensler announces end of Senate campaign during Trump rally



Supporters cheer as former US President and 2024 presidential nominee Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally with US Senator and vice presidential nominee J.D. Vance at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 20, 2024. (Photo by JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

Sandy Pensler, a Republican who was running to represent Michigan in the U.S. Senate, announced the end of his campaign during the Trump rally on Saturday.

During his speech, Pensler endorsed his opponent Mike Rogers and said that he was "inspired" by Trump kissing Corey Comperatore's firefighter hat at the RNC this week.

"My campaign was always about making America better," Pensler said. "The best way to do that is to enact President Trump's policies."

"President Trump endorsed Mike Rogers tonight, so am I," he added. "Mike's gonna make a heck of a senator."

Rogers took the stage after Pensler and thanked him for his support.

"Thank you for your leadership," Rogers said to Pensler. "You're going to be an important voice going forward in our party in Michigan."

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Trump defends relationship with Kim Jong Un: 'You were never in danger'



US President Donald Trump and North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un talk before a meeting in the Demilitarized Zone(DMZ) on June 30, 2019, in Panmunjom, Korea. (BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP via Getty Images)

During a rally speech on Saturday, former President Trump defended his close relationships with adversarial world leaders and referenced getting along with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"You know, a lot of times the press would say, 'He gets along with Kim Jong Un. North Korea has a lot of nuclear weapons.' I got along with them great," Trump said. "You were never in danger with me as your president.

"It's a good thing to get along, not a bad thing. I used to tell [Kim], why don't you do something else?" Trump joked. "All he wants to do is buy nuclear weapons and make them. I said, 'Just relax, chill, you got enough.'"

The former president also made a joke about hypothetically watching a baseball game with the North Korean dictator.

"I said, 'Just relax, go to a nice - let's go to a baseball game.' I'll show you what a baseball [is]. We'll go watch the Yankees or we'll come watch Michigan at its home opener."

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China's President Xi wrote a 'beautiful note' after rally shooting, Trump says



Former US President and 2024 presidential nominee Donald Trump speaks during a campaign speech in Michigan. (Photo by JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

Former President Trump recently revealed that Chinese President Xi Jinping reached out to him in the wake of last week's shooting.

"I got along very well with President Xi," Trump said on the stage. "A great guy, wrote me a beautiful note the other day when he heard about what happened. And he wrote me a beautiful note."

The Republican added that "almost all" of the significant foreign leaders sent him their sympathies.

"Almost all of them wrote me notes," he said. "It was nice... I have a good relationship with all of them. That's a good thing."

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Trump says he 'owes immigration my life' during post-shooting speech



Former US President and 2024 presidential nominee Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally with US Senator and vice presidential nominee J.D. Vance at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 20, 2024. (Photo by JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

Former President Trump said that he owes his life to immigration on Saturday, a week after he was shot while discussing the Southern border.

The former president referenced the moment where he turned his head during his speech last week, causing the bullets to narrowly miss his head and clip him in the ear.

"When I watch the way our border was handled...we had the best border, the safest border, the border that saved my life," he said. "You know, I was pointing to an immigration border sign when I made this turn, and that thing went that way, instead of that way."

"So I owe immigration my life. It's true, it's true," he added as the crowd cheered.

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Trump honors victims of rally shooting during Grand Rapids speech



Former US President and 2024 presidential nominee Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally with US Senator and vice presidential nominee J.D. Vance at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 20, 2024. (JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

During a Saturday speech, President Trump took a moment to honor the victims who were injured or killed at the Butler, Pennsylvania, rally last week.

"We continue to pray for the recovery of the two citizens who were wounded in that evil attack – David Dutch and James Copenhaver, two really incredible people," Trump said. "We remain in contact and send our deepest respect to the families."

The Republican also acknowledged the death of Corey Comperatore, calling him a "hero" for protecting his family last week.

"Corey Comperatore was a brave firefighter who died, funeral [was] yesterday," Trump said. "Corey was a hero. And we will carry his memory in our hearts for all time."

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Trump walks out during Michigan rally without large bandage, 1 week after assassination attempt



Former US President and 2024 presidential nominee Donald Trump points at the crowd as he attends a campaign rally with US Senator and vice presidential nominee J.D. Vance at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 20, 2024. (Photo by JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

Former President Trump appeared in public without a large, white bandage on his ear for the first time since he was shot in Pennsylvania last week.

Trump has previously been seen wearing a gauze bandage in the wake of the shooting, but wore a smaller one on his injured ear Saturday. Speaking to an audience of supporters in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Trump said that he "shouldn't be here right now, but something very, something very special happened."

Earlier on Saturday, Congressman Ronny Jackson released a report about Trump's health after the shooting. Jackson had served as Physician to the President during the Trump administration.

"The bullet track produced a 2 cm wide wound that extended down to the cartilaginous surface of the ear," the physician wrote in a detailed statement. "There was initially significant bleeding, followed by marked swelling of the entire upper ear. The swelling has since resolved, and the wound is beginning to granulate and heal properly."

"Based on the highly vascular nature of the ear, there is still intermittent bleeding requiring a dressing to be in place," Jackson continued. "Given the broad and blunt nature of the wound itself, no sutures were required."

During his speech, Trump thanked Jackson for his medical assistance.

"Let me also thank Congressman Ronny Jackson from Texas...for the care and treatment he gave me as an outstanding doctor, which he is, he's really an amazing guy," he said.

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Vance slams VP rival Harris during fiery speech in Grand Rapids



Republican vice presidential candidate, Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) arrives at a campaign rally at the Van Andel Arena on July 20, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Photo by Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images)

Former President Donald Trump and vice presidential nominee JD Vance took shots at Vice President Kamala Harris during Saturday's rally in Grand Rapids.

"I've served in the United States Marine Corps ... What the hell have you done? "What has she done other than collect a check from her political offices?" he asked, before going on to talk about his grandmother, who he calls "Mamaw," and his upbringing.

Harris ripped Vance after his Wednesday speech at the RNC in which he accepted his role on the 2024 ticket."It was compelling. It's a compelling story. But it's not the full story," Harris said.

"Frankly, what is very telling is what he did not talk about on that stage. He did not talk about Project 2025, the 900-page blueprint for a second term. He did not talk about it because their plans are extreme, and they are divisive."

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Vance praises Trump at first campaign rally after assassination attempt, RNC



Republican Vice Presidential nominee U.S. Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH) speaks at the first public rally held with his running mate, Republican Presidential nominee former President Donald J. Trump (not pictured), at the Van Andel Arena on July 20, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Photo by Bill Pugliano/Getty Images)

Ohio Senator JD Vance praised former President Trump at campaign rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan, exactly a week after an assassination attempt against Trump failed.

Speaking to a crowd of thousands, Vance called to "bring some common sense and security to this country."

"Both parties were broken in very profound ways," the senator claimed. "Both parties, if you remember, signed up for shipping millions of good manufacturing jobs off to Mexico and China until President Trump came along and said, 'We got to make more of our own stuff. We got to make it with our own workers hands, and we're going to do it for our own people right here in the United States of America, right here in Michigan.'"

Vance also praised Trump's economic plans and commended him for wanting to tighten border security.

"President Trump, in other words, wants to build a country that actually works for the citizens of this country," he said. "Once again, he did it for four years. He did it so successfully for four years."

"My friends, we have never had an election where you have four years of one guy and four years of the other guy, and who could possibly reject the idea that four years of President Trump has been a hell of a lot better than four years of Joe Biden, right? That's right," Vance added."

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Trump's former physician provides detailed update on health after rally shooting: 'Absolute miracle'



US President Donald Trump shakes hands with White House Physician Rear Admiral Dr. Ronny Jackson, following his annual physical at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, January 12, 2018. (Photo by SAUL LOEB/AFP via Getty Images)

Congressman Ronny Jackson, who formally served as Physician to the President during the Trump administration, released a detailed update on the former president's health on Saturday.

Writing a week after Trump was shot in the ear in Pennsylvania, Jackson explained that he evaluated Trump from Bedminster, New Jersey, hours after the shooting.

"I have been with President Trump since that time, and I have evaluated and treated his wound daily," Jackson wrote. "He is doing well. As reported and witnessed by the entire world, he sustained a gunshot wound to the right ear from a high-powered rifle used by the would be assassin."

The congressman also provided specific details about Trump's injuries, and said that the bullet passed "less than a quarter of an inch from entering [Trump's] head, and struck the top of his right ear." Jackson

also confirmed that Trump received a CT scan of his head.

"The bullet track produced a 2 cm wide wound that extended down to the cartilaginous surface of the ear," the physician described. "There was initially significant bleeding, followed by marked swelling of the entire upper ear. The swelling has since resolved, and the wound is beginning to granulate and heal properly."

"Based on the highly vascular nature of the ear, there is still intermittent bleeding requiring a dressing to be in place," he added. "Given the broad and blunt nature of the wound itself, no sutures were required."

The physician will appear on "Sunday Morning Futures" on Fox News Sunday morning at 10 a.m. ET to discuss Trump's health. Towards the end of his statement, Jackson concluded that Trump is currently doing well.

"He will have further evaluations, including a comprehensive hearing exam, as needed. He will follow up with his primary care physician, as directed by the doctors that initially evaluated him," he continued. "In summary, former President Trump is doing well, and he is recovering as expected from the gunshot wound sustained last Saturday afternoon."

"I am extremely thankful his life was spared. It is an absolute miracle he wasn't killed," Jackson added.

Fox News Digital's Brooke Singman and Kirill Clark contributed to this update.

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WATCH: Thousands descend on Michigan town for first Trump rally since failed assassination attempt

Thousands of people lined the streets of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Saturday to show support for former President Trump at his first rally since a would-be assassin tried, but failed, to take his life last week.

"Fight, fight, fight!" some in the swing-state crowd began to chant as Fox News Digital asked if there was any sense of nervousness after what happened at the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where a 20-year-old gunman killed one rallygoer, critically wounded two others and shot Trump in the ear.

"West Michigan is fired up, and they are ready for a change in Washington," Michael Markey, the Republican candidate for Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, told Fox as he greeted rallygoers waiting in the growing line to enter Van Andel Arena.

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Trump shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks' cause, manner of death revealed



An undated image of Thomas Matthew Crooks (Handout via AFP)

An official cause and manner of death has been released for former President Trump's would-be assassin, Thomas Matthew Crooks.

Crooks died of a gunshot wound to the head, the Butler County Coroner's Office told Fox News Digital Saturday. His manner of death was ruled a homicide.

The 20-year-old was pronounced dead in Butler County, where he fired five rounds at a Trump rally July 13 and nicked the former president in the ear before he was "neutralized" 26 seconds later.

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Trump shooter's shocked teacher reveals details of his college life



Thomas Crooks graduated with an associates degree in engineering in May from Pittsburgh's Community College of Allegheny County. (AP/Getty)

The man who shot at former President Donald Trump last Saturday excelled in college and appeared to have a promising future, his former teacher said.

Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, was a thoughtful and polite student at Pittsburgh's Community College of Allegheny College, where he graduated in May with an associate's degree in engineering.

Prior to Saturday's attempted assassination, Crooks had planned to continue his education at nearby Robert Morris University.

One of his former teachers, who declined to be identified, was so stunned after the shooting, she reviewed his homework assignments and noted that he went "above and beyond" as a student.

She recalled a project Crooks completed on a chess set for blind players.

."He 3D-printed it. He put the Braille on it," the educator said. "He talked to experts in the field. He really took a lot of care."

Crooks was shot dead by snipers after firing a volley of shots at Trump's Butler, Pennsylvania rally. The bullets grazed the former president's ear and killed former firefighter Corey Comperatore.

Another employee said that Crooks, of Bethel Park, seemed focused on pursuing a career in engineering, and that his murderous descent shocked him.

"It's just very, very, very unexpected," the employee said.

Fox News Digital's Rebecca Rosenberg contributed to this update.

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Bill Maher derides Trump voters who believe God spared the ex-president from death



HBO host Bill Maher rebuked Trump supporters who insist that the former president was saved from assassination by God.

(Screenshot/HBO, Getty Images)

HBO host Bill Maher doesn't believe that God's hand saved former President Donald Trump from being killed by an assassin's bullet last week and thinks those that do are getting close to making him a "demigod."

In the closing monologue of "Real Time with Bill Maher," the host mocked Trump supporters who have claimed that former President Trump's assassination was prevented by an act of God, telling them to open their eyes and stop with the "magical thinking."

"Enough is enough with interpreting every event as a DM [direct message] from heaven," Maher said, rebuking religious Trump supporters during the segment.

Maher condemned the attempted assassination at the very beginning of his show, as he had shortly after the traumatic event occurred. He told his HBO audience on Friday, "You should be as angry about that as if the candidate you like got shot."

He also hammered the U.S. Secret Service for appearing to drop the ball in preventing the incident, saying, "You should also be angry that the Secret Service allowed some kid with a sniper rifle and a range finder to get past the metal detectors. What? The TSA once tackled me over a bottle of Visine."

Later in the show, however, Maher slammed the way some religious Trump fans have characterized his attempted murder.

The segment, titled, "In God We Lust," began with the host stating, "Since the bullet that was meant for Donald Trump missed him last Saturday, Republicans have been indulging in an orgy of magical thinking, saying things like, 'Trump wears the armor of God.'"

He shared quotes of various conservatives and pro-Trump influencers who claimed God protected the former President, including one from Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., himself a victim of an assassination attempt in 2017.

Maher read Scalise's post about the Trump shooting, which stated, "Yesterday, there were miracles. And I think the hand of God was there too." The host then joked about how God handled Scalise's shooting compared to how He handled Trump's: "Steve was also shot, but God was having an off day. And that bullet missed his ear and went into his spleen."

Warning his supporters to avoid attaching religious significance to Trump, he continued, "America doesn't need a demigod. From the pharaohs to Julius Caesar, to Hirohito, many cultures have tried it – the earthly being who is simultaneously divine or god-ish. And it never turns out well."

Fox News Digital's Gabriel Hays contributed to this update.

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Butler Farm Show breaks silence after assassination attempt on their grounds



A shoe is left on the stage during a campaign rally for former President Donald Trump at Butler Farm Show Inc. on Saturday, July 13, 2024 in Butler, Pa. Trump ducked and was taken offstage after loud noises were heard after he began speaking. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post via Getty Images)

The owner of the farm grounds where former President Trump was shot during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, last Saturday has issued a statement on the incident.

On Friday, the Butler Farm Show expressed condolences to the victims and clarified their role was limited to renting the ground to Trump's campaign, local news station KDKA reported.

"We are grieved by the tragic event that occurred at the Butler Farm Show grounds during former President Donald J. Trump's rally on Saturday, July 13. Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of Corey Comperatore, whose life made a profound impact within the Butler community. We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to those who were injured during the incident and wish them a full recovery," the statement read.

"The Butler Farm Show is fully cooperating with the FBI's ongoing investigation into this incident. Due to the sensitive nature of the investigation, we have been unable to comment on the event until now. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process. The Butler Farm Show has been a beloved community and family tradition since 1948, bringing people together from all walks of life to celebrate agriculture and community. Our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all attendees of the upcoming Butler Farm Show remains unwavering, and your well-being is at the heart of our preparations. Thank you for your patience and support as we heal and move forward as a community."

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Trump shooting victim Corey Comperatore: Pennsylvania community mourns 'hero' firefighter

As friends and family gathered to remember Corey Comperatore , the father and firefighter killed by gunfire at a Trump rally on July 13, at his funeral on Friday morning, locals lined the streets leading to Comperatore's church to remember the fallen "hero."

Comperatore, 50, was shot during an assassination attempt against the former president in Butler, Pennsylvania, around 6:11 p.m. that evening.

"My son was a fireman with Corey for years. Great mentor for him. He was a wonderful person," Sylvia Lowry told Fox News Digital on Friday. "Of course, we're all devastating. Great family. ... We just pray that he rests in peace."

She went on to describe Comperatore as "quiet," a "family man," and a "good soul."

Jeanne Fox, who worked with Comperatore's wife, Helen, described the volunteer firefighter as a "good dad" — specifically, a good "girl dad" to his two daughters.

The former fire chief for the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department also served 10 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

"Above all, Corey was the quintessential family man and the best girl dad," his obituary states. "His love for his wife Helen Comperatore was a testament to the power of partnership and devotion. Together, they raised two daughters, Allyson and Kaylee Comperatore, who will carry forward his spirit of compassion."

Fox News Digital's Audrey Conklin contributed to this update.

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Trump would-be assassin Thomas Crooks researched mass shooter Ethan Crumbley: source



Thomas Matthew Crooks (Obtained by Fox News Digital)

Would-be Trump assassin Thomas Crooks researched mass high school shooter Ethan Crumbley before attempting to kill the former president, according to a source familiar with the matter.

Ethan Crumbley, now 18, is serving life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing four students and injuring seven others at Oxford High School in Michigan in November 2021, when he was just 15 years old.

Crooks looked up Crumbley before carrying out the assassination attempt at Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, the source told Fox News Digital.

Following Crumbley's historic conviction, his parents, James and Jennifer Crumbley, were also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Prosecutors argued that the couple did not properly secure their guns and home and did not get their son the help he needed before the shooting. The parents even visited Oxford High School administrators to discuss their son's disturbing drawings he made in class the same morning of the deadly shooting.

Crooks' other internet search history included photos of Trump and Biden, the Democratic National Convention (DNC) and "major depressive disorder," as The New York Times previously reported.

Investigators learned of Crooks' search history after cracking his phone, according to the Times.

Fox News Digital's Audrey Conklin contributed to this update.

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Sen. Kevin Cramer: Trump should have never taken the stage in Pennsylvania

Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., spoke to NBC's Kristen Welker about Secret Service briefing for members of Congress on the attempted assassination of former President Trump.

Cramer said a lingering question for lawmaker is why Trump was allowed to take the stage in Butler, Pennsylvania, when there was a known security threat.

"And so when we had this moment last night where we we learned that the directors, not only in the building, but on the same level, a few of us were at we that this is our moment to ask her, and her hostility toward us was remarkable, her unwillingness to talk and and then the appropriate suggestion that maybe this isn't the right place to do it,"

Cramer said, referring to the moment a group of GOP senators confronted Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday.

Cramer said Trump never should have been allowed on stage at the rally.

"I mean, when you look at that timeline and you think at 551, this threat was so significant that that the Secret Service notified the counter sniper unit, who then put their eyes on that roof. So if it was significant enough to call the calling the counter sniper unit, why wasn't it significant enough to keep the president from going to the stage."

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FBI agents appear to be seen canvassing Thomas Matthew Crooks' neighborhood



(Fox News)

FBI agents appeared to be seen canvassing shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks' neighborhood in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, one week after the gunman was killed in a failed assassination attempt against former President Trump.

The agents, dressed in button up shirts, were seen driving a small black SUV. They carried documents in hand and went door to door to speak with neighbors.

Investigators are still working to identify a motive in the shooting, which claimed the life of Corey Comperatore and led to injuries for Trump, David Dutch and James Copenhaver.

Neighbors who spoke to Fox News Digital said Crooks' family were not politically outspoken and former classmates described the shooter as a quiet loner.

Jason Kohler, who attended the same high school as Crooks, described him to Fox News as an "outcast" who was always alone and "bullied every day."

Kohler told reporters that Crooks sat alone at lunchtime and was mocked for his clothing, which often included "hunting outfits."

Julianna Grooms, who graduated one year after Crooks, also said that he dressed in camouflage or hunting attire and interacted awkwardly. In his freshman year, she said, he stood out with wide-legged jeans and Spongebob Squarepants T-shirts.

"If someone would say something to his face, he would just kind of stare at them," Grooms told the Wall Street Journal. "People would say he was the student who would shoot up the school."

Fox News Digital's Rebecca Rosenberg and Fox News' Chelsea Torres contributed to this update.

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Former Secret Service agent questions why Trump was allowed on stage amid threat concerns

A retired U.S. Secret Service agent questioned why former President Trump was cleared to take the stage at Saturday's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, despite a "person of interest" being identified beforehand.

"Why the rush? Why push him on stage? Why not delay?" questioned Mike Matranga on "America's Newsroom" Thursday.

"It would have taken nothing to take a tactical pause, assess the situation, locate him, and potentially prevent what we haven't seen in 43 years."

Shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks was perceived by the Secret Service as a "person of interest" after law enforcement saw him acting suspiciously and determined he had a golf range finder, according to Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

Crooks was only identified as a threat when he "retrieved the weapon" and climbed onto the roof of a building just prior to the shooting, according to Guglielmi, who added that a threat requires, "a different protocol and a different course of action than a person of interest."

Soon after that, Butler Township police officers confronted Crooks on the roof, and he pointed his weapon at one of them, who then dropped off the roof. Crooks then fired on Trump and was taken out by a Secret Service counter sniper.

Matranga called the situation a "catastrophic failure."

"Failing to even address the American people or to point the finger solely at the local law enforcement is just not right," he said. "This is a catastrophic failure of communications. We've known this for decades, that we rely too heavily on our local counterparts to do the jobs that we are designed to do, and so this is a catastrophic failure."

"The former president deserves better," he continued. "The individuals who were harmed and the individual who succumbed to his injuries deserve better."

Fox News Digital's Elizabeth Heckman contributed to this update.

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Trump, Vance to attend rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Republican presidential nominee [Donald Trump](#) will hold his first campaign rally on Saturday since the assassination attempt on his life just one week ago.

Trump is scheduled to travel to Grand Rapids, in the battleground state of Michigan, where he will be joined for the first time by his running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio. The rally will be their first joint appearance on the campaign trail.

Trump and Vance will take the stage in Grand Rapids with the Republican Party unified behind them after this week's nominating convention. In contrast, the Democrats are in turmoil and it is no longer certain that President Joe Biden will be the Democratic nominee facing Trump in the Nov. 5 election.

Biden is facing mounting calls from many elected officials in his own party to step aside as the party's White House candidate and to end his re-election bid, after his poor debate performance against Trump last month.

Reuters contributed to this update.

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Florida man arrested for alleged death threats against Trump, Vance



Former US President Donald Trump, left, and Senator JD Vance, a Republican from Ohio and Republican vice-presidential nominee, during the Republican National Convention (RNC) at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, US, on Thursday, July 18, 2024. (Victor J. Blue/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

A Florida man was arrested Friday after he allegedly made written threats against former President Donald Trump and his 2024 running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio, on social media.

The Jupiter Police Department said Michael M. Wiseman has been charged after making written threats on Facebook to kill Trump, Vance and their families.

Police received multiple online crime tips alerting them to the alleged Facebook posts.

"After investigating the reports and the suspect's Facebook account, JPD detectives found that Wiseman had made multiple threats against Trump and Vance, who earlier this week became the Republican nominees for President and Vice President, respectively. Threats were also made concerning bodily harm to members of the Trump and Vance families," the police department said in a statement.

"JPD coordinated the investigation with the United States Secret Service and the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office. JPD officers took Wiseman into custody without incident."

Jupiter is about 20 miles north of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home in Palm Beach.

The Associated Press contributed to this update.

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Retired Army captain reveals 'tactical reason' Secret Service should've been on ARG roof

The Secret Service should have foreseen a "tactical reason" to have countersnipers placed on the ARG building rooftop at former President Trump's Pennsylvania rally on Saturday – where gunman Thomas Matthew Crooks opened fire – according to a retired Army infantry captain who witnessed the chaos from the front row.

"I've been in more firefights than I can count, I can tell you, but I've never been in anything like that," Sean Parnell, a former congressional candidate who can be seen in photos of the shooting just steps away from Trump on stage right, told Fox News Digital.

"Doesn't it make sense to engage behind the president, too?" he added. "There was a tactical reason for that to be occupied."

Parnell said that as soon as he arrived at the rally, he took a general look around and potential security vulnerabilities stood out to him, but he also saw a strong police presence.

"As a combat veteran, 16 months in Afghanistan, I'll tell you that looking for threats like that is, once you come back from combat, you're kind of wired like that," he said. "That experience that never leaves you. I didn't think anything was going to go wrong. I'm at a political rally ... but you still think about that."

He said his immediate thought was that the gunman was either perched on a nearby water tower or the AGR building to the north of the stage.

"Instantly, it was like building or water tower," he recalled. "But there's no freaking way. The Secret Service would have that on lockdown."

But somehow, Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, was able to climb on top of it with a rifle.

Fox News Digital's Michael Ruiz contributed to this update.

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Trump's 'strength' after assassination attempt won him critics' support: Pittsburgh GOP leader

The Republican leader of Pennsylvania's second-most populous county said Friday the way former President Trump responded to his assassination attempt likely won him the support of critics and undecided voters alike.

Allegheny County Republican Committee chairman Sam DeMarco – whose area was rocked by news that shooter Thomas Crooks was living in their community – said that although he did not attend the

Butler, Pa., rally, he shared his real-time reaction to the news.

"I was getting ready to go downtown to meet my friends and listening on the Fox stream when I heard the president had been shot, and I could tell you I was absolutely floored," he said. "I couldn't believe that something like that could happen; [that] there could be a lapse in security that could permit that."

DeMarco said, however, it was Trump's reaction, now immortalized by the iconic image of the Republican presidential nominee mouthing the word "fight" with his fist in the air, and his courage to continue on with his campaign that will live on.

"I think President Trump, in the wake of the shooting there as he rose to his feet, with the Secret Service, men, women just hanging off of him had the thought to be able to raise his fist in the air to show the crowd that he was okay and to urge them to continue to 'fight,' fight for this country – I think he won votes from folks that were undecided, or may not have been supporters, from folks all across this country," DeMarco said.

"I think he further exhibited the strength that he has when he, after just going back to [Bedminster, N.J.] for a day, continued on to the Republican [National] Convention on-schedule – and then culminated last night with a one-hour-plus speech."

"What person – after having been shot by someone and coming so close to death – can carry on like that?"

Fox News Digital's Charles Creitz contributed to this update.

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Billy Ray Cyrus performs at funeral for Trump shooting victim Corey Comperatore



Billy Ray Cyrus performed at Corey Comperatore's funeral on Friday, July 19, in Cabot, PA. (Fox News Digital)

Billy Ray Cyrus on Friday appeared at the funeral for Corey Comepratore, a volunteer firefighter, husband and father who was killed by gunfire last Saturday during a rally for former President Donald Trump.

The "Achy Breaky Heart" singer was seen taking photos and shaking hands with law enforcement in attendance outside Cabot United Methodist Church in Cabot, Pennsylvania, on Friday morning.

"Corey Comperatore is a[n] Army reservist veteran and former firefighter chief. Billy Ray Cyrus has always been passionate about honoring troops and first responders. Today he was honored to join the family and perform during the service," a source told Fox News Digital on Friday.

The funeral for Comperatore, 50, drew hundreds of family members, friends and local law enforcement officials — both local and federal — to Cabot. Butler County residents, including those who knew the

Comperatore family and those who did not, lined the rural roads surrounding the church with American flags and signs honoring Comperatore.

"American Hero Corey Comperatore," one sign read. Another called the volunteer firefighter a "true hero."

Comperatore died after being shot at the rally while protecting his family.

Former President Trump commemorated the fallen firefighter on Thursday night at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, with Comperatore's firefighter jacket and helmet displayed on stage.

"He lost his life selflessly acting as a human shield to protect them from flying bullets... what a fine man he was," Trump said during his RNC speech on Thursday. "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for others.

Fox News Digital's Audrey Conklin and Chris Eberhart contributed to this update.

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Sniper killed would-be Trump assassin with 'one-in-a-million shot': source

The shot that killed the man who attempted to assassinate former President Trump at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, last Saturday was a "one-in-a-million shot," according to a source familiar with the investigation into the shooting.

Fox News learned from the source the kill shot was a single shot taken by a Secret Service counter sniper whose view was obscured.

A local tactical team also took a shot at the would-be assassin, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, but missed.

The Secret Service sniper who killed Crooks could only see Crooks' gun scope and the top of his eye and forehead because the lip of the roof was blocking the sniper's view.

The source described the shot to Fox News as a "one-in-a-million shot."

The news comes as more information begins to come out about the botched security detail that allowed Crooks to climb onto a building, get a clear line of sight of Trump and open fire on the former president.

While the Secret Service agents who stopped the shooter and jumped to protect Trump are being praised, the agency's director, Kimberly Cheatle, has been harshly criticized for her handling of the matter.

The House Committee On Oversight and Accountability has scheduled a hearing for Monday with Cheatle, who is facing calls to resign from lawmakers over her agency's handling of the Trump rally shooting.

The hearing, "Oversight of the U.S. Secret Service and the Attempted Assassination of President Donald J. Trump," is scheduled to begin on Capitol Hill at 10 a.m. Monday.

Fox News Digital's Greg Wehner and Bryan Lienas contributed to this update.

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Bellarmino University fires instructor after Libs of TikTok post

A Kentucky college professor is "no longer" employed at Bellarmine University after his controversial comments on the assassination attempt on former President Trump went viral.

Professor John James reacted to the shooting with an Instagram post that read, "if you're gonna shoot, man, don't miss." A screenshot of James' post was captured and shared by Libs of TikTok, an account with 3.2 million followers on X.

After the Libs of TikTok post went viral, Bellarmine University announced that James had been placed on unpaid leave.

"Words and actions that condone violence are unacceptable and contrary to our values, which call for respecting the intrinsic value and dignity of every individual," the school said in a statement. "We strive to create an inclusive community that welcomes all and models a spirit of goodwill. We are aware of an offensive and unacceptable social media post made by an employee over the weekend."

In a July 16 update, the university said James "is no longer a Bellarmine employee."

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Fauci dismisses concerns over Trump's gunshot wound



Dr. Anthony Fauci, former Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, testifies before the House Oversight and Accountability Committee Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic at the Rayburn House Office Building on June 03, 2024 in Washington, DC. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

Dr. Anthony Fauci waved away concerns over former President Trump's gunshot wound after the assassination attempt on Trump's life during a rally in Pennsylvania last week.

On July 13, shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks fired a bullet that grazed the side of Trump's head, hitting the top of his right ear. One spectator was killed and two others were critically injured by the assailant before he was shot dead by U.S. Secret Service agents.

Fauci, during an interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer, said the public shouldn't be very concerned about the extent of Trump's wound and the former president's treatment.

"I don't think there is much more to it. I mean, from what we've seen and what we've heard, it was, it was a bullet shot that grazed his ear and injured his ear, according to the physicians who examined him.

There was no other further damage," Fauci said.

"So I think that with regard to the health related purely to the bullet itself, I think he's he's in the clear as far as I can see. I mean, it's dangerous to make diagnoses from a distance from what I'm seeing, the way he's acting now and what his physicians report saw. It seems to have been a superficial wound to the ear, and that's all."

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Secret Service chief to appear for Monday congressional hearing



United States Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle speaks during a press conference at the Secret Service's Chicago Field Office on June 4 2024 in Chicago, Illinois, ahead of the 2024 Democratic and Republican National Conventions. (KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AFP via Getty Images)

Secret Service Director [Kimberly Cheatle](#) said Friday she will testify before the House Oversight and Accountability Committee on Monday.

“We are committed to better understanding what happened before, during and after the assassination attempt of former President Trump to ensure it never happens again,” the Secret Service said in a statement.

Earlier this week, Oversight Chair James Comer, R-Ky., issued a subpoena to compel Cheatle to testify. The Department of Homeland Security requested that her testimony be delayed until later in the week, but the committee refused.

“Americans demand answers from Director Kimberly Cheatle about the Secret Service’s historic security failures that led to the attempted assassination of President Trump, murder of an innocent victim, and harm to others in the crowd. We look forward to Director Cheatle’s testimony on Monday, July 22 to deliver the transparency and accountability Americans deserve,” Comer said in a statement after Cheatle confirmed she will testify Monday.

House lawmakers have promised to exercise oversight on the Secret Service after former President Trump was shot at his July 13 rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. Questions abound on how the shooter was able to take a sniper's position on an unsecured rooftop within range of the president.

Cheatle has resisted calls for her resignation after the security failure.

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Trump supporter at Pennsylvania rally recounts harrowing attempted-assassination moments

A Pittsburgh man who witnessed the [assassination attempt on former President Trump](#) in Butler, Pa., last weekend recounted his amazement to Fox News Digital in watching the crowd erupt in cheers after the

GOP nominee mouthed "Fight!" and fist-pumped moments after being shot.

Bob Crankovic said he was sitting behind Trump just off his right shoulder when the rally began.

Several minutes into the rally, Thomas Crooks, 20, of Bethel Park, Pa., attempted to kill Trump, but shot him in the ear after the former president turned at the last moment to explain a border policy graphic.

Crankovic, who has been active in local Republican circles since 2016, said it was approximately his fourth Trump rally, and that Saturday's started just as the others had – with rallygoers bedecked in red hats and American flag-themed regalia.

However, after shots rang out, Crankovic saw Trump dropping and being smothered by Secret Service agents. What happened next was similarly shocking, he said.

"As soon as unfortunately the shots went out what happened was that I immediately ducked for cover," he said. "By the time I happened to look up at the president, roughly around the second or third shot, he was already covered up," he said.

"So it was tough to watch. But, I mean, as soon as the president got up, everybody was absolutely screaming their head off for the president in support."

Fox News' Charles Creitz contributed to this report.

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Investigators probe whether Thomas Matthew Crooks flew drone over rally site before shooting

Investigators are probing whether would-be assassin Thomas Matthew Crooks flew a drone over the rally site in Butler, Pennsylvania, hours before he shot former President Trump on July 13.

A source familiar with the investigation confirmed reporting that Crooks flew a drone over the buildings he eventually climbed on to try to assassinate Trump.

A senior congressional source also tells Fox News they are looking into the matter, but could not confirm specifics of the drone.

Earlier, the Wall Street Journal reported that law-enforcement officials briefed on the matter said 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks flew a drone to conduct reconnaissance at the Butler Farm Show fairgrounds before Trump took the stage.

According to the Journal, Crooks flew the drone on a programmed flight path to the grounds on July 13, and officials said the path suggests the shooter flew the drone to the site more than one time ahead of the event.

A source told Fox News Digital that the FBI is looking at a drone linked to the shooting investigation, but pushed back on the specifics of The Wall Street Journal's reporting.

The FBI declined to comment to Fox News Digital.

Fox News' Bryan Lienas, Chad Pergram, CB Cotton and Fox News Digital's Greg Wehner contributed to this update.

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Trump shooter likely hid AR-15 behind AC unit, USSS sniper took one shot

There are now two working theories on how Thomas Crooks got a DPMS AR-15 rifle onto the roof of the AGR building in Butler, Pennsylvania last Saturday without being noticed prior to an assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump, who's now the 2024 Republican presidential nominee.

According to a federal law enforcement source briefed on the investigation, Crooks either hid his father's rifle near the AC unit he used to climb up onto the roof of the AGR building, or he had it in the backpack he was spotted with, along with the golf range finder.

However, this source said hiding the rifle in his backpack would require a significant amount of disassembling and reassembling the rifle, and that the more likely scenario is that Crooks hid the rifle behind the AC unit.

Fox News has reported that Crooks bought a ladder and ammunition on the morning of the rally. However, federal law enforcement sources say that no ladder was found on site, and the working theory is that Crooks grabbed the rifle, climbed upon the AC unit and then climbed onto the roof.

We now also know that the unit inside that building was a Butler Township Emergency Services Unit sniper team who was doing "overwatch" on the event. This team was looking out of the windows of the building at the event, watching for any suspicious activity, while Crooks snuck up on the roof above them.

Fox News can also report that the Secret Service Counter Sniper who killed Crooks took only one shot.

Fox News' Jake Gibson and David Spunt contributed to this report.

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