

Preliminary Timeline Based on Information Uncovered by Senator Johnson’s Office

The following timeline includes information Senator Johnson’s office has obtained during the week following the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump on July 13, 2024. This preliminary information is being shared with the public to ensure transparency.

July 5, 2024—Eight Days before Trump Rally

- According to local law enforcement, United States Secret Service first informs Butler County Emergency Services (Butler ESU) of the Trump Rally scheduled for July 13, 2024.
 - Local law enforcement reportedly sees media reports of the rally around July 3, 2024.

July 8, 2024—Five Days before Trump Rally

- Butler ESU reportedly meets with Secret Service regarding the rally and receives information regarding the timeline of the event and is informed that the rally will be held at the Butler Farm Show grounds.

July 10, 2024—Three Days before Trump Rally

- Secret Service reportedly conducts a site visit at the Butler Farm Show grounds in advance of the July 13, 2024 rally.

July 13, 2024—Day of Trump Rally

- **9:00am**—Butler ESU holds a briefing for the local SWAT and Sniper units from Butler County, Beaver County, and Washington County providing security for the event.
 - At the briefing Butler ESU provides a 46-page slide deck which outlines:
 - Areas of responsibility for each local unit; and
 - Staging locations, including sniper locations, for each local unit and the Secret Service.
 - According to attendees of the briefing, no Secret Service or other federal law enforcement is present for this briefing.
 - According to attendees of the briefing, Secret Service had not initially intended to provide sniper units, changed course for unclear reasons.
 - Butler ESU’s briefing includes an outline of the security perimeter for the event and areas of responsibility.
- **9:27am**—Thomas Matthew Crooks, the alleged shooter, enters a Home Depot located in Bethel Park, PA.
 - CCTV footage of the Home Depot reportedly shows the shooter entering alone.
- **9:41am**—Crooks purchases a 5.5 FT Aluminum Dual Platform ladder.

- **9:42am**—Crooks exits the Home Depot.
 - CCTV footage of the Home Depot parking lot reportedly captures Crooks exiting the lot by vehicle. The footage could not identify the make/model of the vehicle.
- **10:30am**—Two local law enforcement snipers are in position on the second floor inside the American Glass Research (AGR) building.
- **5:10pm**—Crooks is first observed by one of the snipers (AGR sniper 1) at the AGR building.
- **5:14pm**—AGR sniper 1 takes the below pictures of Crooks.



- **5:28pm**—AGR sniper 1 takes the below picture of a bicycle and what appears to be two bags located near the AGR building. It is unclear what happened to the bicycle and bags after July 13, 2024.



- **5:32pm**—AGR sniper 1 spots Crooks looking at his phone and using a rangefinder.

- **5:38pm**—AGR sniper 1 sends a message to the “Sniper Group” about Crooks.
- **5:40pm**—AGR sniper 1 is told to “call into command” regarding Crooks.
- **5:41pm**—AGR sniper 1 calls into command and provides a description of Crooks and the rangefinder, as well as that Crooks was “lurking around [the] AGR building.”
- **5:49pm**—Photos of Crooks are sent to Butler ESU Command.
- **5:55pm**—Butler ESU Command confirms receipt of the photos and states they have been relayed on.
- **5:59pm**—Butler ESU Command asks for the direction that Crooks is traveling. AGR sniper 1 is initially unsure of the direction Crooks is traveling.
- **6:05pm**—AGR sniper 1 later communicates that Crooks is seen moving northeast “in the direction of Sheetz” and that Crooks has a backpack.
- **6:06-6:12pm**—AGR sniper 1 goes to ground floor of the building to meet local law enforcement patrol to alert them to Crooks presence.
- **Approx. 6:11pm**—Crooks begins shooting.
 - Secret Service reportedly return fire and Crooks is killed.¹⁰
- **6:23pm**—Beaver County SWAT operators access the roof where Crooks is located and confirm Crooks is deceased.
 - According to those SWAT operators, there was local law enforcement from another county and at least one Secret Service agent, wearing a suit, also on the roof.
- **6:46pm**—Crooks is patted down. Law enforcement reportedly finds a transmitter device, Crooks phone, and the rangefinder in Crooks pockets.
- **7:45pm-7:46pm**—At the request of Allegheny Bomb Squad, local law enforcement text pictures of Crooks and the items near his body to a phone number with a 215 area code (from the Philadelphia area) associated with an ATF agent. ATF reportedly is using the pictures of Crooks to run facial recognition.

¹⁰ Greg Wehner, Bryan Llenas, Sniper killed would-be Trump assassin with ‘one-in-a-million shot’: source, FoxNews (July 19, 2024), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/sniper-killed-would-be-trump-assassin-one-million-shot-source>.