

**TIMELINE: Law Enforcement Awareness of Thomas Matthew Crooks on July 13, 2024**  
**(as of July 30, 2024)**  
**Entered into the Record by Sen. Ron Johnson**

Text in Green is media reported information;

Text in Black is information learned from local law enforcement;

Text in Blue is from U.S. Secret Service Acting Director Ronald Rowe's testimony;

Text in Brown from Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate's testimony;  
and Text in Red is from Butler County radio communications.

- **4:26pm**—Per media reports, Beaver County officers first notice and send a text in a group chat about an individual later identified as Crooks.<sup>1</sup>
- **5:10pm**—A local law enforcement sniper positioned in the American Glass Research (AGR) building (AGR sniper 1) first spots Crooks.
- **5:14pm**—AGR sniper 1 takes two pictures of Crooks.
- **5:30pm**—According to Acting Director of the Secret Service Ronald Rowe, former President Trump arrives at the Butler rally site.<sup>2</sup>
- **5:32pm**—AGR sniper 1 observes Crooks looking at his phone and using a rangefinder.
- **5:38pm**—AGR sniper 1 sends a message to a group of other local law enforcement snipers working the rally about Crooks.
  - Per media reports, AGR sniper 1 includes the pictures he took of Crooks and a description, along with that Crooks was observed using a rangefinder in the direction of the stage.<sup>3</sup>
- **5:40pm**—AGR sniper 1 is told to call into command about Crooks.
- **5:41pm**—AGR sniper 1 sends a description of Crooks and his use of a rangefinder to command over the radio.

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<sup>1</sup> Sarah Rumpf-Whitten and Danielle Wallace, Trump Assassination Attempt: Texts Reveal Officers were Aware of Thomas Crooks 90 Minutes Before Shooting, Fox News, July 29, 2024, available at <https://www.foxnews.com/us/trump-assassination-attempt-texts-reveal-officers-were-aware-thomas-crooks-90-minutes-before-shooting>.

<sup>2</sup> *Examination of the Security Failures Leading to the Assassination Attempt on Former President Trump: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Affs. and the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (2024) (written testimony of United States Secret Service Acting Director Ronald Rowe at 6).

<sup>3</sup> Sarah Rumpf-Whitten and Danielle Wallace, Trump Assassination Attempt: Texts Reveal Officers were Aware of Thomas Crooks 90 Minutes Before Shooting, Fox News, July 29, 2024, available at <https://www.foxnews.com/us/trump-assassination-attempt-texts-reveal-officers-were-aware-thomas-crooks-90-minutes-before-shooting>.

- **5:45pm**—A sniper with Butler County sends the images and description given by AGR sniper 1 of Crooks to one of the Secret Service counter snipers at the rally, including that Crooks was seen using a rangefinder in the direction of the rally stage.
  - The Secret Service counter sniper responds, “**Roger. I’ll notify teams on AGR side.**”
  - Acting Director Rowe confirms the Butler County sniper sends the Secret Service counter sniper team leader a text with the images and description of Crooks.<sup>4</sup>
- **5:53pm**—According to Acting Director Rowe, the Secret Service counter sniper team leader emails the Secret Service counter sniper teams that “local law enforcement [is] looking for a suspicious individual outside the perimeter, ‘lurking around the AGR building’.”<sup>5</sup>
- **6:03pm**—Former President Trump takes the stage at the Butler rally.<sup>6</sup>
- **6:06pm**—According to Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate, video shows Crooks pulling himself onto the AGR building rooftop.<sup>7</sup>
- **6:08:20pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio that there is someone on the roof of the AGR building.
- **6:08:32pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports there is an individual on the roof of the AGR building wearing white shorts.
- **6:10:04pm – 6:10:19pm**—A rally goer records a video that appears to show Crooks on the roof of the AGR building. In the video, a person can be heard trying to get an officer’s attention and another person says, “He’s on the roof. Right there.”<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *Examination of the Security Failures Leading to the Assassination Attempt on Former President Trump: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Affs. and the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (2024) (written testimony of United States Secret Service Acting Director Ronald Rowe at 6).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> Maurice DuBois, et al, *Timeline of Trump Shooting Shows Secret Service was Aware of Suspicious Person 20 Minutes Before Assassination Attempt*, CBS News, July 18, 2024, available at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/timeline-trump-rally-shooting/>.

<sup>7</sup> *Examination of the Security Failures Leading to the Assassination Attempt on Former President Trump: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Affs. and the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (2024) (opening statement of Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate).

<sup>8</sup> *Trump Rally shooting: Timeline before gunman shot Donald Trump*, WRAL, YouTube, July 21, 2024, at 1:47-2:01, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIDSS9Kbh-8>, (accessed July 29, 2024).

- **6:11pm**—According to media reports, Crooks points his rifle at a local police officer who is boosted onto the roof of the AGR building. The officer subsequently drops from the roof to the ground.<sup>9</sup>
  - FBI Deputy Director Abbate’s Congressional testimony confirms this point as well.<sup>10</sup>
- **6:11pm**—According to Acting Director Rowe, “a member of former President Trump’s protective detail contact[s] their Pittsburgh Field Office to inquire about the radio update that there was an issue local law enforcement was looking into near the perimeter.”<sup>11</sup>
- **6:11:03pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio that the individual on the roof of the AGR building is armed and laying down.
  - According to FBI Deputy Director Abbate, the officer who reports this is the same local police officer who was boosted on the roof.<sup>12</sup>
- **6:11:11pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio that the individual on the roof of the AGR building is armed with a “long gun.”
- **6:11:33pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio that shots have been fired from the AGR building roof.
  - Media reports place the first shot fired at 6:11:33pm.<sup>13</sup>
- **6:11:34pm**—According to media reports, two more shots are fired.<sup>14</sup>
- **6:11:37pm**—According to media reports, additional gunshots are fired.<sup>15</sup>
- **6:11:40pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio to lock down all roads.
- **6:11:52pm**—According to a media report, a final gunshot is heard.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Robert Legare, Andres Triay, and Melissa Quinn, FBI Says Trump Agreed to Victim Interview About Assassination Attempt, CBS News, July 29, 2024, available at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-fbi-interview-shooting-assassination-attempt/>.

<sup>10</sup> *Examination of the Security Failures Leading to the Assassination Attempt on Former President Trump: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Affs. and the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (2024) (opening statement of Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate).

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<sup>12</sup> *Examination of the Security Failures Leading to the Assassination Attempt on Former President Trump: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. & Governmental Affs. and the S. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (2024) (opening statement and testimony of Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate).

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<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

- **6:11:52 pm**—An “alert tone” is sent over multiple radio channels.
- **6:11:57 pm**—An “Emergency Traffic only” announcement is sent over multiple radio channels.
- **6:12:11 pm**—A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio that the **shooter is down**.
- **6:12:18 pm**—Command confirms receipt of the radio report that the shooter is down.
- **6:12:20 pm**—A sheriff’s officer reports on the radio that the shooter is down.