

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.¹
- **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.²
- **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.³
- **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.

¹ 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>.

² *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).

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- **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.⁴
- **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’.”⁵
- **6:03pm**—Former President Trump takes the stage at the Butler rally.⁶
- **6:06pm**—According to Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate, video shows Crooks pulling himself onto the AGR building rooftop.⁷
- **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.”⁸

⁴ *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).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 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/>.

⁷ *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).

⁸ *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.⁹
 - FBI Deputy Director Abbate’s Congressional testimony confirms this point as well.¹⁰
- **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.”¹¹
- **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.¹²
- **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.¹³
- **6:11:34pm**—According to media reports, two more shots are fired.¹⁴
- **6:11:37pm**—According to media reports, additional gunshots are fired.¹⁵
- **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.¹⁶

⁹ 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/>.

¹⁰ *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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¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *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.