

TIMELINE: Law Enforcement Awareness of Thomas Matthew Crooks on July 13, 2024
(as of August 1, 2024)¹

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.²
- **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.³
- **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.⁴
- **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 Senator Johnson entered an earlier version of this document into the Senate hearing record on July 30, 2024 during a hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

² 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>.

³ *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.⁵
- **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’.”⁶
- **6:03pm**—Former President Trump takes the stage at the Butler rally.⁷
- **6:06pm**—According to Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate, video shows Crooks pulling himself onto the AGR building rooftop.⁸
- **Approx. 6:08pm**—A video taken by James Copenhaver (who would later sustain a gunshot wound at the rally) appears to show Crooks moving across the roof of the AGR building.⁹
- **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.

⁵ *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).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 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/>.

⁸ *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).

⁹ Audrey Conklin, *Video from Trump assassination attempt victim's POV shows figure moving on roof moments before gunfire*, Fox News, July 31, 2024, <https://www.foxnews.com/us/video-from-trump-assassination-attempt-victims-pov-shows-figure-moving-roof-moments-before-gunfire>; Alex Oliveira, *Chilling new video shows Thomas Crooks moving across roof before Trump assassination attempt*, N.Y. Post, July 31, 2024, <https://nypost.com/2024/07/31/us-news/chilling-new-video-shows-thomas-crooks-moving-across-roof-before-trump-assassination-attempt/>.

- **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.”¹⁰
- **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.¹¹
 - FBI Deputy Director Abbate’s Congressional testimony confirms this point as well.¹²
- **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.”¹³
- **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.¹⁴
- **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.¹⁵
- **6:11:34pm**—According to media reports, two more shots are fired.¹⁶
- **6:11:37pm**—According to media reports, additional gunshots are fired.¹⁷

¹⁰ 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).

¹¹ 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/>.

¹² *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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- **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.¹⁸
- **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.

¹⁸ *Id.*