

Timeline of Events leading to Trump Rally in Butler

Text in Black is information derived directly from Footage and Screenshots of Text Messages

Text in Green is from official documentation and official statements on Government Websites

Text in Orange is from Witness testimony or Opinions from Footage

Text in Red is from the Media

Text in italics is speculation

2024-07-03

- Butler Eagle¹ reports that Trump will be holding his Pennsylvania rally at the Butler Farm Show grounds.

2024-07-05

- PSP was notified of the Event according to Col. Christopher Paris.

2024-07-06

- Crooks registers to attend the rally as reported by News Interactive and stated by the FBI.
- He uses a search engine to look up how far away Lee Harvey Oswald was when he assassinated President Kennedy at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. The distance: 90 yards.

2024-07-07

- Crooks drives to the Farm show grounds and spends about 20 minutes surveilling the area. (FBI Timeline²)
- The Farm show grounds is reported to be an hour north of his home in Bethel Park.

2024-07-08

- Beaver ESU was requested to support Butler ESU³ in assisting the Trump Rally as per the Grassley Document - beaver_esu_request_to_cover__redacted. At this point of time the Trump Rally would take place at the Butler Fair grounds as stated in the fist message of this document.
- The team leader of a unit had indicated beforehand that he will leave the sniper group at 16:00. Read together with later evidence this is the person is part of the team who later was put in charge of the AGR Building designated 10S3.
 - In an article of CNN⁴ where Sgt. Greg Nicol was interviewed, it was revealed that Det. Pat Young is the commander of the Beaver County SWAT team and Nicol's boss.

¹ <https://www.butlereagle.com/20240703/former-president-donald-trump-plans-butler-rally-july-13/>

² <https://www.fbi.gov/news/speeches/deputy-director-abbates-opening-statement-to-the-joint-hearing-of-the-senate-judiciary-and-homeland-security-and-governmental-affairs-committees>

³ Grassley Document - beaver_esu_request_to_cover__redacted

⁴ <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/08/10/politics/snipers-detail-breakdowns-trump-assassination-attempt-invs/index.html>

- Members of the AGR Building team are Sgt. Greg Nicol SWAT team member from Beaver County, Jason Woods also from Beaver County and a third member who was from Butler County's SWAT team.
- The possibility of being restricted as a unit only ON CALL was raised due to lack of resources.
- It seems that this group initially had limited overwatch duties at this point of time as per the comment that overwatch will be from a bearcat.
- An initial planning meeting with the commanders took place according to Col Christopher Paris.
- The U.S. Secret Service conducted its first walk-through of the site as part of the advance preparation.

2024-07-09

- It is confirmed that the Beaver ESU will take on the protection detail as per the Grassley Document.
- In a BDSA Bodycam footage, 122125⁵, (18:22:52) it is mentioned that local law enforcement asked the Secret Service to post agents at the AGR Building. They were under the impression whoever might be posted there, will be posted on the roof.
 - Apparently a meeting took place on this day.

2024-07-10

- A Text group is created for the crew that had to work the Donald J Trump detail⁶ as per the Grassley Document - beaver_esu_officer_assignments_group_text_redacted.
 - It was assumed that it would be a hot day
 - They were tasked with bringing a "folding chair and sun lotion"
 - At this point it was assumed that they would be "tucked out of site." (Sight?)
 - *It is unclear at what time the event was moved from the Butler Fair Grounds to the Butler Farm Show. The meeting place is indicated here as Meridian FD at 121 Sparks Avenue, one could assume the members already knew by then the rally will be at the Farm Show.*

2024-07-11

- According to Col. Christopher Paris, a site walkthrough took place and Butler ESU was assigned the AGR building area. (Note that as previously mentioned, Beaver ESU was assigned to support Butler ESU, so it was not exclusively Butler ESU on duty.)
- Secret Service agents were present at this walkthrough.
 - There is a video⁷ of the SS agents at Butler during a walkthrough.
 - The woman who had problems with the gun was the agent in charge.

⁵ <https://rumble.com/v5aa2t9-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122125.html>

⁶ Grassley Document - beaver_esu_officer_assignments_group_text_redacted

⁷ <https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/video/setup-begins-for-donald-trump-rally-in-butler-county/>

2024-07-12

- Meeting place for Donald J Trump Detail was communicated as per Grassley document.
 - The meeting place was changed from Meridien FD to the FOP (Forward Observation Post) at the back entrance of the Farm show grounds.
- According to the FBI Thomas Crooks was at a local shooting club practicing on the rifle range.
 - This was apparently confirmed by the Clairton Sportsmen's club.
- According to Fox News⁸ the FBI Director Wray said that the rifle was originally bought by Crooks father but later legally sold to his son. (Karl)
- The Butler County ESU Commander personally reminded the USSS counter-sniper teams to pick up their assigned radios at the ESU Command Post RV, the following morning before 11:00 hrs. This is according to the Clay Higgins report of 12 August 2024
 - The radio comms were properly and perfectly arranged during the extensive pre-mission planning
 - USSS did not retrieve the radios that had been set aside for them by Butler County tactical command on 07/13.

2024-07-13

32 Degree Celsius

09:00 – Briefing takes place at at FOP

- Butler County ESU LEO hosts a general briefing.
 - According to an interview with the Swat team, during the whole day no meeting was held where the Secret Service was present.
 - Media reports Secret Service was absent
- Sgt. Greg Nicol and other snipers were assigned to be inside the AGR building in this meeting as stated in a CNN Article. They were apparently directed to several windows on the second floor. They were instructed to remain covert.
- There is a detail plan released by Grassley⁹. There is a sectors map ordered per importance on page 11. This map excludes the AGR building as a priority.
 - Some of the maps seem older than others in the Detail plan, for example the sniper positions on page 12 and stylistically some maps differ from each other. On this map the Butler sniper was posted on the roof of the AGR Building.
- On page 4 of the Grassley Sniper positions document¹⁰, two maps were taped to the wall, the overall Threat Sector Map of page 4 and a generic satellite image where the butler and Washington sniper post in the south was marked with a red pen.
 - On the top map the position marked with a red pen on the photo is the same as the sniper positions of page 12 where only one building was marked, instead of both buildings as in the image on page 2, 39 & 41.
- Page 15 indicates that sniper teams are issued a Butler County Radio.

⁸ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/trump-shooter-thomas-crooks-family-had-14-guns-home-father-legally-sold-gun-son-fbi-director-wray>

⁹ Grassley Document - butler_esu_djt_fpotus_detail_plan_redacted2

¹⁰ Grassley Document - beaver_and_butler_county_counter_sniper_positions_redacted

10:00? – Crooks arrives at the rally site

- According to the New York Post, Crooks stopped at a Home Depot in the morning to purchase a Five-foot ladder (NY Post timeline)
- Around 10:00 Crooks arrived at the showgrounds and remained there for about 70 minutes before returning home. FBI Timeline

10:15? – Beaver Co ESU in place

- Sgt. Edward Lenz, the tactical commander for the Butler County mobile unit, was inside a white trailer, a mobile communications hub for local police, according to Washington Post¹¹. This Trailer was located next to a lakeside warehouse to the south of the rally site.
 - Sgt. Lenz was joined by a deputy commander in the Butler County Emergency Services Unit, a Butler County sheriff's sergeant and a county employee.
 - There were three encrypted communication channels in the trailer that was monitored.
 - No one from the Secret Service was inside the trailer; the federal Agency had its own mobile command post almost 300 yards away to the northwest.
 - If Lenz wanted to contact SS, he had to pick up his cellphone and dial a state trooper to relay the message.
 - *There was once mentioned that someone only had to turn around and tell the Secret Service to give information, I currently do not have the source of this statement, but believe it was in Col Paris's testimony.*

10:30 – Vendor dispute at Main Entrance handled by a Butler Co Sheriff

- Lack of information, but part of the After Action Report

10:30 – Snipers in place

There were four counter sniper posts as per the detail plan

- 10S1 – Posted on the Grandstand and very little information exists about them due to a lack of impact on the proceedings of that day.
- 10S3 - Posted at the AGR Building and was tasked to secure that area. They are a sniper team as confirmed by Grassley bodycam footage¹² released and Sgt. Greg Nicol was seen with a sniper rifle in the BCSA Dashcam footage, M500-010482¹³ at 19:59:46.
 - *Sgt. Greg Nicol is one of the snipers, and there may have been 3 in the second floor in Building no.2 at one point.*
 - *There are reports and whistleblowers that the team themselves decided to set up post inside the building because it was a hot day and there was an AC unit in the room. The source of this information I currently do not have, but I believe it was an X posting.*
- Hercules 1 - One was posted behind the podium on the south building and they seemed to be tasked to survey the south of the podium.

¹¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2024/08/03/trump-rally-police-radio-transmissions/>

¹² <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-releases-additional-bodycam-footage-from-moments-after-trump-assassination-attempt>

¹³ <https://rumble.com/v5aat5h-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-dashcam-footage-m500-010482.html>

- They had a clear view of the AGR Building 6 rooftop where Crooks eventually fired shots towards Trump from their position. The area towards the east of Crooks was behind the tree. All of this could be seen in the photos shown by Acting Director of the Secret Service Ronald Rowe in his testimony¹⁴.
- Hercules 2 - One was posted behind the podium on the north building and they seemed to be tasked to survey the north of the podium, which includes the AGR Building.
 - This team did not have a direct line of sight to the position of Mathew Crooks, since a tree was in the way as shown in the video of Rep. C Gimenez.¹⁵

13:00 – Gates opened for the Public

- According to Grassley Documents, magnetometers, which help detect ferrous items, should have been activated at this time.
- According to the assignments text group, magnetometers would be active from 13:00 to 16:00

13:03 – The Leader of the AGR sniper unit was added to a Text group

- Note that Grassley has released two documents of this text group.
 - First: beaver_and_butler_county_counter_sniper_positions_redacted¹⁶
 - Second: beaver_butler_and_washington_county_sniper_group_text_photos_of_crooks_redact¹⁷

13:30? – Crooks collects his gear

- Thomas Crooks gets his AR rifle from his home. He tells his parents he's going to the shooting range. (FBI timeline)

13:55 – Crooks buys ammunition

- On his way back to the Butler Farm Show grounds he stops at Bethal Park ammo where he bought 50 rounds of 5.56 ammunition for the rifle. (FBI timeline)

13:45 – SS Counter Sniper meets up with Local Snipers

- According to Local Sniper text group, the local snipers were scheduled to meet up with the SS Counter Snipers at the Grand Stands.
 - There is no indication in this document that it was cancelled or they were stood up.
 - According to an interview by ABC News with the SWAT team, where Greg Nicol was present, the SS counter snipers were supposed to give the local snipers a briefing, but according to them this did not happen.¹⁸
 - According to the same spokesperson in the interview, they did not have any contact with the Secret Service before the shots were fired.

¹⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzxcMQhWoEo>

¹⁵ <https://rumble.com/v582f3e-rep-carlos-gimenez-takes-video-from-assassination-rooftop.html>

¹⁶ Grassley Document - beaver_and_butler_county_counter_sniper_positions_redacted

¹⁷ Grassley Document - beaver_butler_and_washington_county_sniper_group_text_photos_of_crooks_redacted

¹⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXMkDmV-TfA>

15:00? – Incident at Magnetometer (Possibly 16:30)

- Early on the CNN¹⁹ and NY Post reported that Crooks set off the metal detector at the rally entrance, because he was carrying a rangefinder. In the CNN article it was stated that the source was from a senior LEO.
 - *It was possible that a different person was involved at the Metal detector*
- According to NY Post, Crooks was still allowed to enter through the entry gates, but the authorities, in particular a rooftop counter sniper team, kept close watch on him until he departed the secure area. It was further stated by the New York Post that, quote: “Crooks was scoping them out with his rangefinder while they watched him with theirs.”
- Further reported by NY Post is that Crooks drew suspicion, after the above event, quote: “– not once but twice – and was even photographed and reported.”
 - *It is unclear when exactly this happened. NY Post claimed it was 3pm., but other timelines contradict this. The most likely scenario is that this event happened shortly after the Merchant footage was taken if it indeed did happen at 16:26.*

15:13 – Report came in that Trump is delayed

- A Person messaged in the local sniper text group that Trump was delayed by an hour.

15:45? – Crooks returns to Butler

- Crooks returns to Butler in his Hyundai Sonata as reported by News Interactive²⁰. In the car was two homemade explosive devices (IED) with detonators that can be remotely triggered.

15:51 – Crooks scouts with a drone

- Crooks flies a drone just outside the inner perimeter of the rally, possibly to scope out security. The flight lasts 11 minutes and comes within approximately 200 yards of the Farm Show grounds. (FBI Timeline)
- The drone and controller were later found in Crooks car. Analysis did not reveal any photos or video taken by the drone, but the FBI states that Crooks was live streaming and would have been able to view it on his controller.

16:19 – Sniper of 10S3 leaves

- Jason Woods leaves his post.
 - According to Photo released by Grassley²¹, this person leaves through exit no.9 on the east side of Building 6.
 - In the Grassley documents a text group existed for Snipers assigned to the AGR Building²². It is important to note that at 17:52 Jason Woods send a message that the bike was not under the tree when he left. This indicates that Jason Woods did not leave through exit no.9 but left the AGR building to the west side, otherwise he would not have noted the absence of the bike.

¹⁹ <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/07/14/politics/what-happened-trump-assassination-attempt/index.html>

²⁰ <https://newsinteractive.post-gazette.com/trump-butler-rally-security-timeline/>

²¹ Grassley Document - agr_picnic_table

²² Grassley Document - beaver_and_butler_county_snipers_assigned_to_agr_building_id_gunman_as_suspicious_person_redacted

16:26 – Sniper of 10S3 notices a suspicious individual

- Jason Woods sees a foreign car parked at the exit of AGR building and assumes that the person sitting at the picnic table is the owner. Jason Woods claims that this person was Thomas Crooks.
- On a Text group that seems to be of his team, Jason Woods informs them of this person.
 - He mentions that Crooks knows they are in the building
 - Two people, one with the Initial N and other M acknowledges this msg.
- New Footage was released where Crooks can be seen walking northwards at the Merchant stands at the Butler Rally²³. The Merchant stands were located on the road on one of the three intersections at the east side of Sector 7, Dairy Barns and Hangers, in the Grassley detail plan. The unnamed merchant, who apparently sold hats, claimed that this was taken at 16:26.
 - This time contradicts with Jason Woods

17:02 – Red Truck guy tries to remove people from his property

- According to footage released by Dayve Stewerd²⁴, a man attempted to remove people from the AGR property or that area on the south/east side of AGR Building 6.
- A few minutes later, 17:10 according to Stewerd, a sheriff vehicle arrives and seems to resolve the issue. The person left after the discussion the with officer from the vehicle
 - According to an interrogation of Stewerd²⁵ the person who tried to remove them, claimed to be the owner of the AGR and was driving in a red Ford Ranger truck. The person has highly agitated according to Stewerd.

17:04:40 – Second video of Thomas Crooks

- He parked at a gas station about a third of a mile (500m) away called Sheetz.
 - It is assumed that Crooks parked at Sheetz about 16:50 to 16:55
 - It must be noted that in all other evidence it was not suggested or mentioned that Crooks parked at any other place. The only other suggestion was by Jason Woods that Crooks parked at the AGR building. This, however, does not exclude the possibility that Crooks parked at other places beforehand.
- At 17:04:40 a dashcam video, seen on News Interactive in the same article mentioned earlier, shows Thomas Crooks moving towards the AGR building from the direction of Sheetz.
 - It is mentioned that this video may be off by a couple of minutes to either side.

17:06 – Third video of Thomas Crooks

- A video, released by WTAE²⁶, catches Thomas Crooks moving and looking around at the south side of the AGR Building 6. According to WTAE this happened at 17:06.

17:10 – Sgt. Greg Nicol positioned in the AGR building observes Crooks

²³ <https://www.tiktok.com/@ironcladusa/video/7394850830802816298>

²⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28lxF9LONGk&t=315s>

²⁵ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_IB1uDQhWE&t=40s

²⁶ <https://www.wtae.com/article/trump-rally-gunman-thomas-crooks-video-prior/61623731>

- According to the After Action report released by Grassley²⁷, Local law enforcement sniper, Sgt. Greg Nicol, spotted Crooks.
 - Quote from ABC Interview: “He was looking up and down the building and just walked around and just seemed out of place.”

17:14 – Pictures taken of Suspect by Sgt. Greg Nicol (Time from After Action Report)

17:28 – Picture of Bike by Sgt. Greg Nicol (Time from After Action Report)

- According to Grassley Bodycam footage, the Beaver ESU agent said that Sgt. Greg Nicol saw Crooks walking from a bicycle and putting a bag down.
 - It was later confirmed that the bicycle was not owned by Crooks and Crooks had nothing to do with it.

17:32 – Sgt. Nicol observes Crooks looking at phone and using a rangefinder towards the stage

- In the after action report there is additional information that Sgt. Greg Nicol was observing Crooks with a monocular and that Crooks was watching the news feeds.
 - *It is unclear if Sgt. Nicol lost sight of Crooks at 17:14 or at 17:32. According to a later message, the last position of Crooks was next to the building and Sgt. Nicol did not see where Crooks went, but suspected that Crooks went towards the back, northwards*

17:33:48 – Trump arrives at the Butler rally site

- Trump motorcade arrives as per the video footage of CBS. **The timeline is based on this footage.**
 - At 17:34 a person on local sniper text group send a message “Game Time!!”
 - **The arrival time, according to testimony of Acting Director of the Secret Service Ronald Rowe, was at 17:30 as per the timeline of Senator Johnson²⁸.**

17:34 (approx.) – Butler Co. Sniper texts Butler Team (assumed)

17:38 – Sgt. Greg Nicol sends text about suspect

- Sgt. Greg Nicol sends a text on the local sniper text group the photos he had taken of Crooks and a short description of what he has seen.
 - Quote: “Kid learning around building we are in. AGR I believe it is. I did see him with a range finder looking towards stage. FYI. If you wanna notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him. Also a bike with backpack sitting next to it in rear of building that was not seen earlier.”

17:40 – Response text to Sgt. Greg Nicol “Call into command”

- Someone responds to Sgt. Greg Nicol on the same group and quote: “Call it in to command and have a uniform check it out.”

²⁷ Grassley Documents - beaver_county_fpotus_after_action_redacted

²⁸ Johnson Document - 2024-07-30 Timeline of Law Enforcement Awareness of Crooks on July 13 2024 - For the Record

17:41 – Called into command by Sgt. Greg Nicol about suspect

- 4 Sierra 2 to Command – communicated description and range finder lurking around AGR Building (From the After Action Report)
 - Butler 4 Command Frequency
- Quote received from Washington Post²⁹: “Just an FYI, we had a younger white male, long hair, lurking around the AGR building... [] ...He was viewed with a range finder sighting the stage. ... We lost sight of him.”
 - According to Washington Post, the radio transmission set off a flurry of messages between local officers on the ground and supervisors stationed in the Butler County command center trailer.
 - “Do you know what color shirt?” one sheriff’s deputy asked.
 - “White shirt with a hat,” another answered.
 - In a separate channel for local tactical officers — not audible on the channel used by sheriff’s deputies — Sgt. Greg Nicol gave a different description: “Gray T-shirt, light-colored khaki shorts.”

17:44? - Secret Service is notified of Suspicious Person

- Sgt. Ed Lenz used his cellphone to call a state police officer stationed in the Secret Service trailer, according to the official and call logs. State police Sgt. Joseph Olayer, the call recipient, relayed the information to his Secret Service counterparts in the trailer. (WP Timeline)
- Minutes after Lenz passed on the suspicious-person report to the state police sergeant, Lenz radioed to local officers that help was on the way, the transcript shows.
 - “PSP (Pennsylvania State Police) and sheriffs should be in route,” Lenz told officers on the ground at 5:45 p.m.

17:45 - Problems with Cellphone reception is encountered

- As reinforcements made their way to help, officers tried to circulate photos of Crooks, but cellphone reception problems got in the way, the transcript shows.
 - On the Officers text group³⁰, part of the Grassley documents; messages in this regard reflect this.
- 17:47 - “I’m trying to forward photographs of the individual,” said a local tactical team member
- 17:48 - “Units be advised internet and cell service is down,” another officer on the Butler channel said
- 17:49 - “Your picture is probably not going to go through because I don’t have any service,” a sheriff’s deputy radioed

17:49? – Communications regarding suspect and pictures

- A sniper with Butler County sends the images and description given by Sgt. Greg Nicol 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.

²⁹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2024/08/03/trump-rally-police-radio-transmissions/>

³⁰ Grassley Document - beaver_county_esu_officers_group_text_photos_of_crooks_redacted

- The Secret Service counter sniper responds, “Roger. I’ll notify teams on AGR side.”
- Around this time, a Butler County tactical officer said he had “notified Hercules,” a code name for Secret Service counter sniper units, according to the transcript.

17:53? - SS Counter Sniper team leader sends email to SS Counter Sniper teams

- 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’.”
- In the New York Post article mentioned earlier, when the Secret Service was warned of a suspicious person, Crooks was identified as a threat. (NYP Timeline)
 - *Since this article, the secret service constantly held the stance that Crooks was never labeled as a threat and only as a suspicious person.*

17:54? - Traffic control officers was enlisted for the manhunt

- Sgt. Lenz enlisted more officers, including police handling traffic on roads outside the rally site.
- “Our sierra units lost visual of him,” Lenz told the traffic-control officers. “I believe you guys are outside of that fence, if you come upon him.”

17:59 – Command asks for direction of travel

- Command wants to know it what direction Crooks was moving before sight was lost on him.
 - On the Officers text group Sgt. Greg Nicol responds at 18:00.
 - Quote: “Not Sure. He was up against the building. If I had to guess towards the back. Away from the event.”

18:02 – Sgt. Greg Nicol spots Crooks

- From a northwest window, facing away from the rally site, Sgt. Greg Nicol spotted Crooks again. (WP Timeline). Sgt. Greg Nicol had moved to look for the suspect, according to Young, Sgt. Greg Nicol’s commander.
 - Quote: “All right, subject is in between the AGR building. He has a backpack,” said Sgt. Greg Nicol.
- Butler Sniper stayed in place at original position. (This is from the After Action report) They are referring to Sgt. Greg Nicol’s teammate in the AGR Building.
 - *Note that the time differs with at least 3 minutes between timelines*
- From his vantage point on the second floor, Sgt. Greg Nicol was unable to discern where Crooks was headed though; the transcript shows (WP Timeline).
- Crooks walked to the northeast, toward an area between two wings of the complex of warehouses at AGR International. The space was enclosed on three sides, a dead end.
 - But Sgt. Greg Nicol suggested Crooks was headed in the direction of a gas station on the other side of the building about a quarter of a mile away. And this is the information that was circulated.
 - Quote: “He just went towards the Sheetz.”

18:02:33 - Trump takes the stage

- Trump is announced to the crowd and music plays as he takes the stage.
 - Trump was not informed of any danger and was not asked to wait before taking the stage.
- Sgt. Lenz called Olayer in the Secret Service command post to pass on a message during a 40-second call, according to the law enforcement official familiar with the police response and call logs. (WP Timeline)

18:04 - Focus stays on Sheetz

- “All units be advised also that individual is headed towards Sheetz,” a sheriff’s deputy radioed to his colleagues.

18:05 – A Local Officer is called / contacted to go towards AGR

- In the BCSA Bodycam footage, 122110³¹, it can be seen that the officer, referred to as Officer 1, through some means, is redirected to the AGR building.

18:06 – Crooks pulls himself onto AGR building 6

- According to Federal Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Paul Abbate, video shows Crooks pulling himself onto the AGR building rooftop as per Johnson timeline.
 - The video was not made public yet.
 - This video is apparently from a local Business. The video, obtained by FBI, shows Crooks climbing onto the roof from an HVAC unit next to building 6 according to Washington Post.
- “He’s reportedly between the building up here at AGR somewhere,” a local officer on the channel for traffic control. “I’m guessing the west side, east side looks clear.” (WP Timeline)

18:06? – Sgt. Greg Nicol / Butler ESU team leaves their post (Time unclear)

- According to After Action report Sgt. Greg Nicol goes downstairs of Building 6 (Named Building 1 in the After Action report) to meet patrol to let them know suspect is around building on side of fairgrounds.
 - This contradicts with the testimony that Sgt. Greg Nicol went out to look for Crooks with his team members after losing sight of him as testified by Col Paris³².
 - This contradicts with an X post that claims that Sgt. Greg Nicol was locked out of the building because he forgot his access card. Apparently his team mate went down to open the door for him.
- 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together. This information is added under the section that describes Sgt. Greg Nicol meeting with a patrol after spotting Crooks.
 - *Most likely it refers to vehicles that arrive at 18:09:02 which falls in the timeline of that after action report, 18:06 – 18:12. It also matches the description of the vehicles where one was marked, the vehicle of Officer 1 and the other unmarked, vehicle of SP1. No other vehicles matching this description are found in any footage. There were no vehicles on the west side.*

³¹ <https://rumble.com/v5a9zwd-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122110.html>

³² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wocjihprbww>

- In the CNN article Sgt. Greg Nicol testified that after spotting Crooks, he ‘bounded down the stairs in an attempt to keep eyes on the suspect’. Sgt. Greg Nicol further claims that he pushed a door open and saw two officers who pulled up outside AGR. He then shouted at them where he’d last seen the suspect. The officers took off on foot in opposite directions around the sprawling AGR complex. Trump was already on the stage according to Sgt. Greg Nicol.
- According to bodycam footage the Beaver ESU was under the impression that Sgt. Greg Nicol was still in the building in the open window.
- Butler County DA Richard Goldinger said in an interview with NewsNation³³ that the snipers never left their position in the AGR Building. He claims that the snipers did not have an angle on the roof and could not see Crooks on it.

18:07 – AGR building is surrounded

- In the command post, Lenz radioed to the tactical units that local police had the building surrounded. “They should have a fairly good perimeter. If you get another visual let me know.” (WP Timeline)

18:08:21 – A radio message is received that there is someone on the roof of AGR Building

- 18:08:21 – In the BCSU Bodycam footage, 122111³⁴, an officer, referred as Officer 2, spots Crooks running on the roof and calls it in.
 - In the BCSU Dashcam footage, 010482, released by Butler Police Department, you can hear a radio message, “Someone is on the roof.”
 - In the next 20 seconds you can see in Officer 2’s footage another officer walking northwards underneath Crooks. It is easier to see in a stabilized video.
- 18:08:34 – Officer 2 says over the radio: “I have someone on the roof with white shorts”. Officer 1 stops his vehicle next to another patrol car, while both vehicles were orientated towards the AGR building next to the Water tower.
 - Officer 1 was in a black uniform, while the other, referred as SP 1, was a state trooper
- 18:08:38 - Officer 1 remarks to SP 1: “See that dude running?”, referring to Crooks on top of the Building.
- 18:09:02 - They come to a complete stop after driving towards the AGR to confront Crooks.
- Inside the local command, Lenz radioed to clarify that the person on the roof was not a police officer.
- “We do not have assets on the roof,” he said. “That is not us.”
- Lenz did not make a cellphone call to the Secret Service command post, the law enforcement official said.

18:09? - Officers get a good view of Crooks with backpack

- A local officer said that he had a good view of the male on the roof. (WP Timeline)
- Quote: “We got him. We don’t have him in custody yet, but he’s right straight in front of me by the pine tree standing upwards. He had a backpack.”
- After 25 seconds (Exact time unknown) they lose sight of him. (WP Timeline)

³³ <https://x.com/NewsNation/status/1816664235432202401>

³⁴ <https://rumble.com/v5ah1bu-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122111.html>

- “Lost sight of him, trooper was chasing him, trying to follow him around the building,” the officer said.

18:09:25 - A Third Vehicle arrives east of AGR

- In the Dayve Stewerd video you can see a third vehicle arriving where a third officer, Officer 3, steps out. A few seconds later you can see Officer 1 saying something to another officer, Officer 4, on the south west side before he turns around and walks to the east side of the building. Officer 4 went around the west side of the building.
 - Officer 3’s name seems to be Tedeski as seen later in the bodycam footage.

18:09:34 - Spectators see that Hercules 2 seems agitated

- In a video posted on youtube³⁵, rally goers see that the Secret Service counter sniper teams seem agitated compared to earlier.

18:09:35 - People spot Crooks on the roof

- The Public on the west side of the AGR building sees Crooks on the roof.
- A video released by the Associated Press, seems to be the earliest evidence when the spectators first saw Crooks. You can see Officer 4, walking towards Officer 1 at the start of the footage. In this footage, you can hear spectators trying to get the attention of the officers. Quote: “Right here, right on the roof.”

18:09:58 - Hercules teams Reorient towards the north

- According to a video posted by The New York Times³⁶, it can be seen that Hercules 1 counter sniper team was reorienting towards the north and Hercules 2 was looking intently through scopes. In this video you can also see spectators on the middle stand pointing towards the AGR building.
- The reorientation is confirmed in the BCSU bodycam footage, 122104³⁷. At timestamp 18:10:11 [18:09:58 CT] you see the south team, Hercules 1, reposition themselves. At this time the officer of this footage, referred to as Officer 5, is walking northwards behind the stands of the rally, sipping a drink.
 - Take note that the time in this bodycam footage is not synchronized. The timestamp runs 13 seconds early. It should have shown 18:09:58 instead at the top right at this specific moment. [CT stands for Corrected time] The bodycam footage is synchronized by using the moment the woman in the white dress flinches at 18:11:46 [18:11:33 CT]
 - Take note that this bodycam footage has no sound.
- In the Dayve Stewerd video you see an officer, Officer 2, coming from north east from the forest.
 - *It is possible that Officer 2 was looking for Crooks as per the message that he went towards Sheetz.*

³⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHeGlc5wJg4>

³⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/16/us/trump-shooting-secret-service-snipers.html>

³⁷ <https://rumble.com/v5ahd5p-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122104.html>

18:10:27 - People show an Officer Crooks on the Roof

- A video licensed by ABC News³⁸ picks up almost immediately from a different angle where the video by Associated Press ended (3 seconds later to be precise). A man, with a white hat, grey shirt and white shorts show Officer 4 where Crooks is lying on the roof. Officer 4 leaves the screen on the left towards the north.
 - The sound of the footage is ruined by the commentator, but you can faintly hear Trump talk about “going off the teleprompter” to help synchronize the video to a centralized timeline.

18:10:54 - Police officers are hoisted up

- In the BCSU bodycam footage Officer 1 is hoisted up with the help of SP 1 at the east side of the building in the nook where Building 6 and Building 2 connects. When Officer 1 crested the lip of the roof, he apparently sees Crooks with a weapon. The officer lets go of the roof and drops down.
 - The officer claimed later that Crooks pointed a gun towards him.
- Witnesses on the ground, among them Greg Smith, claims that no confrontation took place as reported by The Gateway Pundit.³⁹
 - Greg Smith: “I saw him [the sniper] right before he shots happened, and I didn’t see him turn around and confront anyone. I never saw that and it didn’t happen.”

18:11:03 - Radio message about the weapon is sent

- In the Steward video you can faintly hear someone shouting something.
 - *It could be “He’s got a gun!”*
- That Crooks has a gun was apparently reported over the radio. You can see Officer 1, while running away was talking into a radio as seen in the Steward video.
 - “He’s armed,” Officer 1 said. “I saw him, he’s laying down.” (WP Timeline)
 - “He’s got a long gun,” Officer 1 said again into the radio.
 - FBI Deputy Director Abbate testified that Officer 1 was the person who reported this.

18:11:13 - Officer 5 starts to run

- At 18:11:29 in the BCSU Bodycam footage [18:11:13 CT] Officer 5 starts to run northwards. He passes Hercules 1 on his right-hand side and the middle stand to his left.

18:11:21 - People start to panic at the AGR Building

- According to source 2, the rally-goers hear that a man has a gun and people start to panic.
- In source 4 no uniformed officers is seen at the west side of the AGR. There was an undercover LEO with a long white beard there seen typing/looking on a Cellphone
- According to interview of civilian Greg Smith, they could clearly see a rifle⁴⁰. Quote: “He had a rifle, we could clearly see him with a rifle. Absolutely.”
 - Greg Smith also said: “...the police are down there running around on the ground we're like ‘Hey man, there's guy on the roof with a rifle.’”

³⁸ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/trump-rally-gunman-thomas-matthew-crooks-shooting/story?id=112027831>

³⁹ <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/07/assassin-eye-witness-police-are-lying-about-rooftop/>

⁴⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtFABFnNXtE>

- Greg Smith is seen at the beginning of source 4 pointing towards the roof as mentioned in the interview.
- Sgt. Lenz radioed the Butler County quick response force, a team responsible for responding to any potential coordinated attack on Trump. (WP Timeline)
 - “QRF from command. You need to deploy to the AGR building,” Lenz said. He added, using shorthand for Butler Township police, “BT has a male on the roof with a long gun. They have made contact with him.”
 - As he was passing on the directive, Sgt. Lenz interrupted himself: “Shots fired,”

18:11:33 – First Shot Fired

- According to video evidence (Source 3) Crooks seems to be lying still on the roof and aiming his weapon downwards towards Trump for a few seconds, before shots were fired. In this footage the weapon was clearly visible.
- The first shot nicks Trump’s Ear. Trump flinched and a short moment later touched his ear.
 - *The same shot wounds a spectator on the right stand and hits the Hydraulic pipe.*
- *The Acting Director of the Secret Service Ronald Rowe has shown images what the south counter sniper team possibly could have seen before the first shot was fired.*

18:11:34 – Two more shots fired

- Trump realizes the danger and goes down with SS tackling him to safety.
 - *Another spectator is wounded on the right stand.*

18:11:37 – More shots fired

- Five rapid shots are fired. A spectator, Corey Comperatore, is fatally hit on the left stand
- There is evidence that the sound signature of the first 3 shot grouping differs from the 5 shot grouping which would imply two different weapons being fired.
- A single shot after the 5 shot grouping was fired
 - *From media sources a Butler ESU member took a shot towards Crooks and startles him. Some media sources claim that the shot hit Crooks rifle and interrupted him and possible wounding him.*

18:11:48 – A single shot takes out Crooks

- A single shot takes out Crooks as seen in the video footage Source 4.
- *From media sources it seems the south counter sniper team, Hercules 1, took the shot 16 seconds after the first shot was fired*
- There was confusion for at least 40 seconds at the podium where one agent says “Are you ready, on you, Move!” and nothing happening. This happens numerous times.

18:12:11 – Shooter Down

- *A local law enforcement officer reports over the radio that the shooter is down according to the Johnson Timeline.*
- At this point of time there were no uniformed officers at the west side of the AGR. There was an undercover LEO with a long white beard there as seen in the beginning of Source 4. The first time Officer 4 is seen at 18:12:17 walking from the northwest of Building 3.

18:12:14 – SS Agents remove Trump from the stage

- A callout is made that the shooter is down at the stage, which energizes the agents to get Trump off the stage. Trump asks for his shoes and before stepping off the stage he raises his fists and shouts “Fight!”

18:13:23 – Sgt. Greg Nicol leaves Building no.1

- In the BCSU dashcam footage, Sgt. Greg Nicol leaves the AGR building from exit no.9. He is not wearing full gear compared to other agents on the ground and is wielding a pistol.

18:13:41 - Trump leaves rally site

- Trump and his protective detail left the rally site. He was evacuated to Butler Memorial Hospital.

18:15:02 – Sgt. Greg Nicol attempts to reenter the building

- In the Dashcam footage, Sgt. Greg Nicol attempts to reenter the AGR building by the same exit, but seems to not have an access card.
- In an X post it was said that the second sniper on the second floor of AGR leaves his post to help Sgt. Greg Nicol who forgot his access card.

18:15:07 - Law enforcement officers are helped onto the roof

- Two Camo and two local law enforcement officers are helped up onto the roof of the AGR building, which includes Officer 1. They are hoisted up at the same place where the Officer 1 was first hoisted up and confronted Crooks.
 - The first officer is helped on the roof at 18:15:07 as per the BCSU bodycam footage, 122109⁴¹.
 - Another Camo officer was on top of Building 3

18:15:28 – 5 People enter through exit no. 9

- Sgt. Greg Nicol, 2 State Troopers, a person with a white shirt and a uniformed officer enter AGR Building 6 through exit no.9.
 - *It is unclear who opened the door or if there was someone inside or not.*

18:15:35 – Officer attempts to disperse spectators

- Officer shouts: “If you are not Law Enforcement, get out of here.”
- A few moments later a Secret Service agent confronts Dayve Steward.
 - According to Grassley bodycam footage, the Secret Service agent saw rally-goers filming both the agent and the gunman and found it suspicious

18:17 - First Officers reach Crooks’ Body

- Two Camo and two Local LEOs approach Crooks’ Body. It was not captured on bodycam but it seems that the first LEO moved the weapon away from Crooks.

⁴¹ <https://rumble.com/v5a9ahg-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage.html>

18:23 – (approx.) and climb black tactical ladder to L of Building 3 door to access roof

18:25 – Pronounced DOA by Michelle

18:25 – General clearing by Beaver County ESU with other agencies of surrounding buildings

18:32 – DOA Photo sent by sent to and

18:35 – sends confirmation picture to command to confirm dead

18:46 – from Washington Co. ESU pats suspect down finds cellphone and device

18:48 – Cellphone and remote found in deceased's right pocket sent to

19:45 – Device and Face sent by . Number provided by EOD. sent phone number

19:46 – Facial recognition photo sent by to