

A Different Perspective

John Cullen based his speculation on an excerpt from a Hercules 2 counter sniper's HSGAC testimony, and his interpretation of a video showing a Hercules 2 counter sniper's response to the first shots fired. His map showing the shot's trajectory conveniently places two stick figures to demonstrate how that shot went between them. In reality, Hercules 2 counter snipers were both up against the north barn roof's centerline.

Before Shot 1



After Shot 1





What where they actually doing with that ladder?

The LEO highlighted is standing on the picnic table seen in the John Cullen screenshot used to support his speculation that a second shooter was in a tree, but it is not the tree in his map. The question is, what were the LEO's doing with the ladder? A snapshot can easily be cherry picked to support a speculation that they were looking for evidence of a sniper. Recall the snapshot from the helicopter video showing Crooks on the roof with no blood trail, allegedly proving it was staged? A few seconds later in that video you can see the blood trail. The absence of it was a matter of angle and reflection of the sun. Were the LEOs setting up or taking down the ladder? Maybe they were bringing it over to AGR 6 and just to get a better grasp on it while moving it, and this had absolutely nothing to do with the tree.



Where in the tree would the shot have come from?

It looks to me that the alleged shot would have to have been fired from the treetop, a near impossible perch for the alleged sniper. We don't have a good camera view of it, so the angles might be deceptive. If we had all of Copenhaver's footage, and not just the rooftop clip, he might have captured the perfect view to see how much of the tree was actually visible from his viewpoint.



How muffled would a shot from behind large trees sound?

It's one thing to present evidence that at first read appears to support a speculation. It's a whole other thing to examine that evidence and consider all of the possible explanations. An honest investigation would do the latter.

Having a suppressor is just one explanation for the muffled sound of a gunshot. Being taken from inside a room or from behind some large trees would be a few other explanations.



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"Why would Dan ignore the Secret Service Counter Sniper's sworn testimony?"

1 could've been beyond it, because I didn't hear a report
2 from a weapon. It sounded honestly like it was suppressed,
3 like it had a suppressor on it, because it didn't -- it
4 wasn't like a loud boom that you would expect, being in a -
5 - 200 yards away. It was muffled.

6 **HSGAC Majority:** Understood. Thank you. And I think you
7 said in your opening statement that you, in response to
8 those shots fired, you began looking to try to find the
9 source of the fires. Is that right?

10 **Witness** When I heard the shots fired, when I
11 logically assumed that it was shots fired, I immediately
12 went to my radio to get -- to start emergency action for
13 the shift. But then as soon as I was finished with my
14 radio transmission I continued observing in that area. I
15 went right back to my weapon.

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Where was Hercules 2 looking?

John Cullen would like you to believe Hercules 2 turned to look at the trees that a sniper allegedly shot from, the one previously shown with a red line. However, per the Hercules 2 testimony they were looking towards the trees near AGR 6, which includes the tree in the ladder screenshot. In reality, the counter sniper on the left repositioned his rifle to look lower, not further to the right (east).

Before Shot 1



After Shot 1



Hercules 2 Testimony

The BOLO was worded vaguely, saying that original person who saw him had lost him, and mentioned that he had a rangefinder. My partner and I continued to search and observe the site. After we were searching for several minutes I saw two white vehicles pull into the AGR parking lot, but they were obscured by that tree line that I previously mentioned. And from those two vehicles I saw one individual emerge from the tree line, identified him as a police officer, and I couldn't tell why he was moving urgently, but I went over the radio with the following transmission: "Security Room from Hercules, locals are working something at the three o'clock, approximately 200 yards out."

We continued to observe. We were trying to pick up on what the locals were actually working, but we couldn't figure out. And I'd like to say that the Security Room repeated my message back to me, saying that they had copied. And that's when I heard the first thud and a whip10 like crack, and I immediately went to my radio to say, "Hercules, shots fired."

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If a shot was fired from the only tree that lines up with Hercules 2 and Dutch or Copenhaver, I think it would have crossed over them, at an angle, not between them, and Hercules 2 would have described it that way. The way he described it going between them sounds more like a shot coming from the AGR 6 roof.

Before Shot 1

After Shot 1



Where was Jim Copenhaver facing?

It was suggested that the angle Jim Copenhaver was facing when shots were fired, along with the location of his arm wound, demonstrates that the shot that hit him had to come from the tree John Cullen speculated a second shooter fired from. During their interview of David Dutch and Jim Copenhaver, NBC showed a video clip that shows both victims during shots one and two, but not the remaining shots. You can see Copenhaver flinch and raise his forearm when the first shot is heard, and hunches down slightly and turns left a bit when shot two is fired. Copenhaver described knowing something was wrong “when I saw part of my sleeve go away,” and then heard the sound of a bullet. In that video clip there does not appear to be any indication that his sleeve flew away or that he turned to look down at it. This might suggest shot 3 hit him, or a later shot, but the cut off video clip does not show those. Did he turn left more before shot 3?

Shot 1



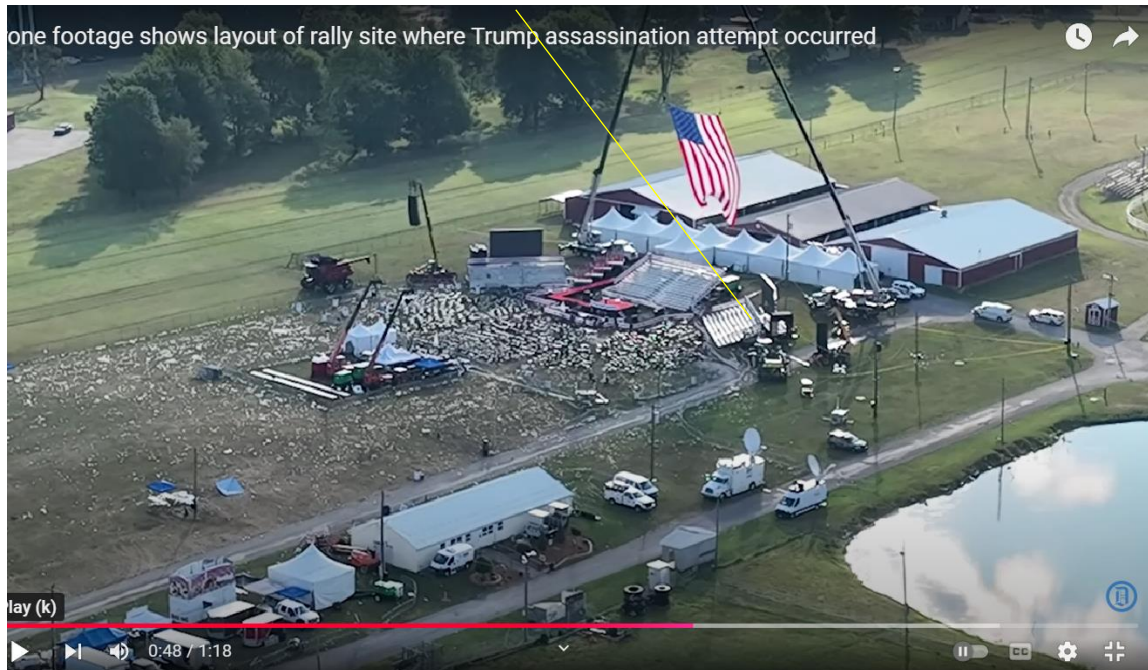
Shot 2



Where was Jim Copenhaver facing?

The NBC video clip is inconclusive as to when Copenhaver was hit in the arm, and which direction he was facing in relation to the alleged second shooter or Crooks. The attempt to determine the shooter's location using broader aerial views comes with its own problems.

My trajectory maps are not meant to be pinpoint accurate, but rather conceptual. The primary reason why I don't put much stock in trajectory analysis, using aerial or other footage, is the perception issues involved with different view angles and the accuracy of measures. Images are only 2 dimensional, and even a 3D simulation is based on 2 dimensional measures, if you think about it. Google maps has an accuracy of 1-3 meters, if memory serves. Anyone who thinks they can be pinpoint accurate using that methodology is fooling themselves. Trajectories on maps are only good for demonstrating a conceptual perspective. That's why laser equipment, or the old-fashioned string method, is used to determine shot trajectory at crime scenes.



The Devil Is In The Details!

It is my impression that, in this case, John Cullen speculated a scenario based on evidence that he failed to examine critically. That is either representative of a lack of investigatory capability or integrity, or an intent to disseminate misinformation. I will leave that decision up to you, the reader, to draw your own conclusion.

As for those who read Cullen's posts, I encourage you to think for yourself, and to think critically. Do not accept his evidence as proof of his speculation without examining that evidence for yourself. I encourage readers of my own work to do the same, and I go out of my way to provide the links to the evidence I use so that you can do just that. I hope to find the video that Cullen took this screenshot from, to determine exactly what was being done with this ladder, but it's very telling that he does not provide the link himself. He apparently does not want you to question his interpretation of the evidence.

I also encourage the congressmen, Ron Johnson, Eli Crane and Cory Mills, who recommended that the Congressional Task Force consider the second shooter theory based on Cullen's work, to examine Cullen's argument and supporting evidence more critically. My impression is that they did not do that before they made that recommendation. If they did, I seriously question their critical thinking capabilities.

Think for yourself!

Think critically!

