

A Four-Part Analysis

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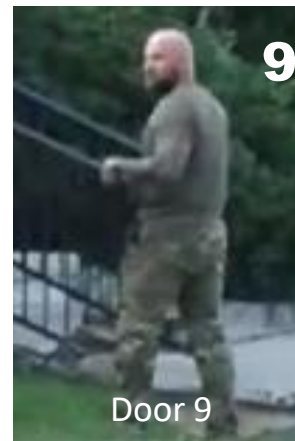
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Introduction: Preface

This is an analysis of the existing evidence, in a time sequence of events order, to help determine the veracity of that evidence and to tell the story of what happened based on it. Where that evidence is suspect, it will be pointed out and corrected where other evidence allows me to do so. Where evidence is lacking or unclear, inferences are made based on sound reasoning and logic to help tell the story. Where that is not possible, speculation may be used to help understand what might have happened, but is never used as evidence of what actually happened.

The Door 9 & 13 events are confusing to some because of the multiple inaccuracies in the Beaver County After-Action Report (AAR) Timeline Entries and Maps. This analysis will point out those inaccuracies and corrects them so that they can be understood and analyzed correctly to better understand what happened during that segment of the July 13, 2024 assassination attempt on President Trump.

In the case of the AAR, you will find that some of the timeline entries and most of the timeline maps are inaccurate. When reviewing those inaccuracies, consider how Sen. Grassley's website containing that document introduces it. It is **“a flash summary,”** and therefore should be analyzed and interpreted accordingly before relying on it for investigative purposes.

Post-shooting: Beaver County ESU compiles an after-action report containing a flash summary of the day's events, including references to a Beaver County ESU counter sniper's observation of Crooks at 5:10 p.m. near the AGR building and the counter sniper's photo documentation of the suspect at 5:14 p.m. (report).

I hope this analysis helps you better understand the available evidence and the events it describes.



Part 1: AAR Analysis

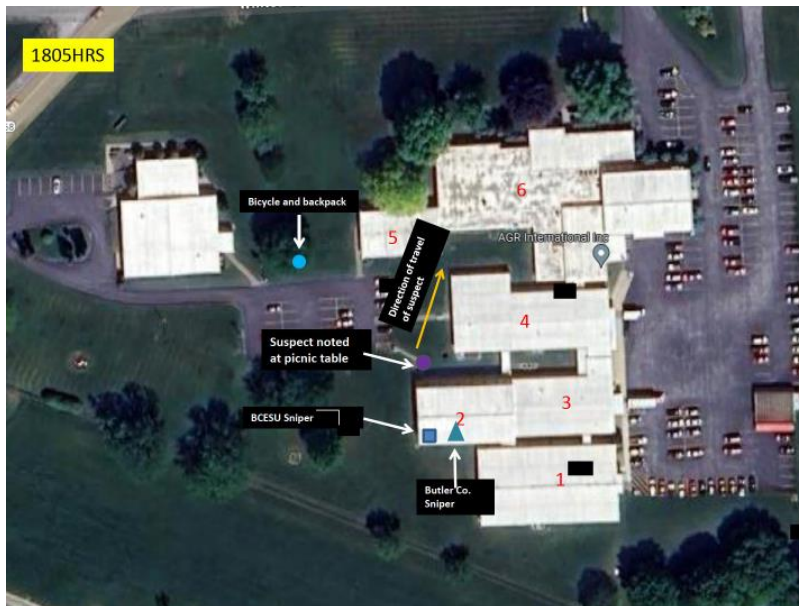
Beaver County After-Action Report (AAR) – Corresponding Timeline Entries & Maps

These are the 3 AAR timeline maps that impact the Door 9 & 13 events, but we will begin with analyzing the 17:10 map.

18:05 – Approx suspect at picnic tables and moving direction of Sheetz, he has a back pack (communicated by Nicol) via radio
– Butler Sniper stayed in place at original position

18:06 – 18:12:
– Nicol goes downstairs of building 1 to meet patrol to let them know suspect is around building on side of fairgrounds
• 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together

18:12 – Shots Fired
• Unknown Time: Shooter Down



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 17:10 Timeline Entry & Map

The 17:10 timeline entry was the first sighting of the patsy by Sgt. Nicol. The patsy was walking by a window. The corresponding 17:10 map shows where the patsy was photographed sitting on the retaining wall, which occurred at 17:14, and was not the first sighting.



- 17:10 – First Observed Suspect by Nicol
– Walked by window
- 17:14 – Picture of Suspect (time taken)



An inferred location is used based on the 17:04 sighting south of AAR Building 4.



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 17:14 Timeline Entry & Map

The next timeline map is timestamped 17:32, but it shows the 17:14 and 17:28 photograph timeline entries. In order to provide an accurate map for those entries, new and separate maps will be presented for both.



- 17:14 – Picture of Suspect (time taken)
- 17:28 – Picture of Bike (time taken)
- 17:32 – Suspect spotted looking at phone, news feeds, and range finder confirmed through monoculars



Also note that Sgt. Nicol could not photograph the bike from the south window.



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The 17:28 Timeline Entry & Map

A 17:28 map is added showing Sgt. Nicol's location being the northwest window, facing north, where he obviously took the photograph of the bicycle from.



- 17:28 – Picture of Bike (time taken)
- 17:32 – Suspect spotted looking at phone, news feeds, and range finder confirmed through monoculars



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 17:32 Timeline Entry & Map

The 17:32 map does not show where the patsy was when Sgt. Nicol sighted him using his phone and rangefinder. None of the maps show that. In my “Sidebar Analysis – The Rangefinder,” I analyzed the possible locations, and inferred the location shown.



- 17:32 – Suspect spotted looking at phone, news feeds, and range finder confirmed through monoculars



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 18:05 Timeline Entry & Map

The 18:05 map shows Sgt. Nicol in the wrong room for seeing the patsy near the Door 14 picnic table. The map's associated entry states that the time is "Approx." The corresponding radio transcript was logged at 6:02 pm, so both of those timestamps warrant correction.



- **18:02** – ~~Approx~~ suspect at picnic tables and moving direction of Sheetz, he has a back pack (communicated by Nicol) via radio
- (sic) Bulter Sniper stayed in place at original position



"At **6:02 p.m.**, the same local sniper who first radioed in the message about the range finder was on the second floor of the building owned by Agr International. From a northwest window, facing away from the rally site he glimpsed the suspect again just as Trump was preparing to take the podium"(WP)



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 18:06-18:11(12) Timeline Entry & Map

The 18:06-18:11 map's timestamp suggests a period of time, but the map shows a point in time. The corresponding 18:06-18:12 timeline entry has its own errors, and is not based on photographic, text message or radio communication evidence.



- **18:03 & 18:13:**
 - Nicol goes downstairs of building 1 to meet patrol to let them know suspect is around building on side of fairgrounds
 - 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together



If the 18:05 time was corrected by subtracting 3 minutes, the subsequent timeline entry should rightfully be corrected by subtracting 3 minutes from the start time of that entry, resulting in **18:03 – 18:12**, which captures the Door 13 and Door 9 events.

Since the associated timeline map states 18:06-18:11 HRS, which makes more sense since the entry is sandwiched between the 18:05 and 18:12 entries and maps. Therefore, think of this timeline entry as **18:03 – 18:11** for now.

However, in a professional incident investigation two separate events would not be shown in a combined entry in the timeline. Since the map shows the Door 9 event, and dashcam video shows Sgt. Nicol opening the door at 18:13:23, the timestamp should rightfully be **18:13**.

For now, think of that entry as applying to both, or **18:03 & 18:13**.

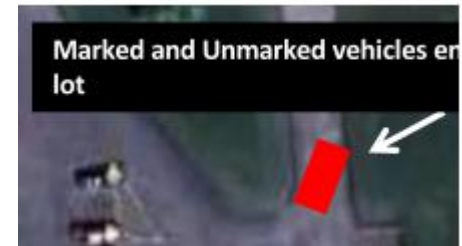
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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

Now let's do a deep dive analysis of the uncorrected 18:06-18:11 map and the 18:06-18:12 entry. We'll take one item at a time, starting with the map.

The map has added notations for where “Marked and Unmarked” law enforcement vehicles entered the lot. (The word “enter(ed)” is cut off after “en,” so it is logically assumed to be “enter” or “entered.”) The term “enter(ed)” does not necessarily mean “parked,” though it doesn't rule out that's where they parked.

That said, we do see what appears to be a “Marked and Unmarked” vehicle parked in that location. The question is, when did they park there?



Part 1: AAR Analysis

Door 13 Radio Communications (RC) & Media Reports of Witness Interviews (WI)

Before we continue the analysis, let's review the Door 13 evidence.

RC - "At 6:02 p.m., the same local sniper who first radioed in the message about the range finder was on the second floor of the building owned by Agr International. From a northwest window, facing away from the rally site he glimpsed the suspect again just as Trump was preparing to take the podium? (Source: [WP](#))

RC - "All right, subject is in between the AGR building. He has a backpack,' said Sgt. Greg Nicol, A Beaver County sniper. Nicol had been assigned to look out over the rally site from a window on the opposite side of the building, but he had moved to look for the suspect according to Young, Nicol's commander." (Source: [WP](#))

RC - "He just went towards the Sheetz,' Nicol said, referring to the gas station about a quarter of mile away. That information quickly circulated, the transcript shows." (Source: [WP](#))

WI – "Nicol moved through the building trying to shadow Crooks, who was outside, and keep eyes on him. But Nicol lost sight of Crooks as Nicol made his way down to the building's first level." (Source: [ABC](#))

WI - "Just after 6 p.m., Nicol, looking out a window on the northwest side of the building, spotted Crooks again. This time the young man was running and carrying a black backpack." (Source: [CNN](#))

WI - "Instinctively, Nicol left his second-floor post and bounded down the stairs in an attempt to keep eyes on the suspect who seemed to be "coming and going and disappearing." (Source: [CNN](#))

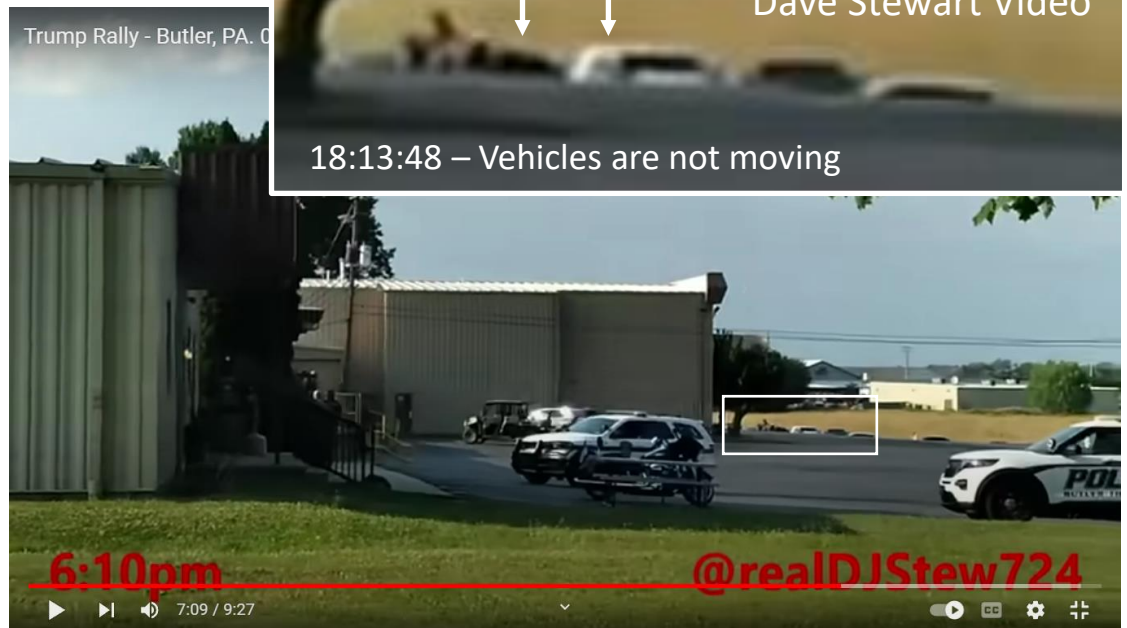
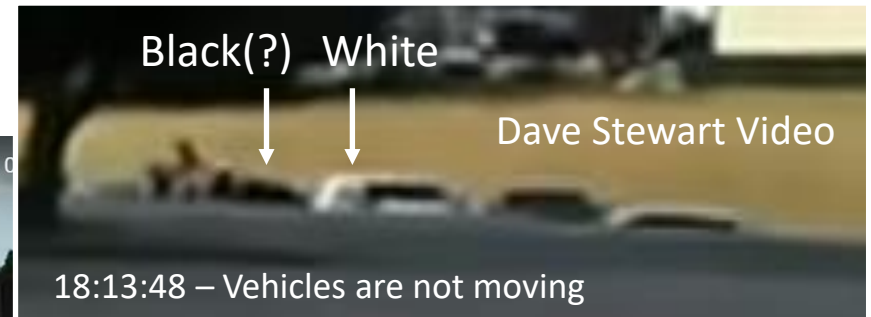
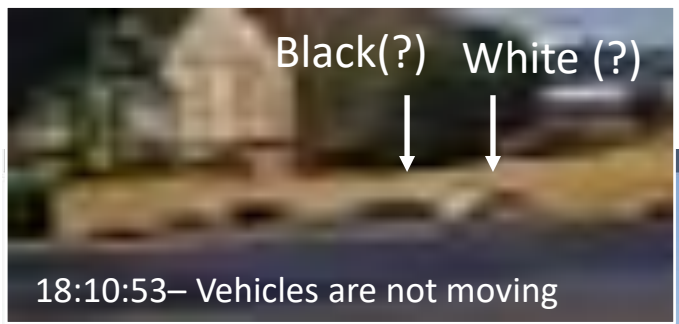
WI – "When he pushed open the door, the kid was nowhere to be seen. Just then two police officers pulled up outside AGR and Nicol shouted to them about where he'd last seen the suspect. The officers took off on foot in opposite directions around the sprawling AGR complex." (Source: [CNN](#))

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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

We have two other videos that might show those two vehicles parked there earlier than 19:04:48. In BWC2-122111-1, they may have been seen as early as 18:10:53. In Dave Stewart’s cellphone video we can see those same vehicles parked in the same area at 18:13:48. The video quality is a little better and the vehicle colors are more discernable. If they are the vehicles seen at 19:04:08, the times do not confirm the Door 13 evidence: “Just then two police officers pulled up outside AGR .” It may support the 18:06-18:12 entry statement:

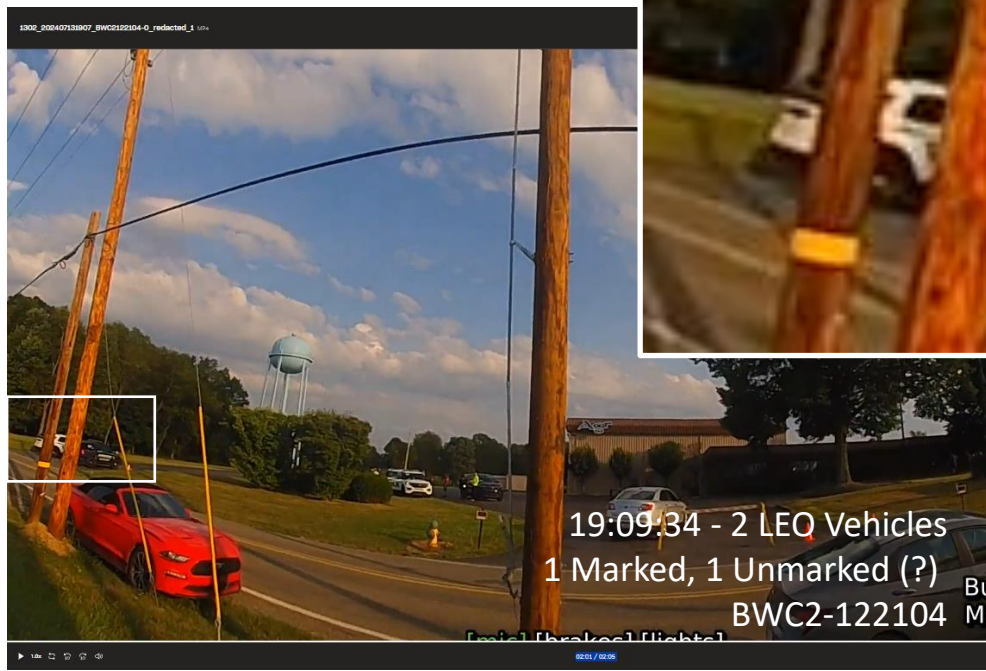
- 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together



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Upon closer examination, though, we see that those law enforcement vehicles are both marked. That is unless you consider side decals, roof flashers, and a bullbar (a.k.a. push bumper) unmarked. It is possible that whoever told the report writer it was unmarked only saw it from far away and assumed it was unmarked, or the report writer watched the body and dash camera videos but didn't zoom in. If a simple error, we shouldn't rule these vehicles out for the "1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together."



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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

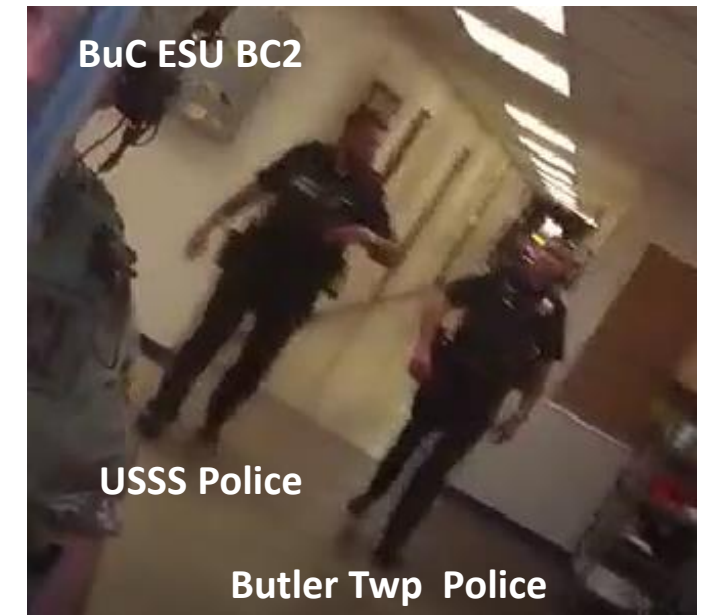
Another explanation could be that the report writer got the location wrong on the timeline map. There were two law enforcement vehicles parked in the east lot across from Door 9, and they do include “1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle.” The question is, when did they arrive? In Dave Stewart’s 5:38 pm – 6:06 pm video, we first see them at ~17:47:41, which is approximately 6 minutes prior to the Door 13 event at 6:03 pm. That would satisfy the “just pulled up” statement, if they did pull up then. It is possible, since Nicol radioed Butler County ESU command at ~17:32, and Sgt. Lenz called PSP Sgt. Olayer at 5:44 pm in the USSS security area, and Olayer in turn notified USSS. So, it’s possible those LEO’s had responded to that information. The only potential fly in that ointment is that it wasn’t until 5:54 pm that Sgt. Lenz notified Butler Township traffic control. It is also possible those vehicles were there well before that time.

First seen at ~17:47:14 (17:38:00 + 0:09:14)



Who drove those vehicles? It’s possible that the USSS police and the Butler Township officers seen in AGR 6 did, but that is just speculation at this point.

First seen at ~18:29:37



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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

Then we have more vehicles that pulled up between the uncorrected map times of **18:06** and **18:11**. As shown below, body and dash camera evidence shows 3 LEO vehicles “pull up” in the vicinity of Door 9 within 26 seconds of each other. (Note: All 3 cameras were 1 second behind actual time.) Here is what we see:

1. **18:09:00:** A Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) pulls in from the east, parks, and exits his vehicle.
2. **18:09:02:** A Butler Township officer (Det. Collins) pulls in from the east, parks, and exits his vehicle.

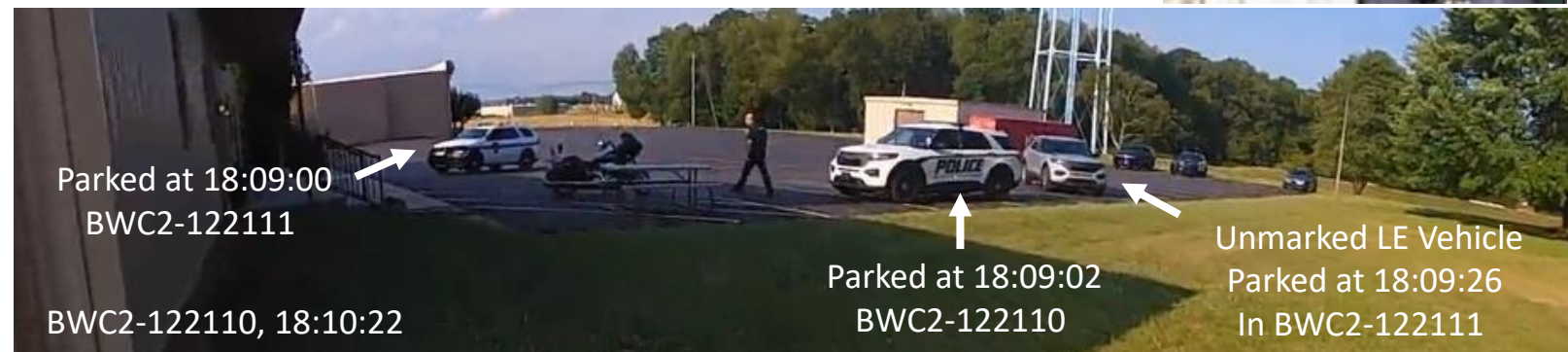
NOTE: Those 2 marked vehicles pulled up together, being within 2 seconds of each other, coming from the water tower where they were seen parked side by side momentarily at 18:08.

3. **18:09:26:** An unmarked law enforcement vehicle pulls in 24 and 26 seconds later from the north.

NOTE: One could hardly argue that this LEO pulled up together with either the PSP or Butler Township officer, due to the time difference and different direction. Furthermore, we do not see where that vehicle pulled in from exactly. Was it the wider drive at main entrance or the narrower one to the east?



So, the two cars that pull in together are both marked and didn't enter from the location stated on the 18:06-18:11 map.



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

Let's compare the evidence we have that might shed light on which pair of vehicles aligns with which event.



1. Assumes the reporting of the black vehicle being unmarked was an error.
2. They almost certainly entered the lot where the map stated.
3. Earliest possible sighting is 18:10:53. Cannot confirm presence at 6:03 pm.
4. The "2 patrol" at Door 13 may have "pulled up" in the same vehicle.
5. It's an ~2.7 minute walk to Door 13 from their parked location, and that is going around the north end of the complex. **Hold that thought.**

May support Door 13 or Door 9.



1. One is marked and one is unmarked.
2. They could have pulled into the lot where the map stated, but that would be an assumption.
3. Earliest sighting is ~17:47:14, which confirms their presence before 6:03 pm. They may or may not have "just then pulled up" before 6:03 pm.
4. It's an ~2.5 minute walk to Door 13 from their parked location, and that is going around the south end of the complex. **Hold that thought.**

May support Door 13, not Door 9.



1. Two are marked and one is unmarked.
2. Only one could have pulled into the lot where the map stated, but that would be an assumption.
3. All three were sighted pulling in at ~18:09, so were not present before 6:03 pm.
4. May have been interpreted by the writer or source of the information as "1 Marked vehicle and unmarked" that "pull in together,"

May support Door 9, not Door 13

Then there is the phrase "outside of AGR." What do you do with that? All of these vehicles were sighted "outside of AGR" buildings.

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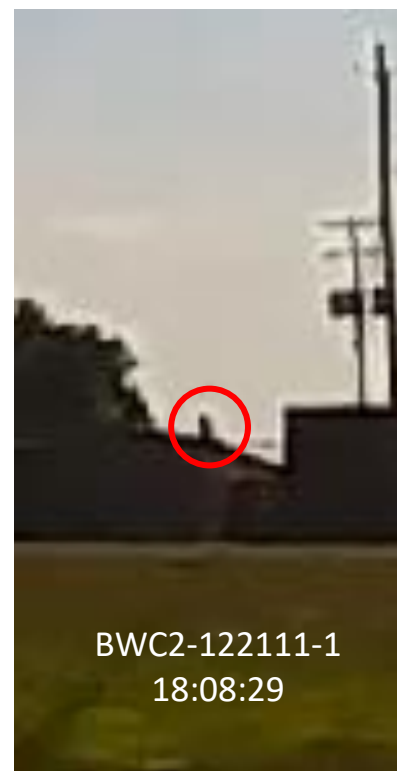
The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

So far we've been looking at the redacted version of the 18:06-18:11 map. If you are like me, you may have overlooked 4 redactions on that map that are not on the unredacted version. Interestingly, there is nothing where those redactions were in the unredacted map. If that's the case, why the redactions initially? The most logical answer is that there were items included on the original map that were removed from the map before releasing the unredacted version. What could those redacted items have been? The redaction at the AAR Building 4 crossover is almost certainly showing where the patsy was first sighted on the roof, in BWC2-122111-1 at 18:08:29.

Redacted Version



Unredacted Version





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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

The redaction in the west parking lot has significance to the Door 13 event. That is in the path of where the patsy was spotted at 6:02 pm before heading “away from the event,” and “towards Sheetz.”

It was also where the patsy was captured on video when he returned from his car at 5:56 pm, per the FBI. If the patsy was caught on surveillance video coming back from his car, it stands to reason that same camera captured him going to his car. (See my “Sidebar Analysis – Patsy’s Car.”)

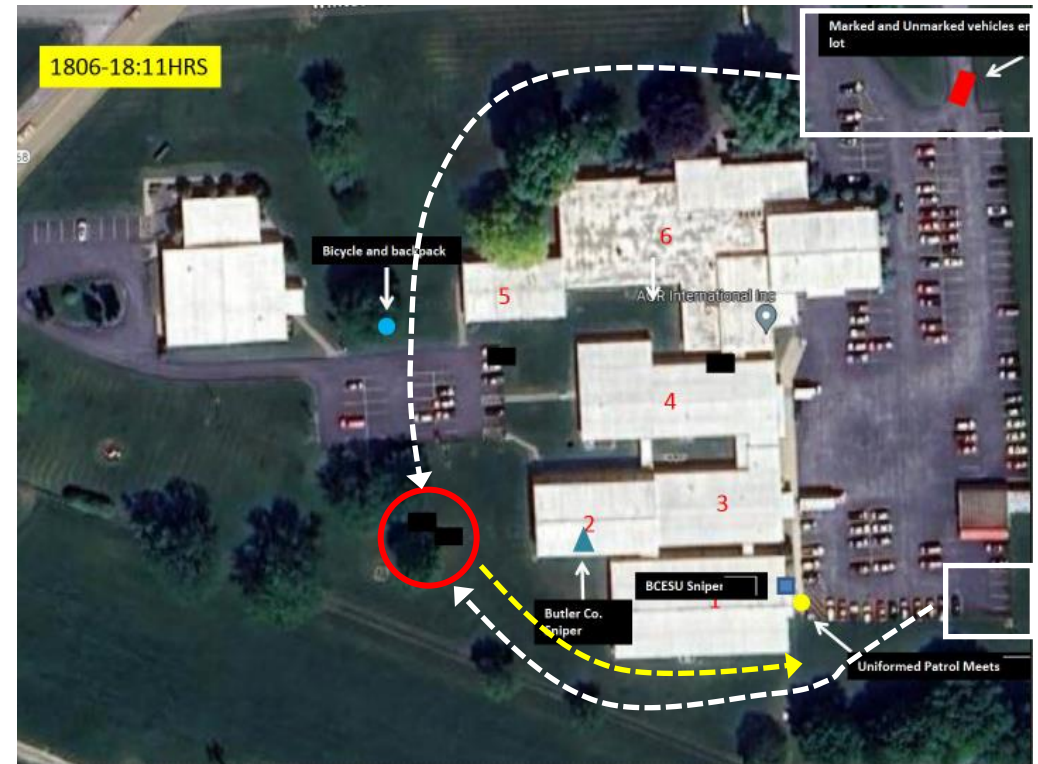
“We have video that was recently found of the shooter walking in a distance from his car just before 6:00 PM, about 5:56, I believe. And based on everything we have, we assessed that he returned to his vehicle at that time, got the backpack, and then proceeded back to the area, into the AGR building.” FBI Deputy Director Abbate ([7/30/2024 Senate Hearing](#)) (01:35:40)



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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

The other two redactions may relate to the Door 13 event or the Door 9 event. The map below shows both of the paths likely taken by the two sets of vehicles that could be associated with the Door 13 event. It also shows the possible path of undercover officers seen in Dave Stewart’s video during the Door 9 event. They were captured inspecting windows on the south wall as they made their way from west to east before being seen near Sgt. Nicol shortly after he exited Door 9. It could be inferred to be either of those scenarios.



Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

The events that occurred at Door 13 began when Nicol pushed open the door at ~18:03. The 18:06-18:12 timeline entry only partially describes that event, but also partially confirms it if interpreted accordingly.

The events that occurred at Door 9 began when Nicol opened the door at 18:13:23. The dashcam M500-010482 evidence does not support Nicol meeting “patrol to let them know suspect is around building on side of fairgrounds.” Neither of the 2 LEO’s that Nicol engaged at that time was Det. Collins, who “pulled up” to Door 9 in a marked vehicle. Therefore, the AAR 18:06-18:12 timeline entry only partially aligns with the actual Door 9 events, but also partially confirms it if interpreted accordingly.

The report writer should have split that timeline entry into two separate entries, based on the evidence, such as those depicted below. Investigators should take that into consideration when using that entry, along with other evidence, to understand what happened.

- 18:03
 - Nicol goes downstairs of building 2. He does not see the suspect but sees two patrol who had just pulled into AGR. The two patrol head off in opposite directions.
 - 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together

• 18:12 – Shots Fired, Shooter Down

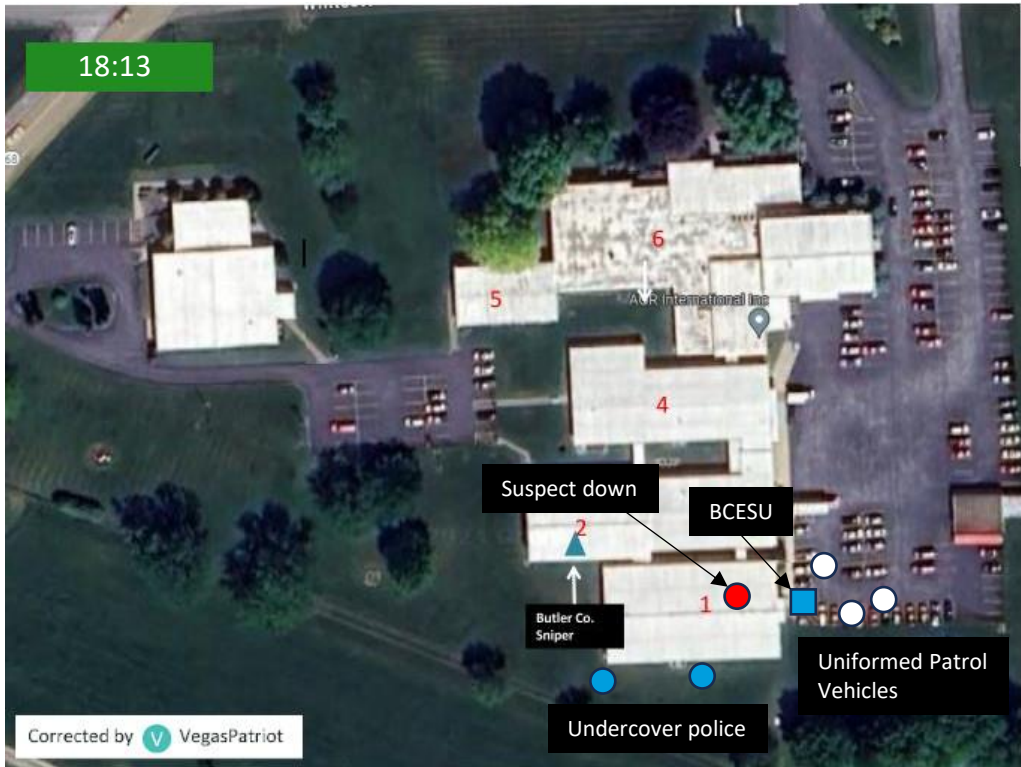
- 18:13
 - Nicol goes to east end of building 1 to Join other law enforcement officers who were trying to locate and apprehend the suspect.
 - 2 Marked vehicles pull up together, followed by 1 unmarked vehicle



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The 18:06-18:12(11) Timeline Entry & Map

Having split the timeline entries, it makes sense to split the associated map, as seen below. Some inferences were made regarding the patrol and vehicles, and their locations.



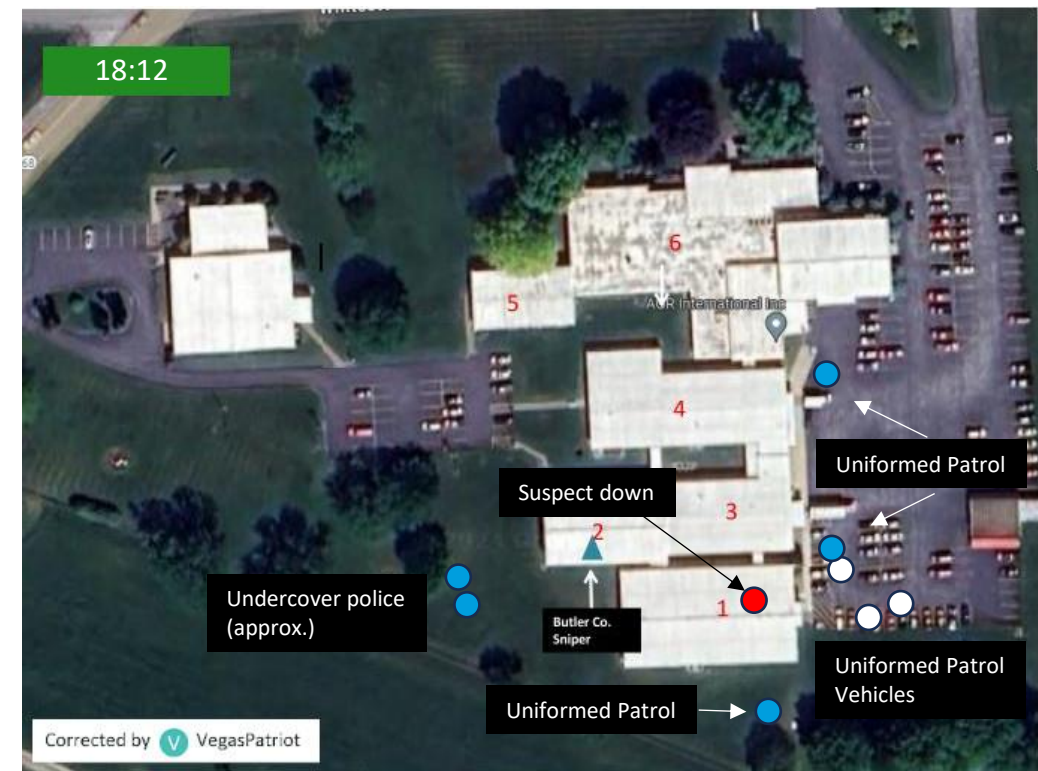
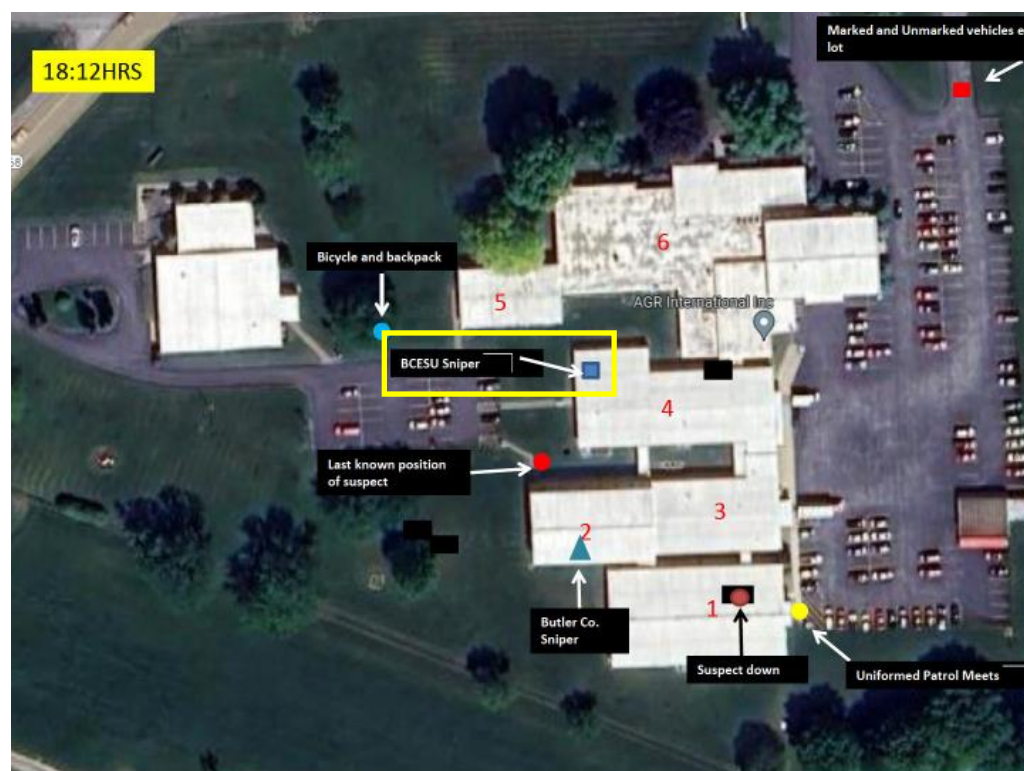
Part 1: AAR Analysis

The 18:12 Timeline Entry & Map

The last timeline entry and map we need to analyze is for 18:12. One glaring issue is the location of Sgt. Nicol in the northwest corner of AAR Building 4. It is possible that was the right corner, wrong building, and wrong time. It is also possible that was part of the 18:06-18:11 period of time, and the location is correct. Those possibilities will be analyzed under Part 2. The 18:12 timestamp is correctly rounded up.

Since all 10 shots were fired during the second half of minute 18:11, it would make more sense to round that up to 18:12 rather than round it down to 18:11.

- 18:12 – Shots Fired, Shooter Down

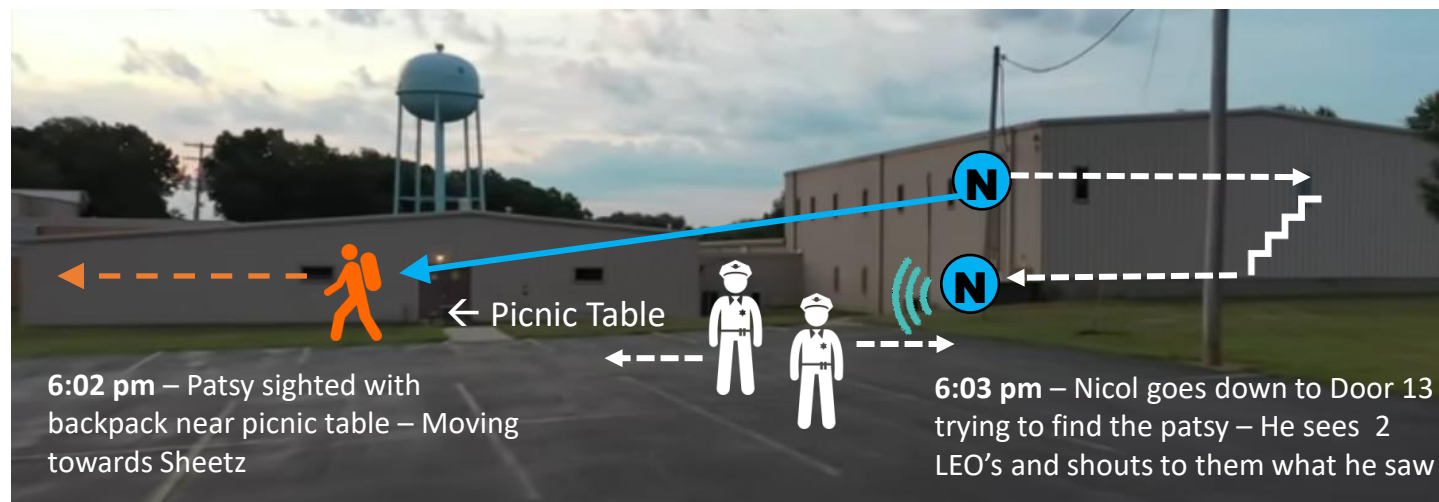


Part 2: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

Basis of Analysis

Having analyzed the AAR timeline entries and maps, we can move on with a more accurate analysis of the Door 13 event. That should involve examination of the radio communications, considered hard evidence due to being recorded and transcribed with timestamps, albeit being reported third hand by the Washington Post who was in possession of the transcripts. It should also involve the examination of the witness statements, considered soft evidence, due to the fallibility of human memory, and also being reported third hand by both ABC and CNN who interviewed the witnesses, the ABC partial broadcast of the interviews notwithstanding.

- 18:03
 - Nicol goes downstairs of building 2. He does not see the suspect but sees two patrol who had just pulled into AGR. The two patrol head off in opposite directions.
 - 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together



Part 2: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

Door 13 Radio Communications (RC)

Just Prior to Nicol Going to Door 13 – WP

RC - “At 6:02 p.m., the same local sniper who first radioed in the message about the range finder was on the second floor of the building owned by Agr International. From a northwest window, facing away from the rally site he glimpsed the suspect **again just as Trump was preparing to take the podium.**” (Source: [WP](#))

18:02:31– Trump is announced to the crowd and music plays as he takes the stage.

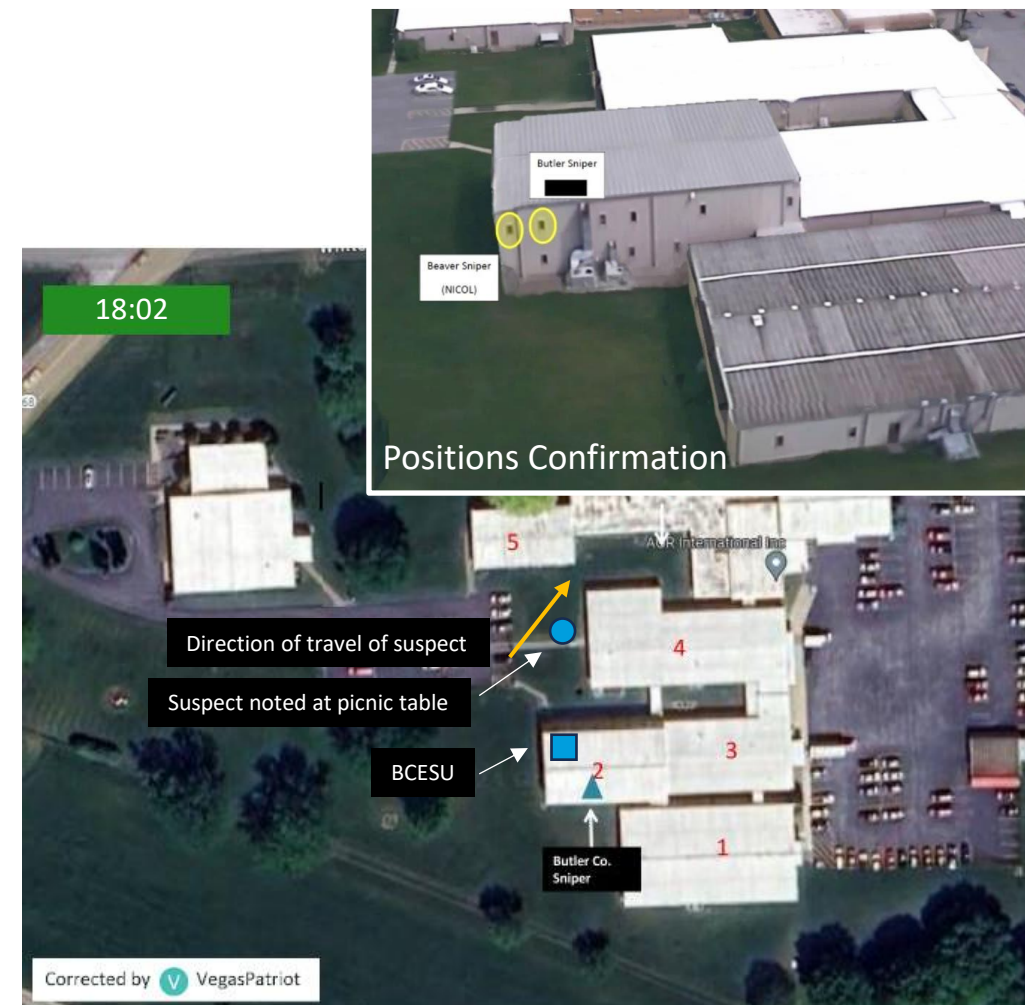
18:02:48 – Trump climbs stairs onto stage.

18:04:58 – Trump places both hands on the podium in preparation to star. speaking, which he does 14 seconds later.

RC - “All right, subject is in between the AGR building. He has a backpack,’ said Sgt. Greg Nicol, A Beaver County sniper. **Nicol had been assigned to look out over the rally site from a window on the opposite side of the building,** but he had moved to look for the suspect according to Young, Nicol’s commander.” (Source: [WP](#))

This has been confirmed by the Butler County FPOTUS Detail plan, the Beaver and Butler County Counter Sniper Positions map, and the positions confirmation map (shown) provided to Sen Grassley. (See also my “Sidebar Analysis – Counter Snipers.”)

No Conflicting Statements



Part 2: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

Door 13 Radio Communications (RC) & Media Reports of Witness Interviews (WI)

Just Prior to Nicol Going to Door 13 – WP

RC - ““He just went towards the Sheetz,’ Nicol said, referring to the gas station about a quarter of mile away. That information quickly circulated, the transcript shows.” (Source: [WP](#))

The direction depicted on the AAR map aligns with Sheetz, and Nicol’s statement.

Just As Nicol Goes to Door 13 – WP & ABC

WI - “Just after 6 p.m., Nicol, looking out a window on the northwest side of the building, spotted Crooks again. This time the young man was running and carrying a **black backpack.**” (Source: [CNN](#))

NOTE: The CNN article was published 18 days before the FBI released evidence photos, which showed the patsy had a black backpack.

WI - “Nicol moved through the building trying to shadow Crooks, who was outside, and keep eyes on him. But Nicole lost sight of Crooks as Nicol made his way down to **the building's first level.**” (Source: [ABC](#))

WI - “By that time, Trump had taken the stage, Nicol said.” (Source: [ABC](#))

18:02:48 – Trump climbs stairs onto stage.

The 6:03 pm timestamp aligns with going down to Door 13.

No Conflicting Statements



Part 2: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

Reason & Logic

Just As Nicol Goes to Door 13 – WP & ABC

Timeline Succession: 18:02 immediately precedes 18:03 (both rightfully corrected), and the action of spotting someone from the 2nd floor northwest corner on the north facing wall window, then losing sight of them and going downstairs in that same corner of the same building to Door 13 follows logically in succession.

“The Building’s First Level”: The evidence states that Nicol went downstairs of “the building,” meaning **“the”** building he was in immediately after the 6:02 pm radio call, AAR Building 2, not **“a”** building, which could include AAR Building 1 or any other building in the complex. **It occurred at AAR 2, not AAR 1.**

Door 13: AAR Building 2 has 3 doors, one of which is not numbered and it leads to a courtyard of sorts only accessible from inside the building. Door 8 leads to the east parking lot, which is on the opposite “**end**” of the building from where the patsy was last spotted a minute before. The only logical door to go to in those circumstances is the one right below where you last spotted the patsy, which is Door 13.

(Previously as stated in [WP](#)) **“The Opposite Side Of The Building”**: It was not stated as being the “other end of the building,” so it wasn’t Door 8. **It occurred at Door 13, not Door 8.**



Part 2: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

Door 13 Radio Communications (RC) & Media Reports of Witness Interviews (WI)

Just As Nicol Goes to Door 13 – WP & ABC

WI - “Instinctively, Nicol left his second-floor post and bounded down the stairs in an attempt to keep eyes on the suspect who seemed to be “coming and going and disappearing.” (Source: [CNN](#))

WI – ‘When he pushed open the door, the kid was nowhere to be seen. **Just then two police officers pulled up outside AGR** and Nicol shouted to them about where he’d last seen the suspect. The officers took off on foot in opposite directions around the sprawling AGR complex.’ (Source: [CNN](#))

“Shouted to them”: This suggests, 1) The LEO’s were not within talking distance of Door 13, and Nicol wanted to get their attention, and 2) the LEO’s were there to look for the patsy and not to meet Nicol.

“Just ... Pulled Up”: At least one pair of law enforcement vehicles, which happen to include one marked and one unmarked, were confirmed as being in an AGR parking lot prior to 6:03 pm. Nicol went downstairs to look for the patsy, **not to meet LEO’s**. The LEO’s coincidentally “just ...pulled up” prior to Nicol seeing them, **they weren’t there to meet him**. “Just ... pulled up” is a figure of speech that represents a proximity of place and time, and doesn’t necessarily mean they pulled up to Door 13 at that exact moment.

No Conflicting Statements



Part 2: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

Door 13 Media Reports of Witness Interviews (WI)

After Nicol Pushed Open Door 13 – CNN & ABC

WI – “Trump by this time was on stage and addressing the crowd. Nicol said he could hear his voice booming over the loudspeakers.” (Source: [CNN](#))

18:04:58 – Trump places both hands on the podium in preparation to start speaking, which he does 14 seconds later.

WI - “By that time, Trump had taken the stage, Nicol said.” (Source: [ABC](#))

WI – “**Then**, as the former president began speaking, Nicole noticed rallygoers looking away from the podium, up toward the roof of the AGR building. Some were shouting that there was someone up there.” (Source: [ABC](#))

18:10:03 – “He’s on the roof” ([AP - D.J. Laughery](#))

“**Then**” – This does not necessarily mean “then” as in at that time, but rather “then” as in what comes next in the time sequence of events worth noting as Sgt. Nicol was giving his account.

This is where the analysis transitions to Part 4: The Time In Between, which follows the brief Door 9 Event analysis.

No Conflicting Statements

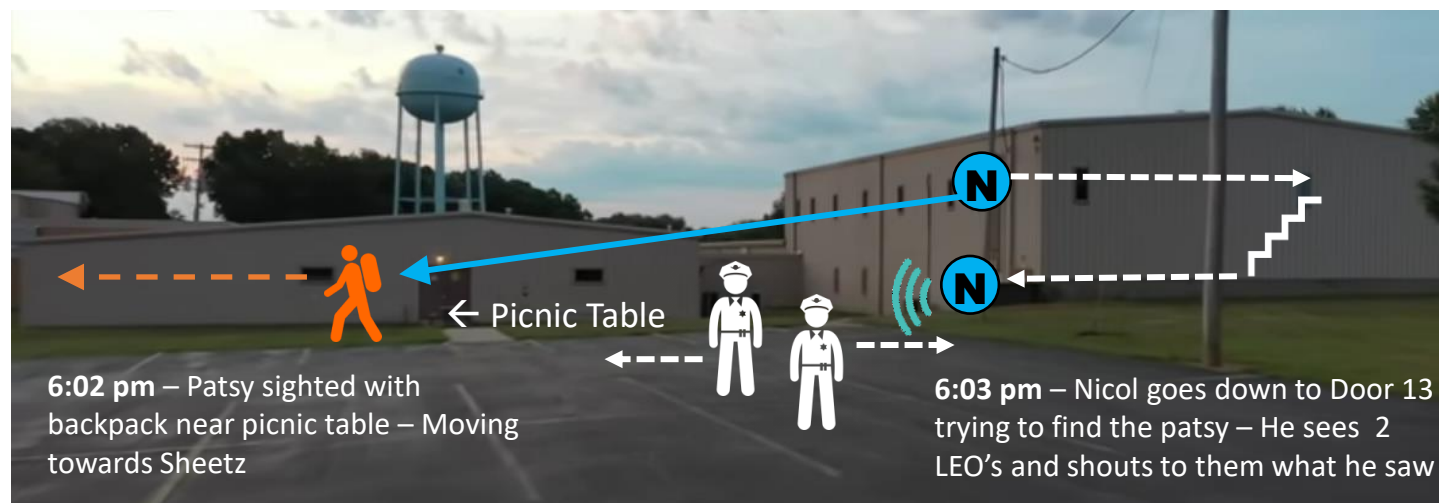
Conclusion: Door 13 Event (6:03 pm)

The evidence pertaining to the Door 13 event, the inaccurate AAR timeline entry and timeline map notwithstanding, aligns well with itself and other timeline evidence. There are no contradictions. The problems arise when you introduce the AAR inaccuracies.

Granted, the MSM slants their articles to suit their agenda, and even the commentary provided by Nicol may have been influenced by the Secret Service publicly casting the blame on him and his team. However, the timestamped statements regarding Nicol's activities during the event appear factual, absent of any slant or opinions. Those are the portions of the articles used in this analysis.

My conclusion is that the Door 13 event happened the way it was reported, and given a few corrections, would be corroborated by the AAR timeline entry and map, if the entry and map were limited to 18:03 to cover Door 13 only.

- 18:03
 - Nicol goes downstairs of building 2. He does not see the suspect but sees two patrol who had just pulled into AGR. The two patrol head off in opposite directions.
 - 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together



Part 3: Door 9 Event (6:13 pm)

Unlike the Door 13 event, there is plenty of video evidence of what actually took place at Door 9. Like the Door 13 event, the AAR timeline entry and map cannot be fully and accurately corroborated by that evidence. The blacked-out portions of the timeline entry below are the portions of it that conflict with the hard evidence. The timeline map fits a little better, with the end time being 2 minutes off and the entry point of the vehicles into the parking lot likely doesn't fit because only one of the 3 vehicles that "just pulled up" came from that direction, and possibly not from that drive. (See detailed analysis above.)



- 18:06 – 18:12:
 - Nicol goes [redacted] building 1 to [redacted] patrol to [redacted]
 - [redacted]

The dashcam video from Butler Township Police Det. Tyler Collins (M500-010482), along with other videos, show the Door 9 event happening as described in this corrected version of an 18:13 timeline entry below.

- 18:13
 - Nicol goes to east end of building 1 to Join other law enforcement officers who were trying to locate and apprehend the suspect.
 - 2 Marked vehicles pull up together, followed by 1 unmarked vehicle

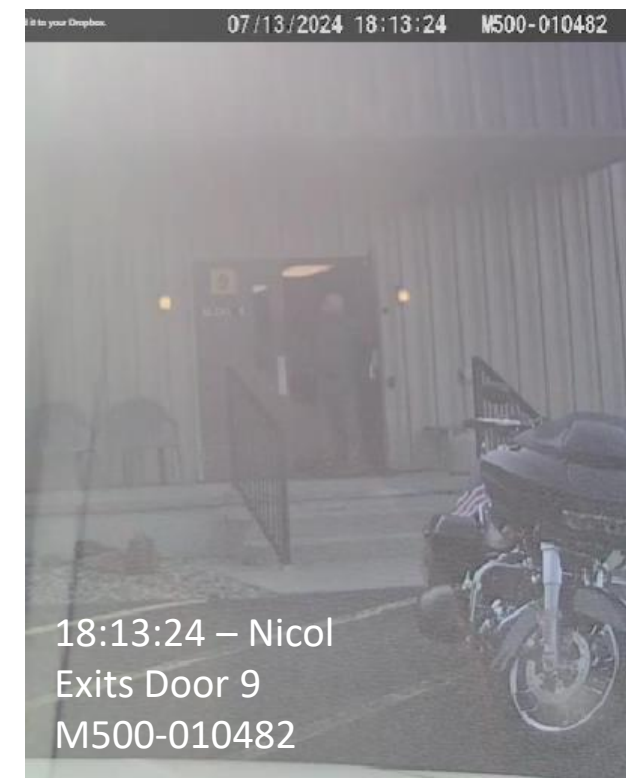
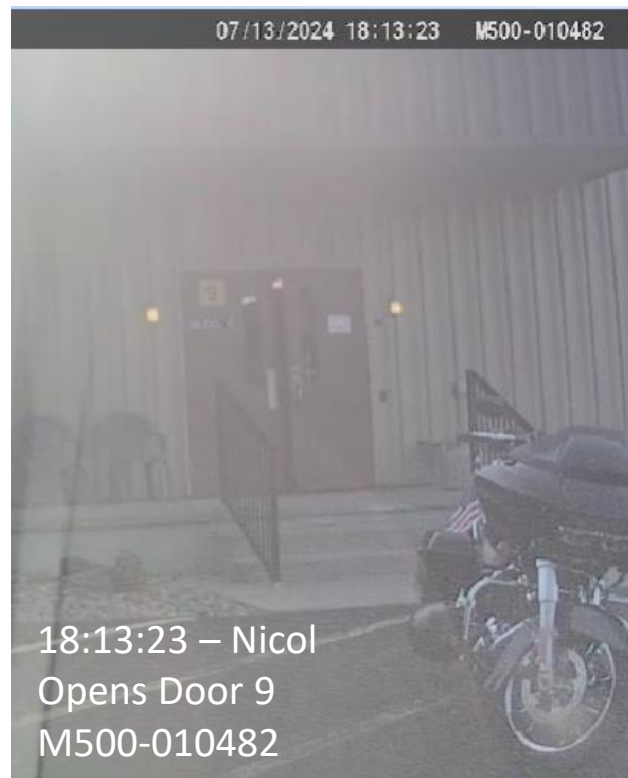


Part 3: Door 9 Event (6:13 pm)

“Nicol goes downstairs of building 1”

At 18:13:23, Sgt. Greg Nicol open Door 9, as seen in dashcam M500-010482. That is ~3 minutes after the 3 vehicles pulled up, ~2 minutes after the first shot was fired at 18:11:33, and ~1 min. 35 sec. after shot 10 took out the patsy at 18:11:48.

That timestamp, **18:13**, differs from the AAR timeline entry’s **18:12** timestamp and associated map’s **18:11** timestamp, but is the accurate timestamp.



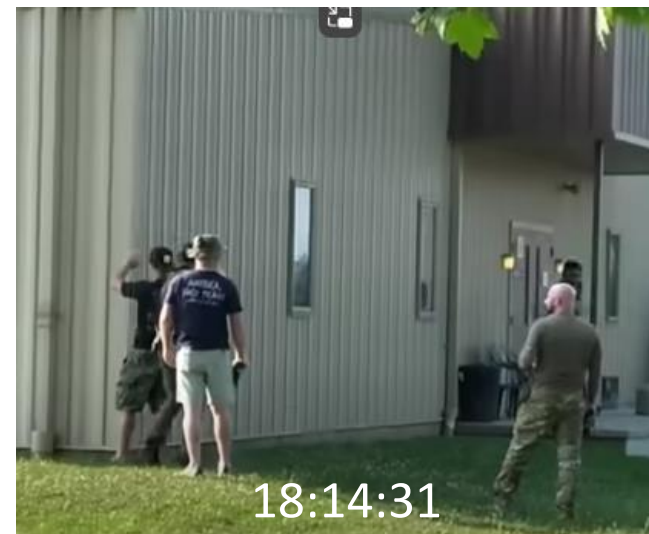
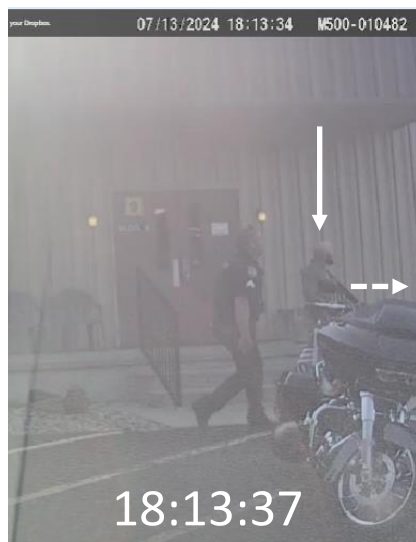
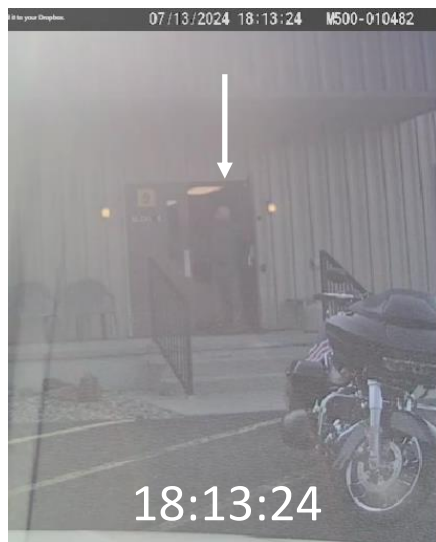
Part 3: Door 9 Event (6:13 pm)

“Nicol goes downstairs of building 1 to meet patrol”

If we use dashcam M500-010482 video to track Sgt. Greg Nicol from when he exits Door 9 at 18:13:24 to when he tries to go back inside AGR 6 at 18:15:02, only to discover he is locked out of Door 9, we can see he heads in different directions.

1. **North:** At 18:13:37, Nicol starts walking north, away from the “fairgrounds.” He is followed by what appears to be a Butler Twp LEO.
2. **South:** At 18:13:52, Nicol starts jogging south.
3. **Still:** At 18:14:31, Nicol is seen standing and talking with undercover LEOs. In Dave Stewart’s video. He didn’t jog very far.
4. **North:** At 18:14:54, Nicol is seen with the USSS agent heading back north towards Door 9..
5. **Door 9:** He is then seen trying to go inside Door 9, which was locked, with the USSS agent, followed shortly by 2 PSP troopers and a Butler Twp (?) LEO.

This doesn’t corroborate the 18:06-18:12 timeline entry regarding going to “meet patrol.” He didn’t “meet” anyone, he “joined” them.



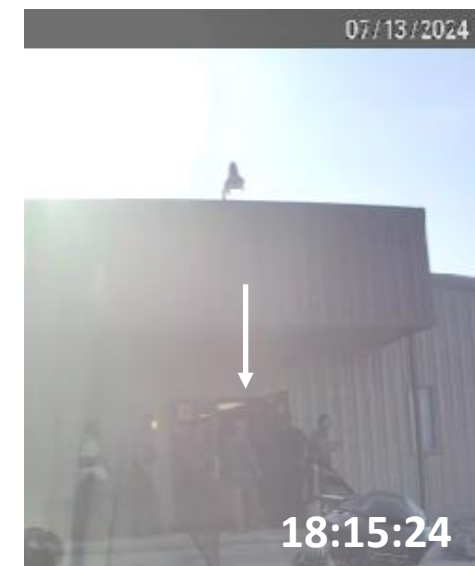
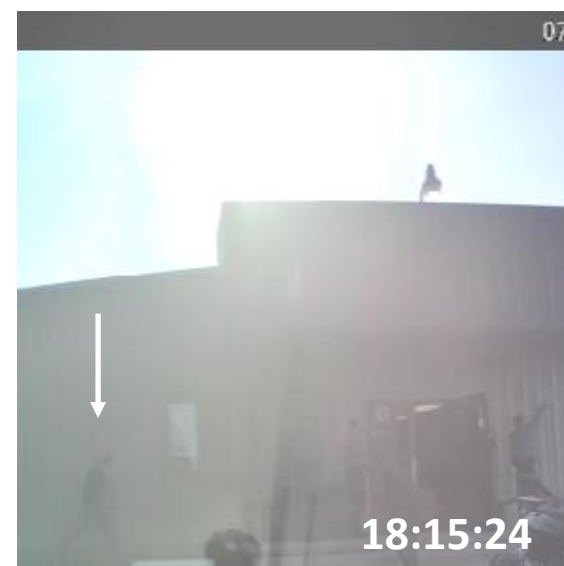
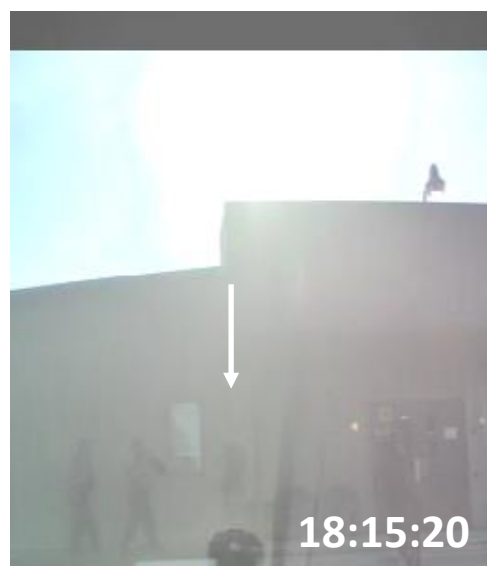
Part 3: Door 9 Event (6:13 pm)

Nicol Rushes to be First to Enter Door 9 When Reopened

If we use dashcam M500-010482 video to track Sgt. Greg Nicol from when he exits Door 9 at 18:13:24 (he opens it at 18:13:23) to when he tries to go back inside AGR 6 at 18:15:02, only to discover he is locked out of Door 9, we can see he heads in different directions.

1. **18:15:02:** Nicol then seen trying to go inside Door 9, which was locked. .
2. **18:15:20:** Nicol walks away from Door 9 after not being opened by someone inside. (BuC CS Mike Murcko).
3. **18:15:24:** The door is opened and Nicol hurries back to go back inside AGR 6.
4. **18:15:27:** Nicol is the first to go back through Door 9 into AGR 6.

Nicol's rush to enter AGR, before anyone else, is what makes his actions during the Door 9 event so suspicious. What was the hurry? While more suspicious activity occurs at Door 9 later, this is where we need to analyze what happened between **18:03** and **18:13**.



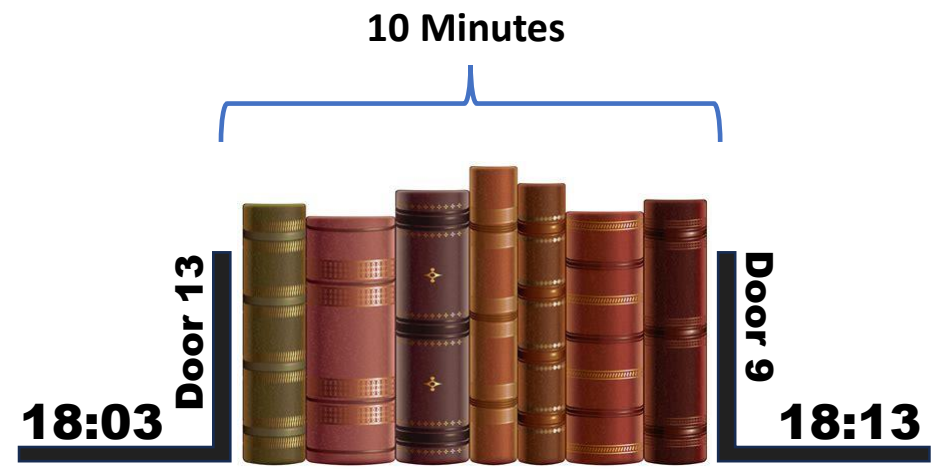
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The Four Scenarios

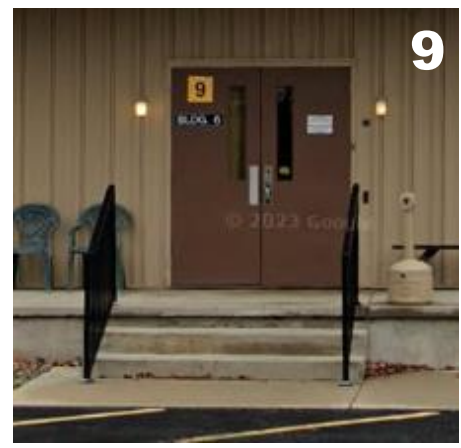
Using the corrected times from Part 1 and Part 2 above, **18:03** and **18:13** respectively, as bookends, let's analyze what Nicol may or may not have done in between those times. Like the books shown below, there are multiple stories to choose from. For this analysis we will analyze the following four scenarios :

1. Nicol stayed on the 1st floor
 - A. Door 13 to Door 9/AAR 1
 - B. Door 13 to AAR 4 to Door 9/AAR 1
2. Nicol went to the 2nd floor
 - A. Door 13 to CS Nest to Door 9/AAR 1
(Also Door 9 to AAR 4 to Door 9)
 - B. Door 13 to AAR 4 to Door 9/AAR 1

[Spa Guy YouTube Video](#)



[Google Maps](#)



Part 4: The Time In Between

Five Qualifiers

During the analysis I will rank the likelihood of a scenario using a hierarchy of five qualifiers: *impossible, possible, plausible, probable*, and **proven**, as described below.

1. **Impossible:** It could not happen.
2. **Possible:** It could happen, but there is little reason to believe it did, other than speculation, or there is reason to believe it didn't.
3. **Plausible:** It could happen, and there is reason to believe it may have happened.
4. **Probable:** It is more likely than not that it happened, and there is soft evidence that it did. (>50% but <100%)
5. **Proven:** It happened, we have hard evidence of it.

Here is a description of each qualifier using examples:

Impossible: Nicol could not be in two locations at the same time.

Possible: Nicol could have gone outside of Door 13 to search for the patsy, but there were already 2 patrol doing so.

Plausible: Nicol may have taken a meal and/or restroom break, because he was in the AGR buildings for 7 hours.

Probable: Nicol, a sole witness (soft evidence) stated he was at Door 13 (at ~6:03 pm), but the 2 patrol he met would be able to corroborate his statements (firm evidence). Indoor surveillance video and door logs could prove it (hard evidence), if they exist.

Proven: There was a dashcam video (hard evidence) released showing Nicol at door 9 at 6:13:24 pm.



Part 4: The Time In Between

Introduction: The Available Evidence – Radio & Video

RC – 18:03 - “Inside the Butler County command center, Lenz again called Olayer in the Secret Service command post to pass on a message during a 40-second call at 6:03 p.m., according to the law enforcement official familiar with the police response and call logs. The message was also passed on to local police units.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – 18:04 - “All units be advised also that individual is headed towards Sheetz,” a sheriff’s deputy radioed to his colleagues at 6:04 p.m.” (Source: [WP](#))

FBI - 18:05 – Crooks pulls himself onto AGR Building (AAR 6 east of near Door 18, per FBI, based on surveillance camera footage.)

RC – 18:06 - “He’s reportedly between the building up here at AGR somewhere,” a local officer on the channel for traffic control said at 6:06 p.m. “I’m guessing the west side, east side looks clear.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – 18:07 - “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,” he said at 6:07 p.m.” (Source: [WP](#)) **(Channel 4)**

RC – 18:08 – ““Someone’s on the roof,” a local officer radioed at 6:08 p.m. “I have someone on the roof with white shorts.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – ~18:08 – “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.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – 18:09 - “At 6:09, Lenz again dialed the state trooper to inform him about the suspect on the roof, according to the law enforcement official and call logs. At the same time, a local officer said over the radio that he had a good view of the male on the roof.” (Source: [WP](#))

Note: Butler County used 3 radio channels for the following groups: Channel 4 for Butler Police ESU Command , Channel 3 for Butler Police Patrol, and Channel 2(?) for Butler County Sheriff Deputies. **Nicol was on Channel 4 and could not hear other channels.**

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Introduction: The Available Evidence – Radio & Video

RC – 18:09+ - ““We got him,” the officer said. “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.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – 18:09+ - “Lost sight of him, trooper was chasing him, trying to follow him around the building,” the officer said.” (Source: [WP](#))

CC – 18:10:13 - “He’s on the roof.” a spectator says in a video of that scene. ’ (Source: [AP](#))

RC – 18:10 – “Last time I seen him was by the pine tree between the two buildings, the small walkway joining the buildings,” the officer who earlier spotted Crooks on the roof reported at 6:10 p.m.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – 18:11 – “At 6:11 p.m., a local officer hoisted up to the roofline by a colleague reported the first sign that the man on the roof was, in fact, a deadly threat. “He’s armed,” the officer said, according to the transcript. “I saw him, he’s laying down.” “He’s got a long gun,” the officer said again into the radio.” (Source: [WP](#))

RC – 18:11+ – “Seconds later, Lenz radioed the Butler County quick response force...“QRF from command. You need to deploy to the AGR building,” Lenz said...“BT has a male on the roof with a long gun. They have made contact with him.” As he was passing on the directive, Lenz interrupted himself: “Shots fired,” he said at 6:11 p.m.” (Source: [WP](#)) (**Channel 4**)

CC - 18:12:11 – “Shooter Down.” A local LEO reports over the radio that the shooter is down.

CC - 18:12:28 – First Officers climb over the Butler Farm Show fence/locked gate. One is PSP Trooper Graham who injures his hand.

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Introduction: The Available Evidence – Witness Interviews

To set the stage, let's first look at Nicol's comments about texting the photos he took of the patsy and the radio message he sent. Pay attention to Nicol's expectation/assumptions that have emphasis added.

“When Nicol observed Crooks' suspicious presence and called it in to local command via radio, **he said he expected action to be taken -- like a uniformed officer would "check it out," according to text messages between snipers on the ground**, which were obtained by ABC News.

"The first thing I did, I sent those pictures out, we had a text group between the local snipers that were on the scene. I sent those pictures out to that group and advised them of what I noticed and what I'd seen," Nicol said. 'There was a text back that said, 'Call it into command.' I then called into our, to the command via radio. And they acknowledged.”

The first thing? Fact: It was **24 minutes** later, 5:14 pm (photo taken) to 5:38 pm, that he texted photos of a “Suspicious Person” to the 8-member tactical chat group. He texted them 6 minutes after he spotted the patsy using a rangefinder at 5:32 pm.

"I assumed that there would be somebody coming out to -- you know, to speak with this individual or, you know, find out what's going on," he added.” (Source: [ABC](#))

Note: Clearly Nicol had expectations that boots on the ground LEOs would find and detain the patsy for questioning. So, why would he not have the same expectations of the 2 patrol he saw at Door 13, whom he informed about the patsy's movements?

Let's continue reading through his comments reported by ABC.

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Introduction: The Available Evidence – Witness Interviews

These are the remaining comments from Sgt. Nicol as reported in the ABC interview article. Pay particular attention to how his comments may or may not conflict with the straight from Door 13 to Door 9 scenario.

“Nicol moved through the building trying to shadow Crooks, who was outside, and keep eyes on him. But Nicole lost sight of Crooks as Nicol made his way down to the building's first level. [Door 13 event.]

By that time, Trump had taken the stage [~18:02:33], Nicol said.

Then, as the former president began speaking [~18:05:12], Nicole noticed rallygoers looking away from the podium, up toward the roof of the AGR building. Some were shouting that there was someone up there. [18:10, “He’s on the roof.”]

[“**Then**” here likely means next in the sequence of events, at least significant enough to mention in an interview.]

Nicol said he was almost relieved, thinking to himself, "Oh, they must have found this guy we were looking for out there, and everybody's watching the police deal with him."

He would soon discover that wasn't the case.

"That's when I heard the gunshots," [18:11:33-18:11:48] Nicol said. Crooks had opened fire on the campaign rally.” (Source: [ABC](#))

Note: If Sgt. Nicol went straight from Door 13 to Door 9 he would likely not have heard Trump speaking or see rally goers looking up at the roof.

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When the patsy was spotted by a rally goer's video along the south wall of AGR 6, the window at Nicol's nest was closed and Murcko's was open. Both windows were seen in those same positions 8 minutes after the shooting, and the west window was open. Since a floor plan has not been released, it is not known whether or not Nicol and Murcko were in the same large room or in separate rooms. If the former, Nicol would likely be able to hear the rally clearly, whereas the sound may have been somewhat muffled if he was in a separate room with a closed window. He clearly would have heard the gunshots either way, and could have also opened and closed his window at any point.



O = Open
C = Closed

WTAE4 (~17:06)



BWC2-122109 (~18:19)



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario 1: Nicol stayed on the 1st floor – Option A: Door 13 to Door 9

The straight-line distance between doors, not knowing the floor plan, is ~319 feet, per Google Maps. Using Google Maps typical walking speed of 22 minutes per mile, it would take only ~1.3 minutes (1 min. 18 sec.) to get from Door 13 to Door 9.

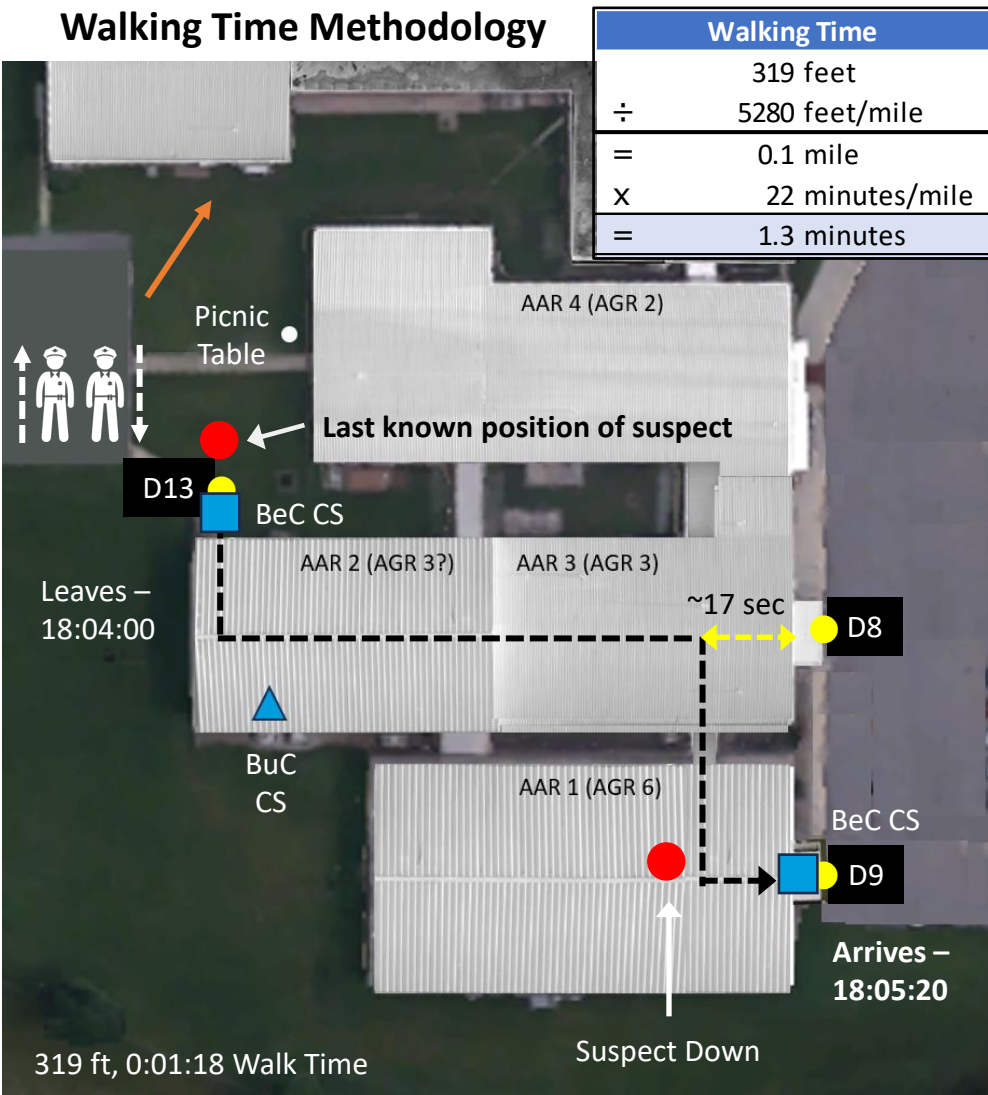
That leaves ~8.7 minutes for activities along the way.

The question is, what would prompt him to go to Door 9 straight from Door 13?

If he was going to look for the patsy in the east lot, thinking there was an open path to it from between buildings AAR 6 and AAR 4, the direction he last saw the patsy heading in, why not go straight out through Door 8?

He could have looked outside of Door 8 (~17 sec roundtrip)

Since Nicol had just informed 2 LEOs where he last saw the patsy heading, according to his statements, and he was reported as having expectations/assumptions that local law enforcement on the ground should have been looking for the patsy, why would he even continue to look for him?



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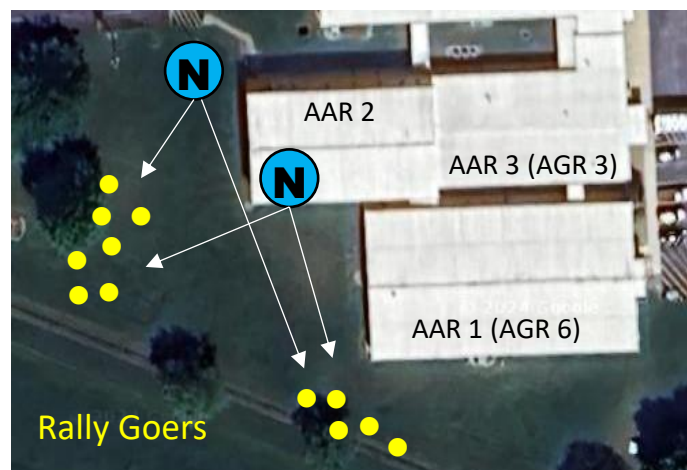
Based on Nicol's commentary about events following the Door 13 event, Scenario 1.A. is possible but not plausible for the following reasons:

1. Only 2 of the radio communications listed on previous slides were on the Butler County ESU **Channel 4**, which Nicol was on. The first of those would not have been the cause for him going directly to Door 9, but the second would ("Shots fired.").
2. Nicol would not have continued searching for the patsy outside of Door 13, based on expectations or assumptions that the 2 patrol he met were continuing the search. He would more likely have gone back to his nest on the second floor of AAR 2.
3. If Nicol went straight to Door 9, he would have been inside the buildings and most likely would **NOT** have seen and heard the following, which he also could have lied about:
 - a. Seen President Trump take the stage.
 - b. Heard president Trump start speaking.
 - c. Seen rally goers looking away from the podium.
 - d. Heard tally goers shouting that someone was up there.

Nicol could have only reasonably seen and heard those things from a few locations, outside of Door 13 to the west of the building, and his AAR 2 south window.

This scenario is:

Possible



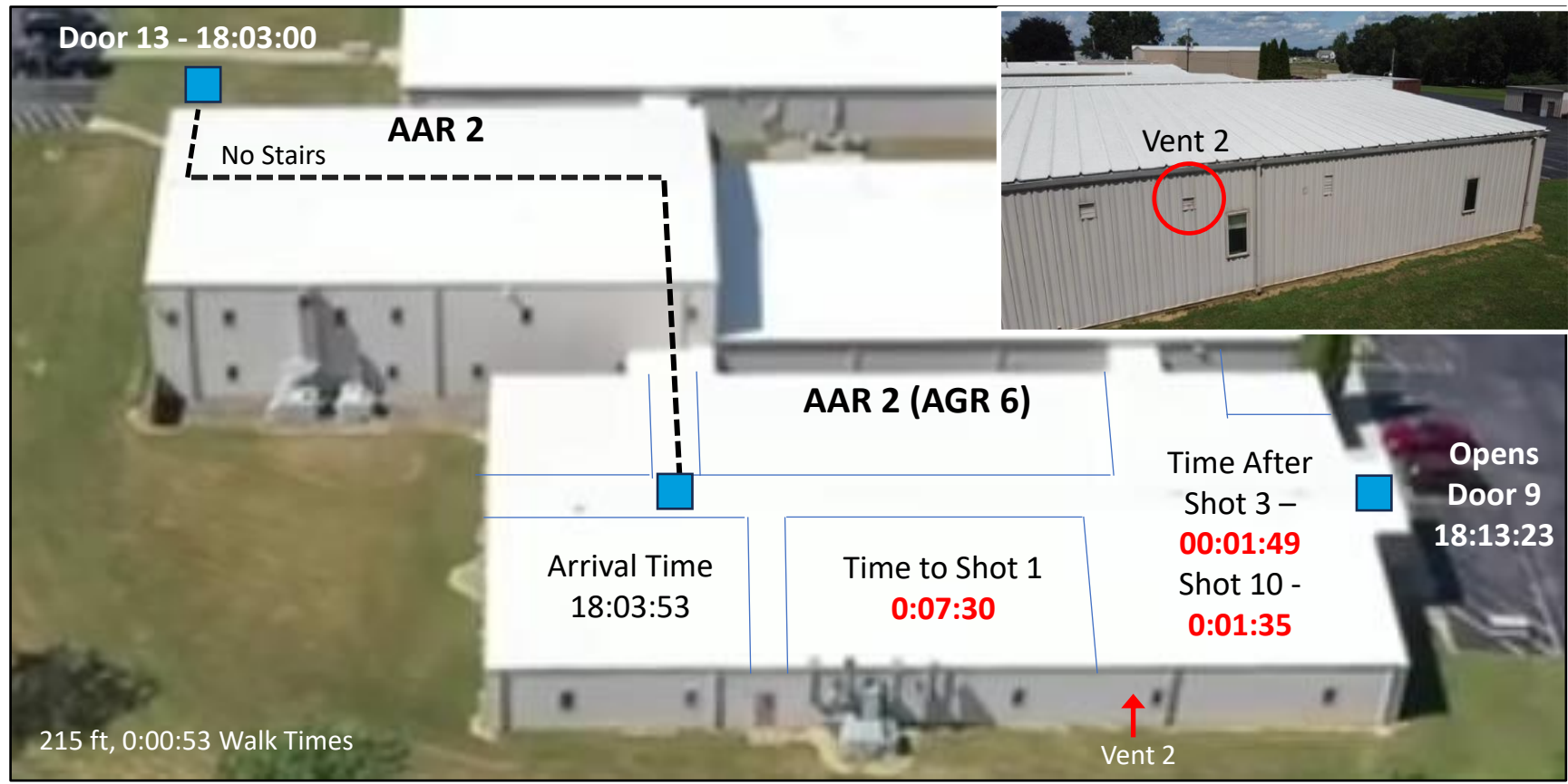
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Scenario 1: Nicol stayed on the 1st floor – Option A: Door 13 to AAR 1

This scenario assumes Sgt. Nichol stopped in AGR 6 to do something. Some believe he was part of a “Let It Happen On Purpose” (LIHOP) or “Make It Happen On Purpose” (MIHOP) plot to assassinate President Trump. One theory is that he may have fired shots 1-3 from Vent 2 along the south wall of AGR 6, just below the patsy. (Note: This analysis only looks at these theories from a timeline perspective.)

Shot 1-3 at 18:11:33 to 18:11:34
Shots 4-9 at 18:11:37
Shot 9 at 18:11:38
Shot 10 at 18:11:48

The time Nicol would have had to prepare and take shots 1-3 is ~7 min. 30 sec. Afterwards, he would have ~1 min. 49 sec. to open Door 9.



Part 4: The Time In Between

Activities Not LIHOP or MIHOP Related

Here is the appropriate time to discuss the possible activities that Sgt. Nicol could have engaged in during his spare time or stay times in this and other scenarios.

In this scenario, he had ~ 7 min. 30 sec. before shot 1, after getting to the AGR 6 hallway. Let's consider various activities to see if Nicol would have time to perform them. These may have taken place anywhere along the way but the amount of time doesn't change. Here are some activities for consideration:

1. He took a potty break. There was even time for his daily constitutional, provided he didn't try reading Tolstoy's "War & Peace" while going.
2. He may have been texting or calling his wife, Michel, who was also working the rally, about what he saw, or about their plans for dinner once the rally ended.

In other scenarios where he goes back to his CS nest:

1. He grabbed something to eat because it was close to dinner time.
2. He was chatting with his partner, Mike Murcko about what he saw and debating what they should do next, or any other conversation. (Possible if they were in a shared room, but if not, he would have gone to Murcko's CS nest.)

Those are just a few plausible explanations, and there are many others. If you're a fan of speculation, He could have been playing games on his cellphone, doing Sudoku puzzles, or trimming his nails for that matter. The point being is you could speculate until the cows come home. Bottom line, there are logical explanations. Spare time does not equate to nefarious activities.

This scenario is:



Plausible

Part 4: The Time In Between

Activities LIHOP or MIHOP Related

Speaking of nefarious activities, let’s consider a logical explanation that would relate to him being part of a MIHOP assassination plot. This is why the timeline map above, and one later, starts with Nicol making his way down or over to the AAR 1 (AGR 6) hallway first. In this scenario he would have the same approximately 7 minutes 30 seconds for those activities, 5 min. 37 sec. in a later scenario, before shot 1 was fired. Then he would have 1 minute 45 seconds after shot 3 was fired to get to Door 9 (18:11:34 to 18:13:24), in time to be captured on a dashcam opening the door. The latter is obviously the more limiting time frame.

For both scenarios let’s assume Nicol took shots 1-3 through the vent noted. In that 7 min. 30 sec. (5 min. 37 sec. for the later scenario) he would need to do the following to get positioned and take the shots:

- 1. Get to the room, lock the door, and position a table or other means to access the ceiling shooting location.
- 2. Remove the ceiling tile and position himself to get in the shooting position, either standing on the table, if high enough, or pull himself up into the pre-staged sniper’s nest.
- 3. Grab the pre-staged rifle, and if not pre-assembled and loaded, prepare the rifle for shooting.
- 4. Get the rifle barrel and scope aligned with the vent that had outward opening flaps, such that he could aim and take the shot.
- 5. Acquire his target and take shots 1-3.

After taking the shots, within approximately 1 minute 30 sec., he would need to reverse the process, leaving the assembled rifle in the ceiling space for later retrieval. In addition, he would have to wash or wipe any gunshot residue off his hands and clothing.

From a strictly timeline perspective:

Pre-shooting activities:

Plausible

Post-shooting activities:

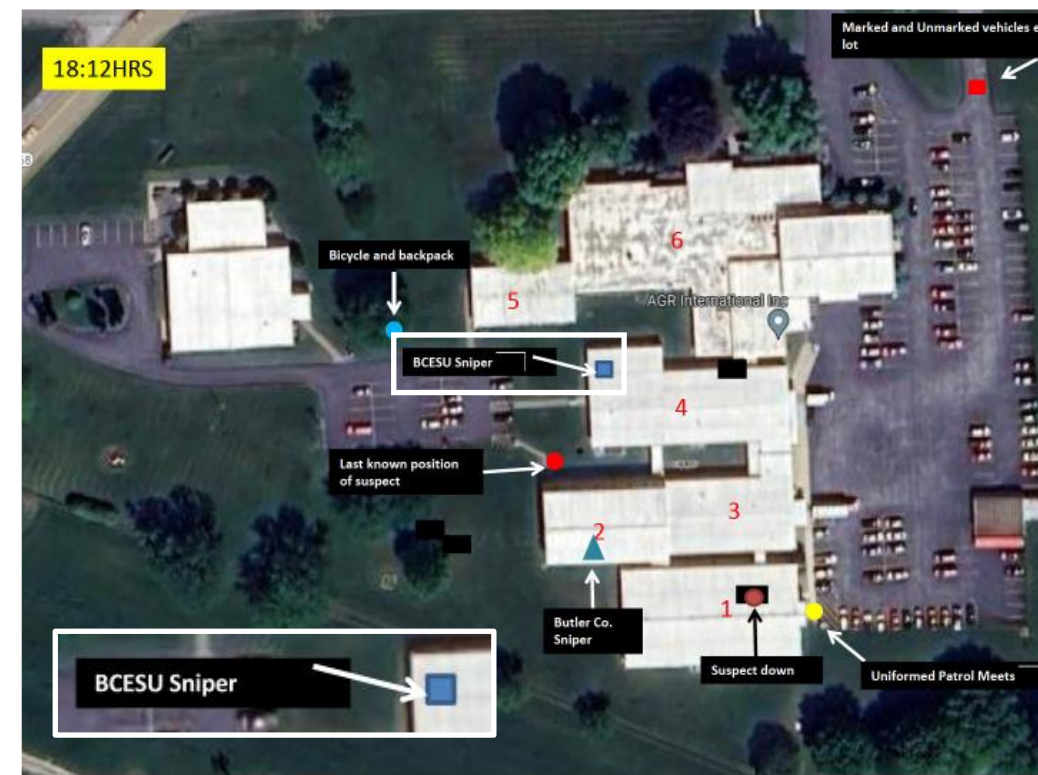
Impossible ? Possible

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Scenario 1: Nicol stayed on the 1st floor – Option B: Door 13 to AAR 4 to Door 9

This scenario is needed to address the AAR 18:12 timeline map, which places Nicol in the northwest corner of AAR Building 4 when the shots are fired. It's possible that the time and/or placement of that location is inaccurate, like other inaccuracies in the timeline maps, so those possibilities need to be considered in the analysis. Here are three possible explanations that we'll analyze for Nicol's placement at the northwest corner of AAR Building 4 on the timeline map:

1. Right corner, wrong building, wrong time
2. Right corner, right building, wrong time
3. Right corner, right building, right time



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Scenario 1: Nicol stayed on the 1st floor – **Option B:** Door 13 to AAR 4 to Door 9

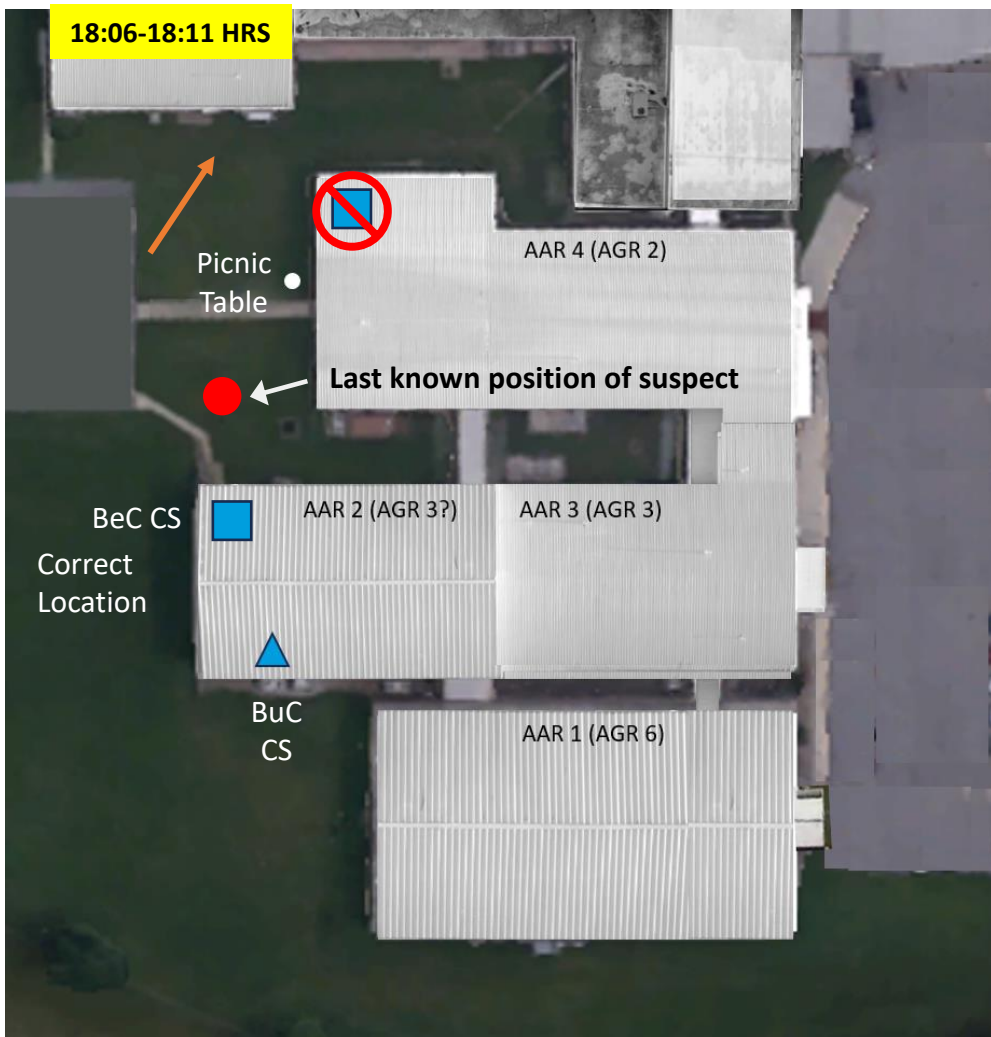
Explanation 1: Right corner, wrong building, wrong time

Nicol did not go to AAR Building 4, the location should have been the northwest corner of AAR 2 and it should have been on the (uncorrected) **18:06-18:11** period of time map.

Fix the location and time and this map fits with its addition of the red dot patsy sighting outside of Door 13. It doesn't fit with the 18:12 events, but does with the **18:03** events.

This explanation is:

Plausible



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario 1: Nicol stayed on the 1st floor – **Option B:** Door 13 to AAR 4 to Door 9

Explanation 2: Right corner, right building, wrong time

Nicol did go to AAR Building 4 to try and spot the patsy, but after finding a room without windows, went to Door 9, but the location was placed on the wrong timeline map. It should have been on the (uncorrected) **18:06-18:11** map. Nicol deciding to go look at the area the patsy was heading towards from inside the building, not wanting to leave the building after already leaving his post, makes sense.

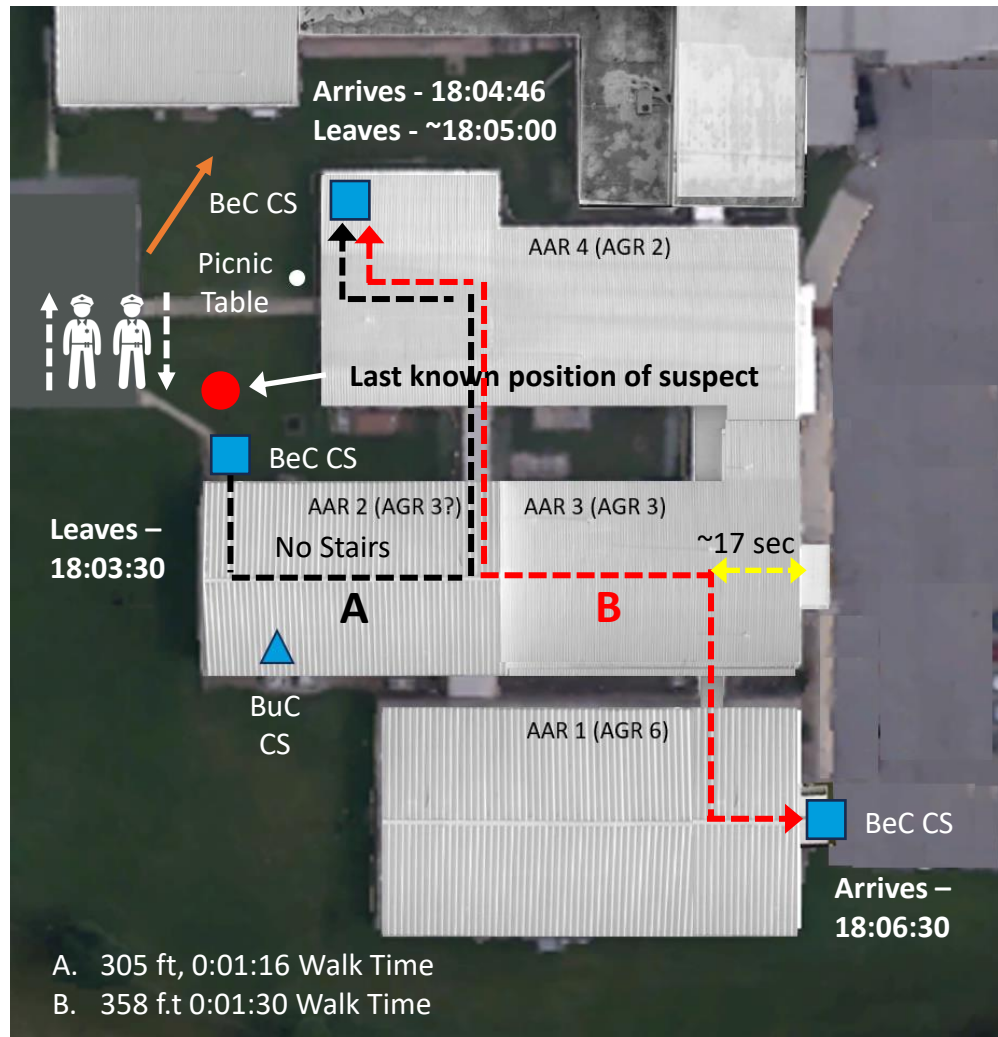
Note: If the room is large and includes the window seen, Nicol would likely have seen the patsy climbing on the roof at 18:05.

There is plenty of time to get to Door 9, but like Scenario 1.A. he likely would not hear the rally and couldn't see rally goers.



This explanation is:

Plausible



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Scenario 1: Nicol stayed on the 1st floor – Option B: Door 9 to AAR 4 to Door 9

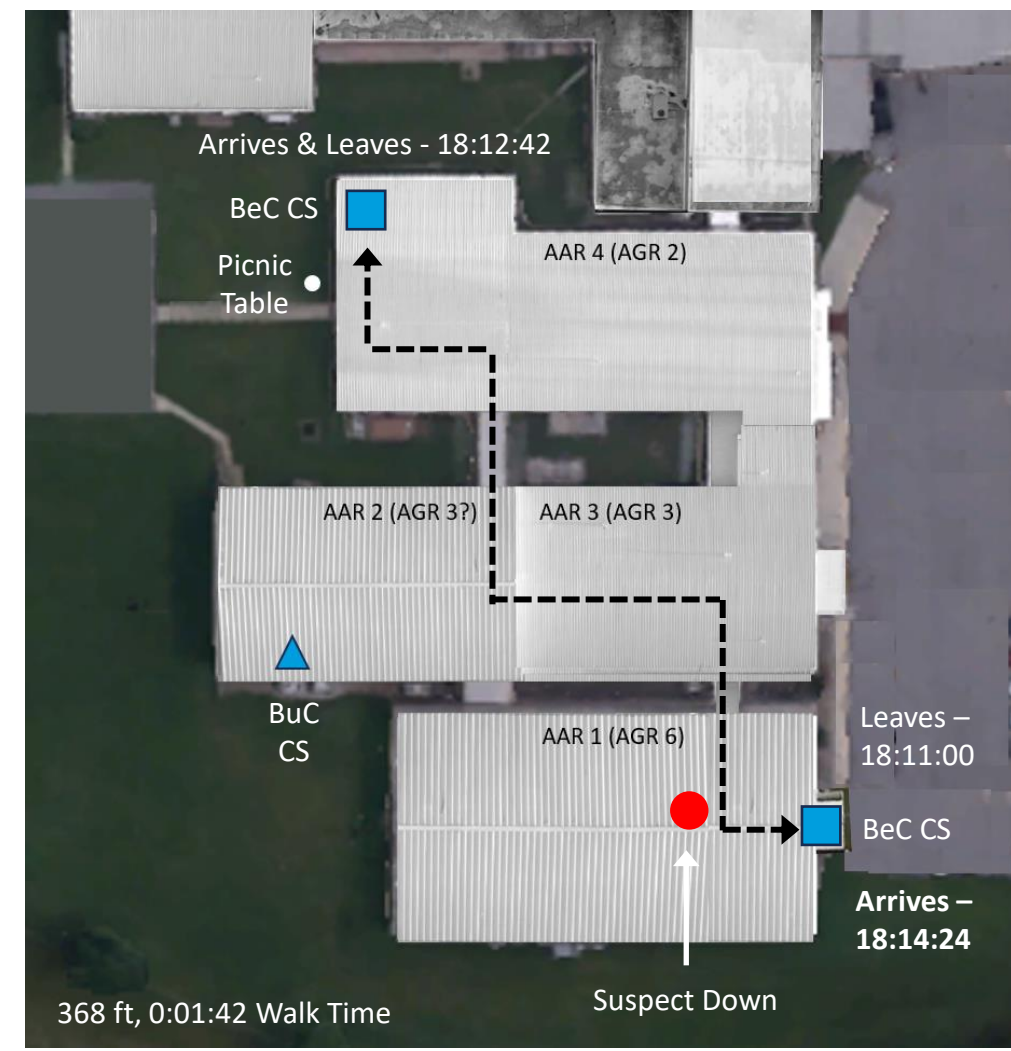
Explanation 3: Right corner, right building, right time

Nicol was in AAR Building 4 while shots were being fired. After shot 10 he went to Door 9. The first problem with assuming this map is accurate is that it follows the uncorrected 18:06-18:11 map that places Nicol at Door 9. (See Slide 3)

Starting at Door 9 at the uncorrected time of 18:11:00, the end time of the previous map that rightfully also needs to be assumed as correct, Nicol would arrive at AAR Building 4 at 18:12:42 after leaving Door 9 at 18:11:00. Assuming he immediately turns around, he would arrive back at Door 9, which is one minute after he is observed on dashcam M500-010482 standing at the open Door 9. Clearly that timeline map is as inaccurate as the others, and cannot be relied on for investigative purposes as is.

This explanation is:

Impossible



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario 2: Nicol went to the 2nd floor – Option A: Door 13 to CS Nest to Door 9

Given the unlikelihood of Nicol remaining outside of Door 13 until he heard shots fired, we should consider the next scenario involving him returning to his counter sniper nest prior to going to Door 9. The total walking time is 0:02:17, but we'll break that down into the separate paths.

Nicol is at Door 13 at 6:03 pm. Let's assume he leaves at 6:04 pm to go back to his counter sniper nest. It would have only taken ~25 seconds to get to his nest from Door 13, depending on the floor plan, which gets him there in plenty of time to hear President start speaking, and to see rally goers turn from the podium to the AGR 6 roof, and gives him 7 min. 35 sec. stay time.

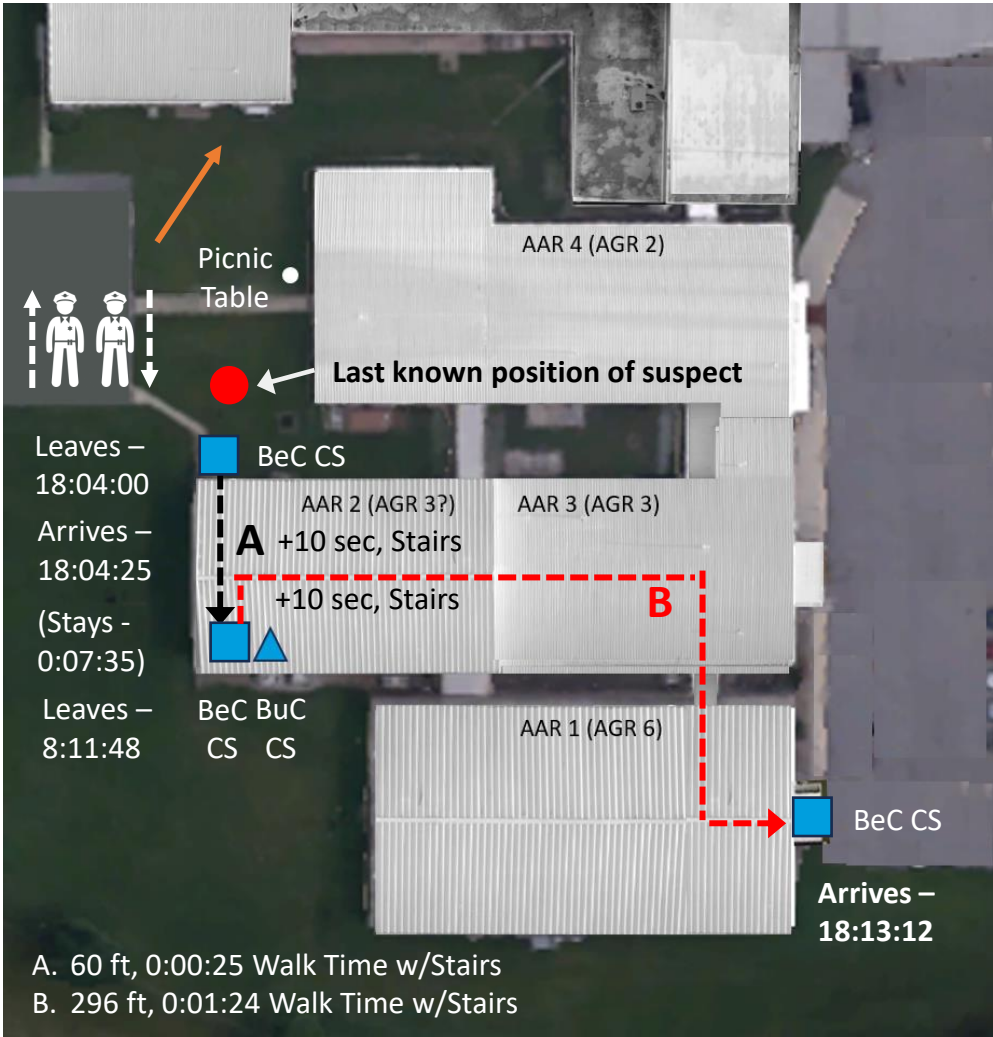
It would have taken ~1 minute 24 seconds to get from his nest to Door 9, which would have been enough time to get to Door 9 if he started walking when shot 10 was fired.

This scenario is:

Probable

Nest to Door 9

Shot 1	18:11:33
Walk Time	+ 0:01:24
Door 9	= 18:12:57
Shot 10	18:11:48
Walk Time	+ 0:01:24
Door 9	= 18:13:12
Nicol Opens	
Door 9	18:13:23



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario 2: Nicol went to the 2nd floor – Option B: Door 13 to AAR 4 to CS Nest to Door 9

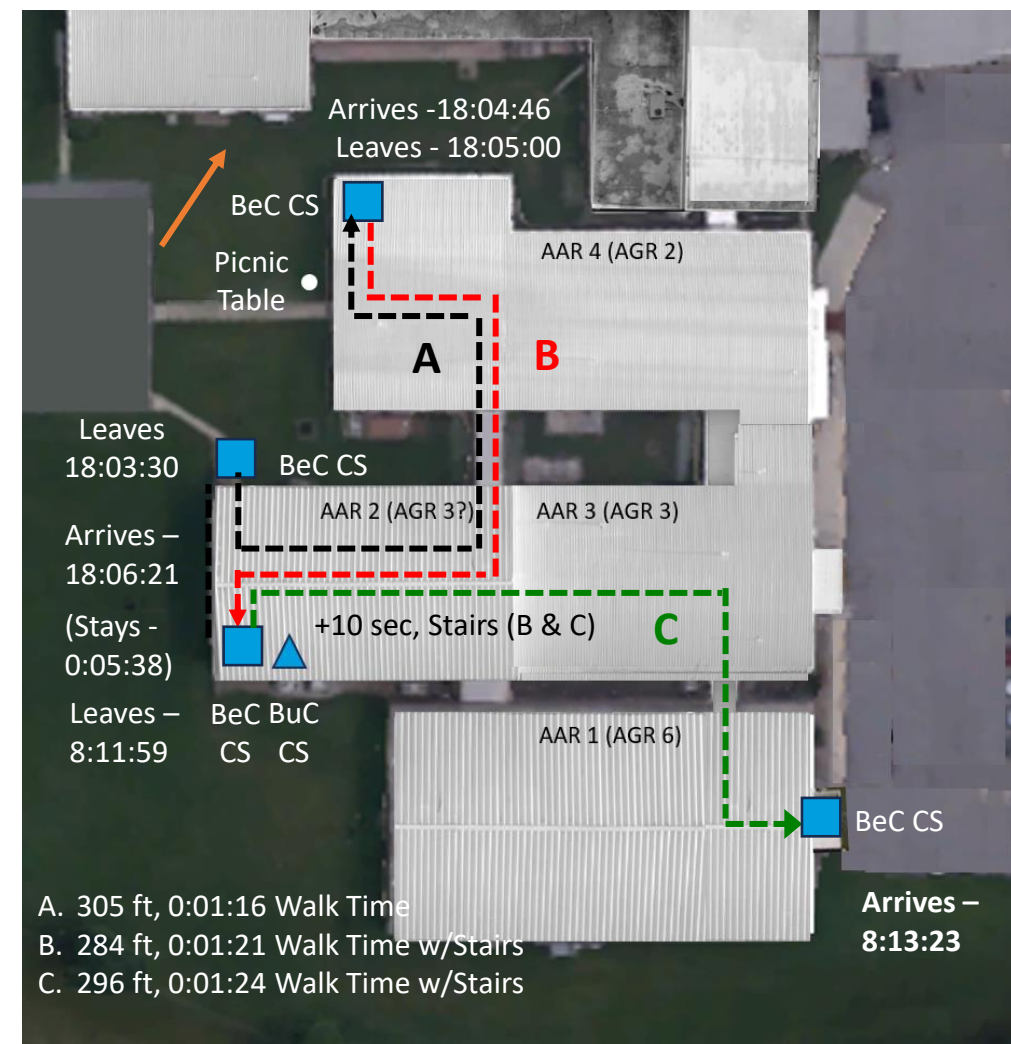
Nicol went to AAR Building 4 to continue looking for patsy, and then went back to his counter sniper nest before going to Door 9. The reason(s) for going back to his nest can be argued, but the reason for going to Door 9 would most likely be seeing rally goers and/or hearing shots fired.

This scenario is similar to Scenario 1 Option A, but with a further starting point, getting him to his counter sniper nest a little later. He gets there shortly after President Trump starts speaking, though with Murcko's and the west windows open he can probably hear it from the hallway, assuming the doors are open. He also gets there in time to see rally goers turn towards the AGR 6 roof.

In this scenario, let's back calculate the latest time Nicol would have to leave his nest to go to Door 9. That would be 18:11:59, giving Nicol a 5 min. 38 sec. stay time.

This scenario is:

Plausible



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario 2: Nicol went to the 2nd floor – Option B: Door 13 to AAR 4 to CS Nest to AAR 1

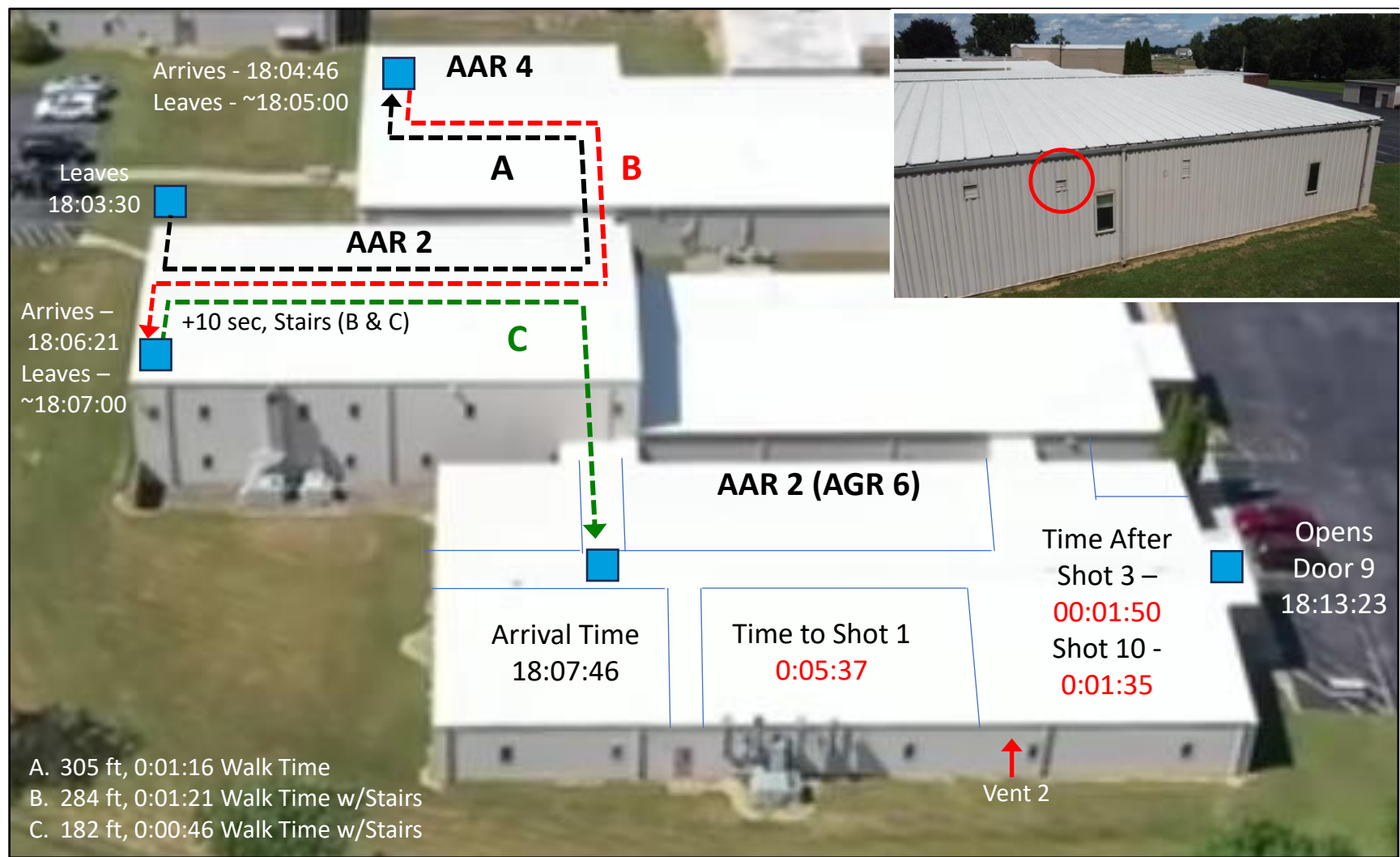
This is the same scenario as the previous slide, but doesn't go straight to Door 9 from the CS nest. It looks at the time Nicol would have for activities in AGR 6, good or bad.

Due to the added stop in AAR 4, he would only have ~5 min. 35 sec. instead of ~7 min. 30. sec. if he didn't.

- Shot 1-3 at 18:11:33 to 18:11:34
- Shots 4-9 at 18:11:37
- Shot 9 at 18:11:38
- Shot 10 at 18:11:48

This scenario is:

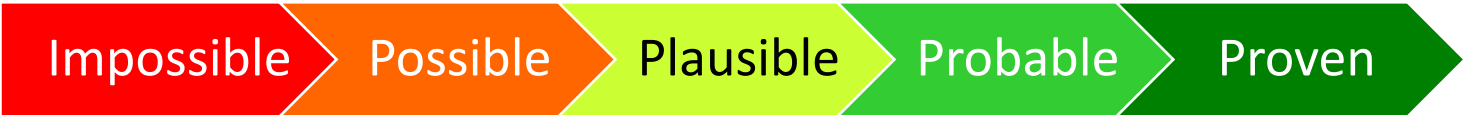
Plausible



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario Summary

Scenario	Description	Impossible	Possible	Plausible	Probable	Proven
Door 13	18:03:00 - Nicol went downstairs to look for patsy, shouted to 2 patrol				Highly	
1A	1st floor only. Door 13 to Door 9 (8 m 3s spare time)		X			
1A	1st floor only. Door 13 to AAR 1 (7 m 30 s to shot 1), then to Door 9		X			
1B Exp 2	1st floor only. Door 13 to AAR 2 (18:04), then to Door 9 (5 m 53s spare time)			X		
1B Exp 3	1st floor only. Door 9 (18:11), then AAR 2 (18:12), then to Door 9 (18:13)	X				
2A	Door 13 to CS Nest (7 m 35 s), then to Door 9				X	
2B	Door 13 to AAR 4 to CS Nest (5 m 38 s), then to Door 9			X		
2B	Door 13 to AAR 4 to CS Nest to AAR 1 (5 m 37 s to shot 1), then to Door 9			X		
Door 9	18:13:24 - Nicol exited Door 9 and appeared to join law enforcement					X



Part 4: The Time In Between

Scenario Summary

This scenario is the only one I considered probable versus plausible or possible.

Coincidental:

17:32 – Nicol spotted the patsy using a rangefinder.

17:42 – Nicol radios to command that he spotted the patsy using a rangefinder...**10 minutes later!** (Where was he then and what was he doing, besides texting the CS chat group, for **THOSE** 10 minutes?)

Door 13:

18:02 – Nicol radioed his last sighting of the patsy to command.

18:02:33 – Trump takes the stage.

18:03 – Nicol goes down to Door 13 and shouts to 2 patrol who go looking for patsy.

18:04 – Nicol probably goes back to his sniper nest.

18:05:12 – Trump begins speaking, and Nicol claims seeing rally goers look away from rally and saying someone's on roof. (18:10, "He's on the roof.")

18:07 – Sgt. Lenz radioed tactical units that local police had the building surrounded. (Ch. 4)

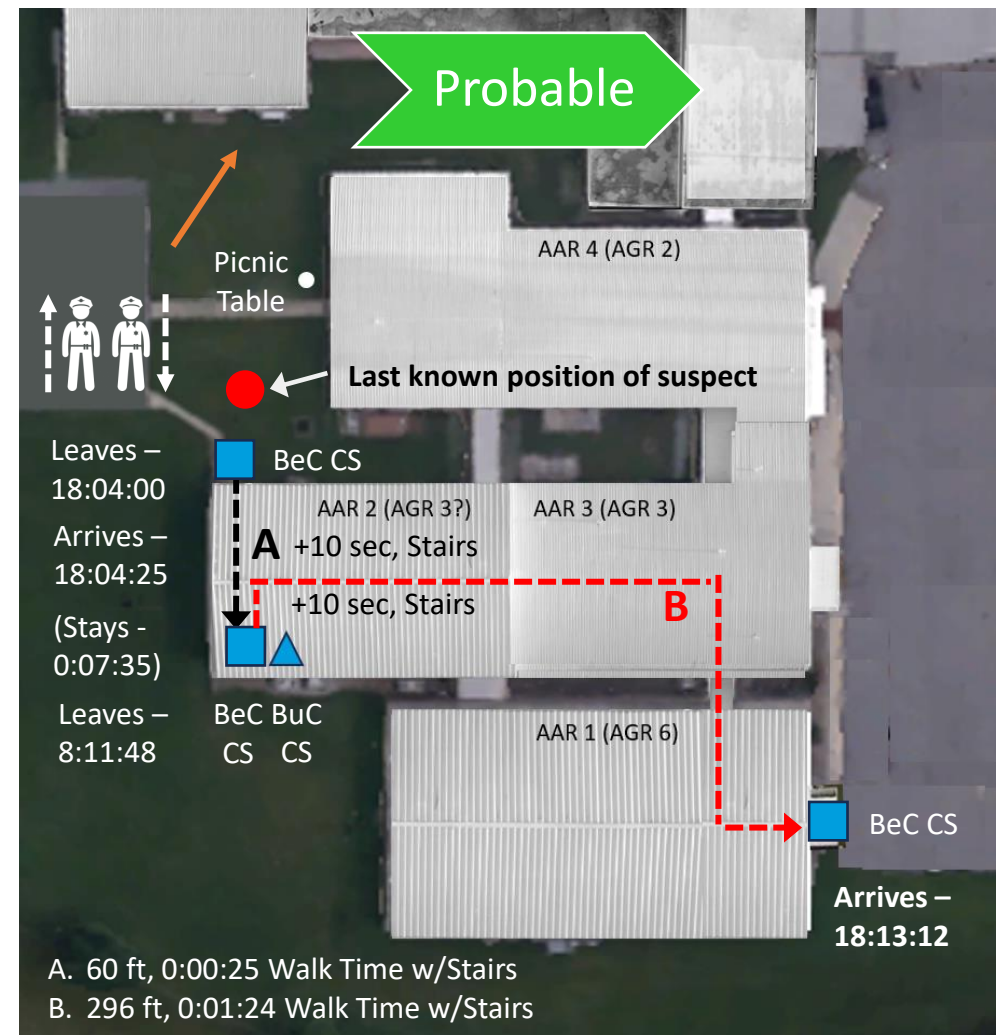
18:10 – "He's on the roof."

18:11+ – Sgt. Lenz radios QRF to deploy to AGR, then "Shots fired." (Ch. 4)

18:11:33-18:11:48 – Shots fired. Nicol said: "That's when I heard the gunshots." (No more statements from Nicol related to the event from a timeline perspective.)

18:11:48 – Nicol may have then walked down to Door 9, after the shots ended, leaving him an approximate 11 seconds to spare before opening the Door.

Scenario 2, Option A



Part 4: The Time In Between

Conclusion

The time in between was 10 minutes, door to door, but some of that time is spent walking around the buildings. Depending on the scenario, Sgt Nicol had as much as 8 min. 3 sec. of spare time (a possible scenario), more likely 7 min. 30 sec. (the only probable scenario), and as little as 5 min. 35 sec. (a plausible scenario.) That's not a lot of time to engaged in nefarious activities such as being a second shooter, though I suppose it's possible.

Upon completion of this part of the analysis, I am left with a few questions, especially if the probable scenario was the actual scenario. If Sgt. Nicol was at his CS nest between ~18:04:25 and ~18:11:48, and admittedly heard rally goers say someone was on the roof, why did he not look out onto the roof then, which was ~1 min. 48 sec. before shots were fired? If he did, why did he withhold that information during his interviews?

If Sgt. Nichol was incompetent and/or negligent in being slow to report the “suspicious person” or look out his CS nest window to spot the patsy on the roof, and I believe he was, at least in the reporting, he did “Let It Happen” (LIH), if only unwittingly. I do not see evidence, at this point, that he did so intentionally, which would make him part of a “Let It Happen On Purpose” (LIHOP) plot.





Conclusion

We know from dashcam video the Door 9 event occurred, though not at the time the AAR says it did, nor exactly the way the timeline entry described it. That same timeline entry also partially described the Door 13 event. Sgt. Nicol's statements regarding the event contain no conflicts, and align well with the overall sequence of events. Therefore, I find it highly probable (> 95%) that it did occur exactly as stated. In time, corroborating testimony ("2 patrol"), surveillance footage, or electronic door logs will likely be released that will prove it did.

18:03

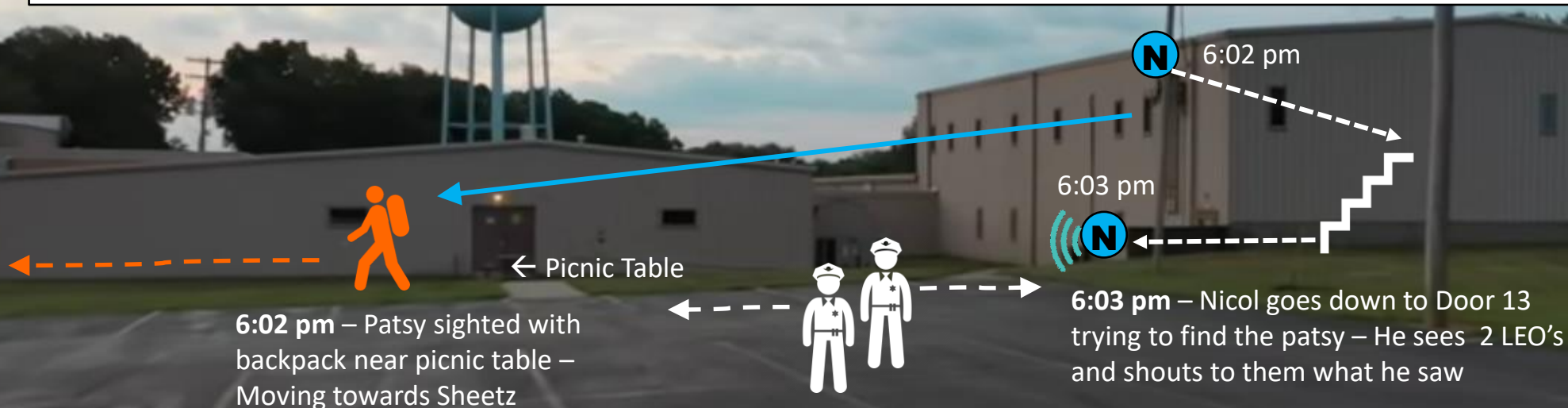
- Nicol goes downstairs of building 2. He does not see the suspect but sees two patrol who had just pulled into AGR. The two patrol head off in opposite directions.
 - 1 Marked vehicle and unmarked vehicle pull in together

The End

18:13

- Nicol goes to east end of building 1 to join other law enforcement officers who were trying to locate and apprehend the suspect.
 - 2 Marked vehicles pull up together, followed by 1 unmarked vehicle

"Just after 6 p.m., Nicol, looking out a window on the northwest side of the building, spotted Crooks again. This time the young man was running and carrying a **black backpack**. Instinctively, Nicol left his second-floor post and bounded down the stairs in an attempt to keep eyes on the suspect who seemed to be 'coming and going and disappearing.' When he pushed open the door, the kid was nowhere to be seen. Just then two police officers pulled up outside AGR and Nicol shouted to them about where he'd last seen the suspect. The officers took off on foot in opposite directions around the sprawling AGR complex." (Source: [CNN](#)) **NOTE: CNN article was published 18 days before the FBI released evidence photos.**



FBI Evidence

