

Timeline of Events leading to Trump Rally in Butler

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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

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Text in italics is speculation



AGR building Map

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.

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

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.
 - *It is unclear at what point the event was moved from the Fair Grounds to the Butler Farm Show. On the official Trump website it shows that on 3 July it was stated to be on the Butler Farm Show, but it is unclear if this article was changed at any point after posting.*
- The team leader of a unit has 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. Nicol was interviewed, it was revealed that Det. Pat Young is the commander of the Beaver County SWAT team and Nicol's boss.
 - Members of the AGR Building team are Sgt. Nicol SWAT team member from Beaver County, 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.

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>

- 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?*)

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.)
- The Secret Service agents conducted an abbreviated advance on this day.
 - There is a video⁷ of the SS agents at Butler during a walkthrough.
 - The woman who had problems with the gun was the shift lead. The Agent in charge was Tim Burke.

Night? – Approval was given for SS Counter sniper teams

- According to Gary from Paramount Tactical⁸ he got information from within the secret service that the shift lead pushed for Secret Service counter sniper teams and they were only approved at the last minute. Originally they were not scheduled to be there. They were given permission for the counter sniper teams later in the evening.
 - According to Jesse Watters in an interview with Josh Hawley⁹, there was supposed to be four counter sniper teams, but they have only gotten two.

2024-07-12

- 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 1100 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 according to the report.
 - USSS did not retrieve the radios that had been set aside for them by Butler County tactical command on 07/13.

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/>

⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPNDeDgYurQ&t=2093s>

⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/video/6361116595112>

14:45 - Crooks signed in at the rifle range

- Thomas Crooks was at a local shooting club practicing on the rifle range according to records released by Sen. Grassley.
 - According to Fox News¹⁰ the FBI Director Wray said that the rifle was originally bought by Crooks father but later legally sold to his son.

Afternoon? – Secret Service Counter snipers arrived in Butler

- According to Gary from Paramount Tactical, the snipers arrived in the afternoon. This gave the counter snipers limited time to make a survey as mentioned by Susan Crabtree on X¹¹.

18:55 – Meeting place was announced

- 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.

2024-07-13

32 Degree Celsius

5mph Western Wind (Estimated at time of shooting)

09:00 – Briefing takes place at at FOP

- Butler County ESU LEO hosts a general briefing.
 - In the meeting, Bravo Team Leader gave out Assignments
 - State police was noted to not give any input in the meeting in the After Action report.
 - Sgt. 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.
- The Members of the Meeting was as follows: Washington Co. ESU, Beaver Co. ESU, Butler Co. ESU, State Police.
 - 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
- There is a detail plan released by Grassley¹². 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.*
- If you look at page 4 of the Grassley Sniper positions document¹³, you can see that 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.

¹⁰ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/trump-shooter-thomas-crooks-family-had-14-guns-home-father-legally-sold-gun-son-fbi-director-wray>

¹¹ <https://x.com/susancrabtree/status/1812563751159443926>

¹² Grassley Document - butler_esu_djt_fpotus_detail_plan_redacted2

¹³ Grassley Document - beaver_and_butler_county_counter_sniper_positions_redacted

- *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.

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 Post¹⁴. 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.

10:30? – Snipers in place

Snipers occupy their positions. There were four counter sniper posts as per the detail plan

- 10S1 – Posted on the Grandstand and very little information exists of them due to a lack of impact on the proceedings of that day.
 - As mentioned earlier there seems to exist an internal contradiction in the detail plan where at some parts of the document only one building would be occupied but in other parts two buildings would be occupied.
- 10S3 - Posted at the AGR Building and was tasked to secure that area. They are a sniper team as confirmed by Grassley bodycam footage¹⁵ released and Nicol was seen with a sniper rifle in the BCSA Dashcam footage, M500-010482¹⁶ at 19:59:46.
 - Jason Woods is the first Beaver sniper who left early. Sgt. Greg Nicol is the second Beaver sniper and the third sniper is a person with the surname Murcko confirmed by Chris Martenson.
 - 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. Unverified for now.
- 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.

¹⁴ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2024/08/03/trump-rally-police-radio-transmissions/>

¹⁵ <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-releases-additional-bodycam-footage-from-moments-after-trump-assassination-attempt>

¹⁶ <https://rumble.com/v5aat5h-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-dashcam-footage-m500-010482.html>

- They had a clear view of the AGR Building no. 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 testimony¹⁷.
- 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.¹⁸

Vendor dispute at Main Entrance handled by a Butler Co Sheriff

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

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
- The queue for entering the rally site was hours long.

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_redacted¹⁹
 - Second: beaver_butler_and_washington_county_sniper_group_text_photos_of_crooks_redact²⁰

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 Nicol was present, the SS counter snipers were supposed to give the local snipers a briefing, but according to them this did not happen.²¹
 - According to the same spokesperson in the interview, they did not have any contact with the Secret Service before the shots were fired.

¹⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzxmQhWoEo>

¹⁸ <https://rumble.com/v582f3e-rep-carlos-gimenez-takes-video-from-assassination-rooftop.html>

¹⁹ Grassley Document - beaver_and_butler_county_counter_sniper_positions_redacted

²⁰ Grassley Document - beaver_butler_and_washington_county_sniper_group_text_photos_of_crooks_redacted

²¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXMkDmV-TfA>

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 the rally site

- Crooks returns to the rally site in his Hyundai Sonata as reported by News Interactive²². In the car are 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

- Woods leaves his post.
 - According to Photo released by Grassley²³, 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 Building²⁴. It is important to note that at 17:52 Woods send a message that the bike was not under the tree when Woodshe left his post. This could indicate that 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.

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

- 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. Woods claims that this person was Thomas Crooks.
- On a Text group that seems to be of his team, 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. *It is assumed that 'N' stands for Nicol and M for Murko.*
 - *It is unclear why Crooks was deemed important at that point of time*
- New Footage was released where Crooks can be seen walking northwards at the Merchant stands at the Butler Rally²⁵. 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 merchant, **Joe Tomko, who owns Iron Clad USA**, claimed that this was taken at 16:26.

²² <https://newsinteractive.post-gazette.com/trump-butler-rally-security-timeline/>

²³ Grassley Document - agr_picnic_table

²⁴ Grassley Document - beaver_and_butler_county_snipers_assigned_to_agr_building_id_gunman_as_suspicious_person_redacted

²⁵ <https://www.tiktok.com/@ironcladusa/video/7394850830802816298>

- This time contradicts with Woods

17:00? – Incident at Magnetometer

- Early on the CNN²⁶ 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.
- 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.”
- According to Sen. John Barrasso²⁷, he took part in a Secret Service, DHS briefing. From this briefing it was stated that at least a full hour before the shooting, Crooks was identified as a suspicious character.
 - Quote: “That shooter was identified as a suspect, suspicious character a full hour before the shooting occurred. Had a rangefinder, a backpack, then lost sight of him and never really followed up on that. This was an HOUR before!”
- *It is unclear when exactly these events happened. NY Post claimed it was 3pm, Sen. Barrasso stated 17:00, but all of these and other timelines contradict each other. The 3pm could be a typo because in the same article they are quoting Sen. Barrasso. For this timeline we will assume that the intended timeline was closer to 17:00.*

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

- According to footage released by Dayve Steward²⁸, a man attempted to remove people from the AGR property or that area on the south/east side of AGR Building 6.
 - Later in the day only a limited number of rally goers were in that area.
- A few minutes later, 17:10 according to Steward, a sheriff vehicle arrives and seems to resolve the issue. The person left after the discussion with officer from the vehicle
 - According to an interrogation of Steward²⁹ 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 Steward.

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 Woods that Crooks parked at the AGR building. This, however, does not exclude the possibility that Crooks parked at other places beforehand.*

²⁶ <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/07/14/politics/what-happened-trump-assassination-attempt/index.html>

²⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcrMK7SWNKA>

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

²⁹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_IB1uDQhWE&t=40s

- 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.

17:06:57 – Third video of Thomas Crooks

- A video, released by WTAE³⁰, catches Thomas Crooks moving and looking around at the south side of the AGR Building no. 6.
- The time was confirmed by synchronizing the Elvis Presley song with RSN live footage.

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

- According to the After Action report released by Grassley³¹, Local law enforcement sniper, Sgt. Nicol, spotted Crooks walking past the window. (After Action Report Timeline)
 - 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. Nicol

- Crooks stood at the retaining wall on the south-side of Building 3 and at this moment a photo was taken of him by Sgt. Nicol. (After Action Report Timeline)

17:28 – Picture of Bike by Sgt. Nicol

- Nicol spotted a Bike and took a photo of it. (After Action Report Timeline) The bike is to the north of the AGR Building. When using the line of sight of the photo, it seems that the picture of the bike was taken from the North West window of the AGR building.
- According to Grassley Bodycam footage, the Beaver ESU agent said that Sgt. 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

- According to a CNN article, after taking the photo, Sgt. Nicol again spotted Crooks. He then zoomed in with his binoculars and noticed the range finder. His personal estimation of Crooks rose from odd to potential threat. CNN stated this was at 15:32.
- In the after action report it is stated that Sgt. Nicol was observing Crooks with a monocular and that Crooks was looking at a phone, watching the news feeds and that he had a range finder.
- According to a later message in the Grassley documents, 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.
- According to the testimony of Ben Shaffer, the range finder would have automatically upgraded the designation of Crooks from a **Suspicious Person** to a **Person of Interest**. This was from a Republican Hearing on 2024-08-26.

³⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UojlcfpSFZs&t=4s>

³¹ Grassley Documents - beaver_county_fpotus_after_action_redacted

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 sent 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 Johnson³².**

17:34? – Butler Co. Sniper texts Butler Team

- **The Butler sniper, who was stationed in the AGR team, was noted to have sent a text to the Butler team. This was an assumption in the Beaver After Action report and is not verified.**

17:38 – Sgt. Nicol sends text about suspect

- Sgt. 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. Nicol “Call into command”

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

17:41 – Called into command by Sgt. 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 Post³³: “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. Nicol gave a different description: “Gray T-shirt, light-colored khaki shorts.”**

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

³² Johnson Document - 2024-07-30 Timeline of Law Enforcement Awareness of Crooks on July 13 2024 - For the Record

³³ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2024/08/03/trump-rally-police-radio-transmissions/>

- Sgt. Ed Lenz used his cellphone to call a Pennsylvania State Police officer stationed in the Secret Service trailer, according to the official and call logs. State police Sgt. Joseph Olayer, the call recipient, would then turn around and relay the information to his Secret Service counterparts in the trailer. (WP Timeline)
 - Sgt. Joseph Olayer is the person of whom Colonel Paris has testified received the information, turned around and immediately relayed the information to Secret Service. The SS gave a specific number to which the Butler ESU members should sent the pictures of Crooks.
- 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 group³⁴, 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. 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.
 - 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.*

³⁴ Grassley Document - beaver_county_esu_officers_group_text_photos_of_crooks_redacted

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. 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. Nicol spots Crooks

- From a northwest window, facing away from the rally site, Sgt. Nicol spotted Crooks again. (WP Timeline). Sgt. Nicol had moved to look for the suspect, according to Young, Sgt. Nicol’s commander.
 - Note that the time differs with at least 3 minutes between timelines of Washington Post and the After Action report.
 - Quote: “All right, subject is in between the AGR building. He has a backpack,” said Sgt. Nicol.
- Murcko stayed in place at original position. (This is from the After Action report) They are referring to Sgt. Nicol’s teammate in the second floor of the AGR Building no.3.
- From his vantage point on the second floor, Sgt. 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. 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, 122110³⁵, it can be seen that the officer, referred to as Officer Ross, through some means, is redirected to the AGR building.
 - In the footage at 18:18:10 it seems that this officer is called Ross, so this is used as his name for now.

18:06 – Crooks pulls himself onto AGR building 6

- According to FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate, a video shows Crooks pulling himself onto the AGR building rooftop via HVAC equipment and piping on the side of the building as per the Johnson timeline.
 - This video is apparently from the King Cone ice cream shop across the road from the AGR Building, according to NBC News³⁶.
 - The video was not made public yet.
- “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)

18:09? – Sgt. Nicol / Butler ESU team leaves their post (Time unclear)

- According to After Action report Sgt. 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.
- On page 13 of the After Action report it shows Sgt. Nicol meeting Uniformed Patrol at exit no.9 of AGR building no.6
 - This contradicts with the testimony that Sgt. Nicol went out to look for Crooks with his team members after losing sight of him as testified by Col Paris³⁷.
 - This contradicts with an X post that claims that Sgt. 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. Nicol meeting with uniformed 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. There were no vehicles on the west side as seen in Bodycam 122104.*
- In the CNN article Sgt. Nicol testified that after spotting Crooks, he ‘bounded down the stairs in an attempt to keep eyes on the suspect’. Sgt. 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. Nicol.
- According to bodycam footage the Beaver ESU was under the impression that Sgt. Nicol was still in the building in the open window.

³⁵ <https://rumble.com/v5a9zwd-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122110.html>

³⁶ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/shooter-trump-assassination-attempt-used-air-conditioning-unit-get-roo-rcna168519>

³⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wocjihprbww>

- Butler County DA Richard Goldinger said in an interview with NewsNation³⁸ 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)

18:08:03 – Crooks caught on film on AGR Building

- The first instance where Crooks is caught on camera was in the BCSU Bodycam footage, 122111³⁹, of an officer, referred as Officer 2.
 - *It is possible that Officer 2 was looking for Crooks as per the message that he went towards Sheetz.*
- Crooks is seen dropping down on the connection between Building 9 and 2.
 - The larger building to the north is called building 9 as seen on the doors in bodycam footage that says BLDG. 9-1 and BLDG 9-2
 - The smaller building to the south with the large shipping doors is called as per the name on the doors as seen in bodycam footage that says BLDG. 2

18:08:17 – Crooks climbs onto Building 2

- Crooks is seen throwing a backpack onto Building 2 and he follows after. He climbs onto Building 2’s roof and seems to pick up the backpack.

18:08:22 – A radio message is received that there is someone on the roof of AGR Building

- Officer 2 spots Crooks running on the roof of Building 2 and calls it in. You can see Officer 2 raising his hand towards his head, likely indicating that he was interacting with the radio.
 - 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.
- In the BCSU Dashcam footage, 010482, released by Butler Police Department, you can hear a radio message, “Someone is on the roof.”
 - Note that this dashcam footage is of Officer Ross’s patrol car.
 - Note that this dashcam footage is 1 second behind.

18:08:34 – Two vehicles stops at the Water tower

- Officer Ross stops his vehicle next to another patrol car next to the Water tower, while both vehicles were orientated towards the AGR buildings.
 - Officer Ross was in a black uniform, while the other, referred as SP 1, was a state trooper
- A second later Officer 2 says over the radio: “I have someone on the roof with white shorts”.
- Inside the local command, Lenz radioed to clarify that the person on the roof was not a police officer.

³⁸ <https://x.com/NewsNation/status/1816664235432202401>

³⁹ <https://rumble.com/v5ah1bu-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122111.html>

- “We do not have assets on the roof,” he said. “That is not us.”
 - The precise time of this message is unknown.
- Lenz did not make a cellphone call to the Secret Service command post, the law enforcement official said.

18:08:37 – Video footage of Crooks on the AGR Building

- James Copenhaver , who eventually was gravely wounded in the shooting, accidentally films Crooks running on top of the AGR Buildings.
 - The footage runs from 18:08:37 to 18:08:51
- Two seconds later, at 18:08:39, Officer Ross remarks to SP 1: “See that dude running?”, referring to Crooks on top of the Building 2. They drive towards the AGR building to confront Crooks.

18:08:51 – Crooks stops next to the gap between building 3 & 6

- Cross referencing the Copenhaver footage and BCSU Bodycam footage, 122111, it seems that Crooks came to a stop next to the connection between Building 3 & 6. Right next to the buildings here are a couple of pine trees in front of the connection.

18:09:03 – Two vehicles stop next to the AGR Building

- The two vehicles come to a complete stop after driving towards the AGR to confront Crooks.
 - These are two patrol cars.
- A local officer radioed that he had a good view of the male on the roof. (WP Timeline)
 - The precise origin and second of the radio message is currently unknown and is thus unverified.
- 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.”

18:09:26 - A Third Vehicle arrives east of AGR

- In the Dayve Steward video you can see a third vehicle arriving where a third officer, Officer Tedeski, steps out. A few seconds later you can see Officer Ross saying something to another officer, Officer 4, on the south west side of Building 6, before he turns around and walks to the east side of the building. Officer 4 went around the west side of the Building 6.
 - The third officer’s name seems to be Tedeski as seen later in the bodycam footage on his uniform.
 - The vehicle was an grey unmarked vehicle which stopped behind Officer Ross.

18:09:28? – Officers lose sight of Crooks

- After 25 seconds an officer radioed that they lost sight of him. (WP Timeline)
 - The precise origin and second of the radio message is currently unknown and is thus unverified.
- Quote: “Lost sight of him, trooper was chasing him, trying to follow him around the building,”

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

- In a video posted on Youtube⁴⁰, rally goers see that the Secret Service counter sniper teams seemed agitated compared to earlier the day.
 - Exact time Hercules 2 became alarmed is currently unknown.

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

- The Public on the west side of the AGR buildings sees Crooks on the roof of Building 6. 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 Ross at the start of the footage.

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

- According to a video posted by The New York Times⁴¹, 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, 122104⁴². You see the south team, Hercules 1, reposition themselves. At this time the officer of this footage, Matthew Pearson, is walking northwards behind the stands of the rally, sipping a drink. [18:10:11 BCT]
 - 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. [BCT stands for Bodycam time]
 - The bodycam footage is synchronized by using the moment the woman in the white dress flinches at 18:11:33 [18:11:46 BCT]
 - Take note that this bodycam footage has no sound.

18:10:13 - People alert Officers of Crooks

- In the AP footage, you can hear spectators trying to get the attention of the officers. Quote: “Right here, right on the roof.”
 - *If you listen to comments of the spectators, Officer 4 did not seem to have noticed Crooks at this point of time.*
 - *It seems that at this point of time the spectators did not notice a rifle.*

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

- A video licensed by ABC News⁴³ picks up almost immediately where the video by Associated Press ended (3 seconds later to be precise) from a different angle. A man, with a white hat, grey shirt and white shorts show Officer 4 where Crooks is lying on the roof of Building 6. 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. **(If there is a better version of this footage please msg me with the link)**

⁴⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHeGlc5wJg4>

⁴¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/16/us/trump-shooting-secret-service-snipers.html>

⁴² <https://rumble.com/v5ahd5p-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage-bwc2-122104.html>

⁴³ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/trump-rally-gunman-thomas-matthew-crooks-shooting/story?id=112027831>

18:10:54 - Police officers are hoisted up

- In the BCSU bodycam footage Officer Ross is hoisted up with the help of Officer Tedeski at the east side of the building in the nook where Building 6 and Building 3 connects. When Officer Ross crested the lip of the roof, he apparently sees Crooks with a weapon. The officer lets go of the roof and drops down.
 - The building directly to the north of Building 6 is called Building 3 as seen on the doors in bodycam footage that says BLDG 3.
 - In the top left corner the backpack is seen for a few frames.
 - 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.⁴⁴
 - 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

- That Crooks has a gun was apparently reported over the radio. You can see Officer Ross, while running away was talking into a radio as seen in the Steward video.
 - "He's armed," Officer Ross said. "I saw him, he's laying down." (WP Timeline)
 - "He's got a long gun," Officer Ross said again into the radio.
 - FBI Deputy Director Abbate testified that Officer Ross was the person who reported this.

18:11:13 - Pearson starts to run

- In the BCSU Bodycam footage Pearson starts to run northwards. He passes Hercules 1 on his right-hand side and the middle stand to his left. [18:11:29 BCT]

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 rifle⁴⁵. 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.'"
 - 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,"

⁴⁴ <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/07/assassin-eye-witness-police-are-lying-about-rooftop/>

⁴⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtFABFnNXtE>

18:11:33 – First Shot Fired

- According to video evidence (Source 3) Crooks seems to be lying still on the roof of Building 6 and aiming his weapon 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.**
- According to the After Action Report page 16, Sgt. Nicol was in the North West corner of Building no.2. The Butler sniper was still on his post on the second floor of Building no.3

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
 - *It is unclear if the spectator was hit with the original 3 shots or the last 5 shots*
- 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**
 - *It is unclear why Hercules 1 did not take a shot on Crooks earlier. From multiple sources it could be seen that Hercules 1 had already trained their weapons towards the AGR Building or at least northwards.*
- 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.

18:12:08 – First bodycam starts recording sound

- In bodycam footage BWC2-122110, Officer Ross is seen touching the bodycam and audio starts to record. Up to this point no released bodycam footage had recorded sound before this point of time. The only official footage that had audio recordings was the dashcam footage of M500-010482

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.

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!”

18:12:28 – First Officers climb over the fence

- The first two officers climb over the inner fence of the inner security perimeter on their way towards the AGR building. One of them, state trooper Graham injures his hand with this action.

18:13:23 – Sgt. Nicol leaves Building no.6

- In the BCSU dashcam footage, Sgt. Nicol leaves the AGR building no.6 from exit no.9. He is not wearing full gear compared to other agents on the ground and is wielding a pistol. This is the first time that Sgt. Nicol is caught on video.
- Around this moment the Butler QRF team arrives with a vehicle next to Building no.9. Six units disembark from the vehicle.

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. Nicol attempts to reenter the building

- In the Dashcam footage, Sgt. Nicol attempts to reenter the AGR building by the same exit, exit no.9, 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. Nicol who forgot his access card.
 - *The assumption originally was that this happened before the shooting, but in this footage we can see the issue of the access card happened afterwards.*

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 in the next two minutes, which includes Officer Ross. They are hoisted up at the same place where the Officer Ross was first hoisted up and confronted Crooks. This group of officers are the first to engage and approach Crooks on the roof.
 - The first officer is helped on the roof at 18:15:07 as per the BCSU bodycam footage, 122109⁴⁶.
 - The last officer, Officer Ross, is helped on the roof at 18:16:52

⁴⁶ <https://rumble.com/v5a9ahg-maga-rally-in-butler-pa-bodycam-footage.html>

- Another Camo officer was on top of Building 3 *and seems to be helped up at the side of Building 3.*

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

- Sgt. Nicol, 2 State Troopers, a person with a white shirt and a uniformed officer enter AGR Building 6 through exit no.9.
 - Sgt. Nicol rushed and entered the building first.
 - *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 heard testimony where people saw two rally-goers filming both the agent and the gunman. The SS agent was of the opinion that these individuals should be detained to clear up everything.
 - Steward was one of the individuals the agent was referring to in the Grassley bodycam footage.

18:15:43 – Officers engage Crooks

- An officer scream “Let me see your hands!” and repeats the order two more times over the next 14 seconds. Officers are seen pointing their weapons to the position of Crooks.
 - *This is likely the first interaction between LEOs on the roof with Crooks post-shooting.*

18:16:38 - Officers approach Crooks’ Body

- Two Camo and two Local LEOs approach Crooks’ Body.
- A third Camo was seen inspecting the roof of Building 3. *Presumably he climbed onto the roof where the pallet was placed against the wall.*

18:16:50 - Officers reach Crooks’ Body

- In BWC2-122104, you can see officers reach Crooks. One kneels down and seems to move the weapon away from Crooks’ body. It is bit unclear but it seems that the first LEO with the nametag Shaffer was the first person to reach Crooks, who took the weapon away.

18:17:10 - Crooks Down

- On the Radio: “On the roof, reporting [...] one down.”

18:17:32 - A Large group of LEOs and ESU enter AGR Building

- A group of people of different backgrounds and units enter the AGR Building 6 through exit 9 to secure the area. In total it seemed to around 12 in total. The units outside of the AGR building was asked to hold the perimeter until the area is secured. Among these individuals was state trooper Graham, the person who injured his hand.
 - In BCSA bodycam footage it was claimed that an officer received a message that someone was looking out of a window.

18:17:46 – Cable ties were attached to Crooks

- LEOs roll over Crooks and Officer Shaffer zipties Crooks hands behind his back.

18:25? – Sgt. Nicol is back on his post

- In the After Action report page 18, it shows that Sgt. Nicol returned to his post.
 - The After Action report does not state when Sgt. Nicol has returned to his post, only that at 18:25 he was back at his post.

18:27:44 – Two Beaver ESU's arrive at AGR

- Two Beaver ESU's one of whom is Medic Michel Nicol, the wife of Sgt. Nicol, and the other called Richard arrive at the AGR building. These two officers are the main subjects in the Grassley Bodycam Footage and is captured from the perspective of Richard.
- The two Beaver ESUs are let into Building 6 through exit no.9. After talking to other officers in the building they leave to climb onto the roof.
- After leaving an officer props open the door of exit no.9 to allow easy movement.

18:29:12 – Two Beaver ESU climb onto AGR Building 6

- The two Beaver ESUs climbed with a black tactical ladder onto the roof of Building 3 as seen in Grassley Bodycam footage. [GBT 18:30:52]
 - Note that the bodycam footage is not synchronised and runs 1 minute and 40 seconds faster than it should. This event was at 18:29:12, but on the bodycam it shows 18:30:52 for example. The time was synchronised to the BCSA 122125 footage. The Grassley Bodycam Time will be added in Brackets
 - Note that the events caught by the Beaver ESU bodycam and events stated in the After Action report differs by 4 minutes.

18:30:17 – General clearing by Beaver County ESU with other agencies of surrounding buildings

- Mike calls over a person called 'Coke' to form a perimeter and asks that the people should get prepped to clear the buildig.

18:32:11 – Pronounced DOA by Alpha18

- In the Grassley bodycam footage, after Michel Nicol examined Crooks body, Richard used his codename Alpha18 to call into command that the suspect is deceased. [GBT 18:33:51]

18:34:14 – DOA Photo sent

- In the Grassley bodycam footage, it seems that Richard uses his phone to take a photo of Crooks and sends it through as stated in the After Action report. [GBT 18:36:54]

18:36:34 – Grassley Bodycam footage cuts off

- The Grassley bodycam footage of the Beaver ESU has 10 minutes 55 seconds of missing footage. [GBT 18:38:14]
 - Moments before the Grassley bodycam footage cuts off, Richard is heard touching the bodycam.

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

- From the pockets of Crooks a cellphone and RF transmitter was found byt the Butler ESU whose bodycam footage was released by Grassley. The battery is removed from the transmitter and a picture was taken of these items.
 - This event falls within the period where the bodycam footage was not recording. The time nor the event can be verified. The time is based on the After Action report.

18:47:29 – Grassley Bodycam footage continues recording

- The Grassley bodycam resumes recording. [GBT 18:49:09]
- In the bottom left corner of the Grassley bodycam the RF transmitter can be seen when the recording resumes.

18:48:07 – The RF transmitter is called in

- Mike is heard calling in on the radio the RF transmitter that was found. [GBT 18:49:47]
- Quote: “It is a remote control device. It is gray in color, about five to six inches tall, about inch and a half, two inches wide. Powered by a 9 volt battery.”

18:31:25 – Last time person seen on the Roof

- In the dashcam footage, this moment is the last time a person was seen walking on the AGR roof of Building no.6

19:33:14 – Murcko step out of Building 6

- A man with binoculars around his neck and wearing a white shirt walks out of Building 6 through exit no.9 as seen in the Dashcam footage. This is the first time this person was spotted in the dashcam footage and he was not caught entering the building. This person is confirmed to be Murcke by Chris Martenson.

19:33:38 – Murcko walks back into Building 6

- Murcko returns into the AGR Building

18:35:01 – Officers meet in front of Exit no.9

- A large number of officers meet in front of exit no.9. This is the largest group of officers seen in a single footage present on the screen at the same time. It seemed like the officers were holding an informal meeting.
- It was the first time K9 units was spotted. The K9 units can be seen sweeping the building and officers checking cabinets.

19:38:38 – The Person with Binoculars steps out of the AGR again

- Murcko leaves the AGR building for the second time

19:42:02 – The Person with Binoculars walks with a SS agent

- Murcko is seen walking and discussing something with a Secret Service agent. It seems to be the Secret Service agent who was first on the scene and on the roof.

19:45 – Device and Face sent by [?]. Number provided by EOD.

- [?] sent phone number

19:46 – Facial recognition photo sent by [?] to [?]

19:50:05 – Arrival of FBI

- An FBI agent and two men dressed in white shirts and black pants holdings folders arrive at the AGR Building.

19:52:02 – The Person with Binoculars returns

- Murcko returns and waits at the Picnic table. Most of the time he was on the phone, calling people and reading texts. He occasionally enters the AGR building.
 - *He seemed to be waiting for someone.*
 - *He seemed to pointing to the second floor to another officer at 19:57:29*

19:59:45 – Sgt. Nicol leaves the AGR Building

- Sgt. Nicol leaves the AGR building with his equipment. Murcko joins him and walks off the screen together.

2024-07-16

FBI Releases Crime Scene

- In the Clay Higgins report it was noted that the speed of the release is faster than expected.
- The FBI cleaned up biological evidence from the crime scene that is apparently unheard of according to Clay Higgins
 - Quote: *“I interviewed several First Responders who expressed everything from surprise to dismay to suspicion regarding the fact that the FBI released the crime scene so early after J13.*
It should be noted that the FBI was fully aware of the fact that Congress would be investigating J13. The FBI does not exist in a vacuum. They had to know that releasing the J13 crime scene would injure the immediate observations of any following investigation.”

2024-07-22

Secret Service director testifies

- Director Kimberly Cheatle testifies⁴⁷ before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. This was the first congressional hearing.
 - Video length: 04:53:39

2024-07-23

Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police testifies

- Col. Christopher Paris, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police and Patrick Yoes, Fraternal Order of Police national president testifies⁴⁸ before the House Homeland Security Committee.
 - Video length: 04:34:45

⁴⁷ Cheatle Testimony - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wgl71_b7-LM

⁴⁸ Paris Testimony - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtxiEU_Q27c

FBI releases Thomas Crooks' Body for Cremation

- Without informing anyone, the FBI released the body for cremation 10 days after the shooting. The first time this was found out was on 2024-08-05 when Clay Higgins requested to inspect the body.
 - Quote: *"On J23, Crooks was gone. Nobody knew this until Monday, August 5, including the County Coroner, law enforcement, Sheriff, etc. Yes, Butler County Coroner technically had legal authority over the body, but I spoke with the Coroner, and he would have never released Crooks' body to the family for cremation or burial without specific permission from the FBI."*
- As of August 5 the coroner's report and autopsy report was late.
 - It is unknown if the Autopsy report is already released.

2024-07-25

Sen. Chuck Grassley releases bodycam footage

- Sen. Chuck Grassley releases the first bodycam footage of the scene on top of AGR Building. The bodycam footage is from the perspective of Beaver ESU officer.

2024-07-29

Sen. Chuck Grassley releases reports

- Text messages, bodycam footage, law enforcement briefing materials, detail plan and an after-action report – all obtained up to this date by Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) of the assassination attempt was released.

2024-07-30

Acting Secret Service director testifies

- Ronald Rowe, secret service acting director and FBI deputy director Paul Abbate testifies⁴⁹ before the joint hearing conducted by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.
 - Video length: 03:17:33

2024-08-08

Sen. Chuck Grassley releases Gun Range Records

- Sen. Chuck Grassley releases visitor logs of Clairton Sportsmen's Club⁵⁰. Documents indicate that:
 - Crooks became a member of Clairton Sportsmen's Club on 8 August 2023

⁴⁹ Rowe Testimony - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vrfDQKZhVQ

⁵⁰https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/crooks_sign_in_and_membership_form_for_clairton_sportsmens_club1.pdf

- He visited the club since becoming a member a minimum of 43 times.
- It seems that Thomas Crooks might have had company at the Shooting range four times. 31 Aug. 2023; 28 Sept. 2023; 9 Nov. 2023; and 24 April 2024. On those dates, someone signed into Clairton on the exact same time and used the same ranges—with Crooks and the mystery visitor both using the rifle and pistol range on 9 Nov 2023.
- In the month of June there seems to be fewer visits to the gun range compared to his consistent visits the year prior.

Butler Township Police releases bodycam footage

- Butler Township Police releases the first batch of bodycam footage. Among the footage that is released is the following:
 - BWC2-122110 – The officer who was boosted to the roof.
 - BWC2-122125 – The officer who led the Beaver ESU to exit no.9 in the Beaver ESU footage released earlier.
 - M500-010482 – The dashcam footage of the vehicle parked in front of exit no.9

2024-08-10

Butler Township Police releases bodycam footage

- Butler Township Police releases the second batch of bodycam footage. Among the footage that is released is the following:
 - BWC2-122104 – An officer who was behind the stands when shots were fired.
 - BWC2-122109 – An officer who held the perimeter on the west side of the building after the shooting.
 - BWC2-122111 – The officer who first reported Crooks on the roof.
 - BWC2-122117 – An officer who held the perimeter on the east side of the building after the shooting.

2024-08-11

Butler Township Police releases bodycam footage

- Butler Township Police releases the third batch of bodycam footage. Among the footage that is released is the following:
 - BWC2-122111 – Additional Footage
 - BWC2-122117 – Additional Footage

2024-08-15

Congressman Clay Higgins releases Preliminary Report

- Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA), a member of the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, released his preliminary investigative report⁵¹, following his trip to Butler, PA on August 4th, 5th and 6th.

⁵¹ <https://clayhiggins.house.gov/2024/08/15/higgins-releases-preliminary-investigative-report/>

- The Report was dated 2024/08/12

2024-08-26

House Republicans Host a Forum

- House Republicans host a forum on the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump.
 - Video length: 03:17:33
- Members willing to testify to the Forum
 - Dan Bangino, former US Special Agent
 - Erik Prince, founder of the private military contractor Blackwater
 - Ben Shaffer, operator of Washington regional SWAT