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Trump 'safe' after gunfire



Secret Service agents whisk former President Donald Trump off stage at a campaign rally Saturday in Butler, Pa. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

Suspected shooter, attendee dead and 2 others badly hurt at Pennsylvania rally

By Jill Colvin, Colleen Long, Julie Carr Smyth, Michael Balsamo, Eric Tucker and Michelle L. Price
Associated Press

BUTLER, Pa. — Donald Trump appeared to be the target of an assassination attempt as he spoke during a rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday, law enforcement officials said. The former president, his ear covered in blood from what he said was a gunshot, was quickly pulled away by Secret Service agents and his campaign said he was “fine.”

A local prosecutor said the suspected gunman and at least one attendee are dead. The Secret Service said two spectators were critically injured.

Posting on his Truth Social media site about two and a half hours after the shooting, Trump said a bullet “pierced the upper part of my right ear.”

“I knew immediately that something was wrong in that I heard a whizzing sound, shots, and immediately felt the bullet ripping through the skin,” he said in the post. “Much bleeding took place, so

I realized then what was happening.”

The attack, by a shooter who law enforcement officials say was then killed by the Secret Service, was the first attempt to assassinate a president or presidential candidate since Ronald Reagan was shot in 1981. It comes amid a deeply polarized political atmosphere, just four months from the presidential elections and days before Trump is to be officially named the Republican nominee at his party’s convention.

Trump’s aides said late Saturday that the convention would proceed

and Trump “looks forward to joining you all in Milwaukee.”

The Secret Service said the suspected shooter fired from “an elevated position outside of the rally venue.” Trump is “safe and being evaluated,” the agency said.

“There’s no place in America for this type of violence,” President Joe Biden, who is running against Trump as the presumptive Democratic nominee, said in remarks. “It’s sick. It’s sick.”

Two officials spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing

investigation. They said the shooter was not an attendee at the rally and was killed by U.S. Secret Service agents.

The officials said the shooter was engaged by Secret Service counterassault team members and killed. The heavily armed tactical team travels everywhere with the president and major party nominees.

Law enforcement recovered an AR-style rifle at the scene, according to a third person familiar with

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Cities face high temperatures and rising cooling costs

Hotter heat waves and access to AC are particular problems for urban areas

By Adriana Pérez
Chicago Tribune

As the sun beat down on the Humboldt Park apartment building Thursday, Juanita Taylor and her five young children found no relief indoors. Her oldest boy, 12, played a video game while the younger children slept and watched TV. With no air conditioning, the public housing apartment felt hot and stuffy.

Ahead of a heat wave expected to hit Chicago this weekend, Taylor was the grateful beneficiary of a community effort to loan and install AC units for renters across three West Side neighborhoods. Dangerous heat, including triple-digit stretches in some cities, has embroiled western states for the past week and is headed east.

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Desmond Quinn unloads an air conditioner to deliver to a resident in Humboldt Park on Thursday in Chicago. Quinn and Sam Diamonte, left, of the All-Chicago Tenant Alliance program called People’s Cooling Army, lend, deliver and install window air conditioners for tenants without adequate cooling in their apartments. **JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE**

Search for housing fraught with great peril

Experts: Sexual abuse of migrant woman highlights vulnerability

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

She didn’t know the neighborhood.

The 35-year-old Venezuelan had found an apartment listing on Facebook for a room in the Roseland neighborhood, 17 miles south of where she was staying at a migrant shelter at the Inn of Chicago.

Facing pressure from city officials to leave the shelter by mid-June, she took public transportation with her 1-year-old to meet a man who had posted online that he had a few rooms for rent.

She knew it was risky, but she didn’t know that in the Far South Side neighborhood where she was going, 10 people had been killed in homicides so far that year. She didn’t know there were 265 reports

of domestic battery and 12 reports of sexual assault. She didn’t know that few people had been arrested for those crimes.

In early June, as she walked behind Roseland Community Hospital to see a possible new apartment, a man approached her and offered help. She refused, but he proceeded to back her into an alley.

There, he cornered her and warned her not to yell as he tore at her clothes and bit her breast. Her child sat in the stroller watching and screaming.

“The only thing I could do at that moment was grab (my son). (My son) held on to me and wouldn’t let go,” said the woman in Spanish, whose name is being withheld because she is a victim of battery and sexual abuse.

As thousands of migrants are on the frantic search for housing, with the city steadily closing the shelters that have housed them for

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Ready for Pitchfork?

Next weekend’s festival offers a bit of everything for the music publication’s audience. Our picks for the must-see artists, plus what else to know. **A+E**

Seeking answers from CPD

After a Tribune report, a South Side alderman wants an explanation for low arrest rates on cyberstalking and electronic harassment complaints. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Sox facing historic futility

In what is shaping up as the worst season in White Sox history, there’s little reason for optimism. **Paul Sullivan in Chicago Sports**

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