

Students describe terror in Tenn. attack

Manifesto, alt-right content posted online before shooting, police say

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chaos unfolded at Antioch High School in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday when a 17-year-old student armed with a handgun opened fire in the cafeteria shortly after 11 a.m. CST.

One student was killed and another was injured before the shooter, identified by police as Solomon Henderson, turned the gun on himself. Henderson was found dead at the scene from the self-inflicted gunshot wound, authorities said.

The victim killed in the shooting was identified by police as 16-year-old Josselin Corea Escalante. The injured student was taken to the hospital with a graze wound and released Wednesday afternoon, and another student was injured while running at the scene, police said.

Worried parents rushed to the school as the news spread, desperately trying to navigate police blockades. By 1 p.m., more than 100 had gathered at the reunification site about a half-mile from the school as buses full of students arrived.

Chante Frye said her daughter, a ninth grader, was in a classroom when she heard the gunshots. She texted her mom that the school was on lockdown.

"It was terrifying," Frye said. "But it's almost not surprising because it's getting worse with the fights and the violence at school."

Student: 'I didn't know what to do'

Tinashae Smith trembled on the bus ride away from the school. Hours earlier, the ninth grade student was in class when she saw people running down the halls.

She said her teacher tried to call the school administration, but no one answered.

When another student checked their phone and said there was a shooting, she didn't want to believe it. But then a text from her sister, a 2021 graduate from the school, confirmed it.

After an intercom announcement, Tinashae's class blocked the door with tables, desks and chairs, then quickly hid under their desks.

"I was confused," she said. "I didn't know what to do. I was scared. Everything was just so bad."

At about 2 p.m. she met her sister at the reunification site.

"I would never want to experience this ever again in my lifetime," Tinashae said.

Hate manifesto posted on social media platforms

The shooter appeared to have livestreamed the attack from multiple social media platforms, and Metro Nashville Police Chief John Drake said



Students from Antioch High School arrive by bus at a reunification center on Wednesday following a shooting at the school in Antioch, Tenn.

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during a Wednesday afternoon news conference that there are other online "materials" that are factoring into the police's investigation.

Drake said it was not clear if the victim was targeted.

A nearly 300-page document posted on X

contains numerous selfies of what appears to be the shooter with various alt-right paraphernalia scattered between statements against "race mixing," wishes to "take revenge" on society, statements praising Adolf Hitler and pages of explicit

photos from previous school shootings. Social media accounts linked in the document and scattered across many platforms focused heavily on "groyper" content, a nickname used by many online white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups, as well as "incel" content, a name referring to young men who claim to be "involuntarily celibate" and "violent misogynists."

In the same document, updated four hours before the shooting, the writer expressed dismay at having to "speed up" an original plan to commit the shooting on Thurs-

day, and said the goal was to kill "at least 10 people," alongside a specifically targeted elementary school teacher who was not named.

News of the Antioch shooting struck Mary Joyce with haunting familiarity on Wednesday. Her 9-year-old daughter had huddled in a classroom on March 27, 2023,

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as three 9-year-old students and three adult staff members were killed in a shooting at The Covenant School, a private elementary school in Nashville.

"My heart aches for the students and teachers and parents of Antioch High School," Joyce said. "It is unimaginable until it happens to you, and the terrifying impact and loss from today will never leave them. They will carry this day forever."

Antioch High teacher Aaron Rodriguez moved many to tears as he spoke at a vigil Wednesday night at Hamilton United Methodist Church, located just a couple of miles from the site of the day's tragic events.

Students and grief counselors who work at the school were among the 100-plus in attendance.

"To the parents out there, I want you to know your children are brave. They did everything right," Rodriguez, who teaches history and African American studies, said. "We're looking out for them. And I implore all of you to think about all of the ways you can help us so that we can help them make these schools the places they look forward to going to."

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AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 23-02, HOBE SOUND STORAGE, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) 23-02, Hobe Sound Storage, is a request for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment from Medium Density Residential to General Commercial on approximately 4.01 acres located along the east side of S.E. Federal Highway, south of S.E. Heritage Boulevard and north of S.E. Poinciana Lane. This is a request by Thomas Engineering Group, LLC on behalf of the owner, Employees Money Purchase Pension Plan & Trust of Boca Cardiology Associates Babic & Vinci PA F.B.O. Stephen Babic. The property was formerly known as Vineyard II, V026-002.

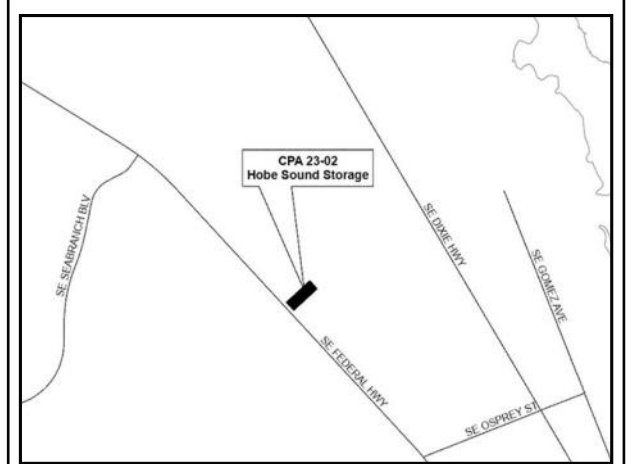
All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. For further information, including copies of the original application documents or agenda items, contact Amy Offenbach, Planner, Growth Management Department at (772) 288-5495.

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Location Map

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