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Odessa shooting victims include El Pasoan, mail carrier, high school student

by: Andra Litton

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ODESSA, Texas (KTSM) — The names and faces of those who were killed or injured Saturday in the shooting rampage that left seven dead and nearly two dozen injured are emerging via the crowdfunding website, GoFundMe.

As of Monday morning, GoFundMe verified 12 separate fundraisers. They include five of the dead and seven injured.

Raul Garcia, 35

Garcia, 35, was the last victim to be identified by authorities in Odessa. He is from El Paso. He attended Wiggs Middle and was a graduate of El Paso High School.

Garcia was among the truck drivers shot along I-20 as the shooter traveled toward Odessa from the initial traffic stop in Midland. He leaves behind four children.

A GoFundMe account for Garcia has not yet been located.

Mary Granados, 29

Granados, 29, a postal carrier, was shot and killed while on her route when the shooter carjacked her carrier van. A co-worker who set up the account called Mary, "beautiful inside and out, with a great heart and always ready to be a friend, always had a smile on her face!"

Click HERE for Mary Granados' GoFundMe.

Joe Griffith, 40

Griffith's death was confirmed by a member of the family on their GoFundMe account. Griffith leaves behind a wife and two young children.

He was sitting at a traffic light with his wife and children when the shooter pulled up next to him, according to the Associated Press. Griffith worked six days a week to support his family and was known for his sense of humor and uncanny ability to impersonate people.

"The funds raised will help Becky with funeral expenses, mortgage payments and anything else Becky and the kids might need at this time," Organizer Yolanda Rankin stated on the fundraiser account.

Click HERE for Joe Giffith's GoFundMe.

Kameron Brown, 30

Brown, 30, was a member of the U.S. Army who had served in Afghanistan. He was a resident of Brownwood, Texas and had been an employee of Standard & Safety Supply for over a year according to the GoFundMe page.

"We are deeply saddened at the loss of a member of our team. Kameron Brown died tragically as a victim of the senseless and horrifying shootings that occurred in and around Odessa on Saturday. We have been in contact with Kameron's family to offer our deepest sympathies and support. We ask that the family's privacy be respected during this most difficult time," a statement from Standard Safety and Supply read.

Edwin Peregrino, 25

Peregrino, 25, had just moved to San Antonio, Texas two weeks prior to Saturday's shooting according to family. He had returned to his hometown for the holiday weekend to visit family.

According to the Associated Press, Peregrino was in his back yard with his brother-in-law when he was struck by a bullet.

"Every room he walked in he always had that room lit up with a smile and laugh. He made a difference in every soul he met, he made a mark," Bianca Peregrino said.

Click HERE for Eduin Peregrino's GoFundMe.

Rodolfo 'Rudy' Arco, 57

Arco, 57, was reportedly driving home from work when he was struck and killed by a bullet on Saturday morning. Rudy, a native of Cuba, had just moved to West Texas from Las Vegas after the 2017 mass shooting.

He was the owner of a trucking company and felt that "Odessa was a safe place to go," his sister told the Arizona Republic.

Click HERE for Rudy Arco's GoFundMe.

Leila Hernandez, 15

Hernandez, 15, was a sophomore at Odessa High School. She played on the school's basketball team and had just celebrated her quinceñera in May.

Her 9-year-old brother, Nathan Hernandez, was also shot in the attack. His condition is unknown.

Click HERE for Leila Hernandez's GoFundMe.

OTHER VICTIMS

In addition to the seven killed, at least 21 others were injured in the shooting spree. Many of their loved ones have established GoFundMe accounts to help with their recovery.

Anderson Davis

Davis, 17-months-old was hit with a bullet fragment in the Odessa shooting. She suffered severe injuries, but is expected to recover.

Click HERE for Anderson Davis' GoFundMe.

Midland PD Officer Zack Owens

The Midland Police officer was shot in the line of duty. He was shot multiple times in the arm and hand and suffered an eye injury due to glass shards, which the fundraisers say is his most serious injuries.

Click HERE for Zack Owens' GoFundMe.

Texas DPS Trooper Chuck Pryor

Pryor was the first victim of the shooter in Midland, Texas when he and his partner pulled over the suspect for a traffic violation. According to the fundraiser, Pryor was shot in the face and has since had at least one surgery.

He is in serious, but stable condition. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward his medical expenses.

Click HERE for Chuck Pryor's GoFundMe.

Odessa PD Officer James Santana

Santana was identified by family friends as the Odessa Police Officer injured in Saturday's shooting. His injuries are not listed as critical, but he still requires surgery to remove bullet fragments.

Donations will go to Santana's wife and children to help with medical and living expenses.

Click HERE for James Santana's GoFundMe.

Efe Obayagbona

Obayagbona was shot while in his semi-truck on his work route on I-20 in between Midland and Odessa on Saturday. According to the fundraiser, he was shot multiple times including his right wrist, which was shattered. His left arm was hit with the bullet going through to his chest and lungs.

He is the father of two young children, ages 2-months and 5-years. Funds will be used to help support his family with medical and living expenses.

Click HERE for Efe Obayagbona's GoFundMe.

Marián Boado Encinosa

Encinosa, a mother of a 10-month-old boy, was shot three times in the abdomen, chest, and elbow according to the fundraiser.

She is a Cuban native and her family has flown in from the island to be with her and help care for her young son. Encinosa will reportedly need multiple surgeries.

Click HERE for Marián Boado Encinosa's GoFundMe.

Nathan Hernandez, 18, Odessa

Marc Gonzales, 38, Odessa

Timmoth Beard, 55, San Antonio

Glenda Dempsy, 62, Odessa

Marco Corral, 62, San Diego, CA.

Coy Edge, 53, Odessa

Joseph Glide, 60, Odessa

Daniel Munoz, 28, Yuma, AZ.

Robert Cavasoz, 38, Alice, Texas

Bradley Grimsley, 64, Clarksville, Texas

Timmothy Hardaway, 54, Brownwood, Texas

Quadri Fatai, 41, Houston

Jesus Alvidrez, 21, Gardendale, Texas

Lilia Diaz, 46, Odessa

Krystal Lee, 36, Odessa

Larry Shores, 34, Abilene

Juvenile Male, 9, Odessa

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KEYE 4 NEWS

Texas shooting rampage raises questions about private gun sales

by: Christian Flores | Tuesday, September 3rd 2019

Questions have been raised about private sales of firearms after a Texas man who failed a background check still managed to obtain a gun and kill seven people. (Michael McCorville - CC BY-SA 4.0)

(KEYE) After Governor Greg Abbott and federal investigators said Monday the man behind the mass shooting in the Odessa-Midland area had been previously rejected for a gun sale because of a background check, questions arose regarding how he got a gun to carry out Saturday's rampage

According to DPS records, Seth Ator, 36, previously pled guilty to two Class B misdemeanors, which blocked him from buying a gun.

"The background check was run through the national system, the NICS system. The NICS system did work when he tried to buy a gun, he was denied a gun," said John Wester, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

After the shootings that left seven people dead, which came almost a month to the day after the mass shooting at an El Paso Walmart, state lawmakers are demanding colleagues work to shut down loopholes.

"The stranger-to-stranger gun sale loophole is a huge problem. I think that's what the American people expect us to solve, the people of Texas expect us to solve," said State Representative Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie.

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BREAKING: The Odessa gunman reportedly would not have passed a background check, so he obtained his weapon through a private sale where a background check wasn't required.

This is EXACTLY why the Senate needs to pass background checks on ALL gun sales! abc7news.com/odessa-gunman- .

MASS SHOOTING

Odessa gunman bought weapon through private sale: Sources

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The Associated Press cited a law enforcement source saying Ator obtained his AR-style rifle through a private sale, allowing him to evade a federal background check that previously blocked him from getting a gun.

After the El Paso shooting, Abbott held a safety commission meeting. There, he raised concerns about these private gun sales, but he stopped short of saying the state needed additional gun control measures.

"We as a state have to do a better job just with our existing laws to make sure we are assembling the information, requiring the courts or other entities to submit the information, getting that information to those that would be in charge of going through the background check process," Abbott said at the meeting nearly two weeks ago.

Greg Abbott
@GregAbbott_TX

Not only did the Odessa gunman have a criminal history...

...he also previously failed a gun purchase background check in Texas...

... & he didn't go thru a background check for the gun he used in Odessa.

We must keep guns out of criminals' hands.
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The 36-year-old Odessa man accused of killing seven people and injuring 22 others in West Texas on Saturday
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On Monday, Abbott said state lawmakers are working on new legislative measures, and he acknowledged some lawmakers are considering bans on AR-15s.

"It's one of the topics raised during the roundtable discussions that we had in El Paso. I do want to point out, however, some of the shootings have not involved ARs," Abbott said.

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West Texas shooter got AR-style weapon used in rampage through private sale

A private seller isn't required to conduct a background check or ask the buyer's status.

Author: WFAA Staff
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The suspect in a shooting spree across Odessa and Midland on Saturday purchased the weapon through a private sale, ABC has confirmed with multiple law enforcement and federal sources.

According to federal law, a private seller may not sell to a person who is flagged, but the seller isn't required to conduct a background check or ask the buyer's status, ABC says.

This private sale loophole is how 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator purchased the gun authorities say he used to kill seven and wound more than 20 others across a 10-mile stretch of Odessa and Midland, Texas.

RELATED: Gunman fired from job before West Texas shooting rampage

RELATED: Here are the victims of the Permian Basin shooting

Over the weekend, Gov. Greg Abbott Abbott tweeted that Ator didn't go through a background check for the weapon he used in Odessa, but the governor did not elaborate.

Ator had previously failed a federal background check for a firearm, said John Wester, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Wester did not say when Ator failed the background check or why.

Officers killed Ator outside a busy Odessa movie theater following a 10-mile stretch of shootings.

The shootings come less than a month after 22 people died in a rampage at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Odessa shooting victims ranged in age from 15 to 57: Here's what we know about their lives

Aaron A. Bedoya, El Paso Times Published 9:15 a.m. MT Sept. 3, 2019 | Updated 3:32 a.m. MT Sept. 3, 2019

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke breaks down how the Midland and Odessa shootings unfolded. USA TODAY

A teenager who had just celebrated her quinceañera, a postal worker and a former math teacher were among the seven people killed on the streets around Odessa, Texas.

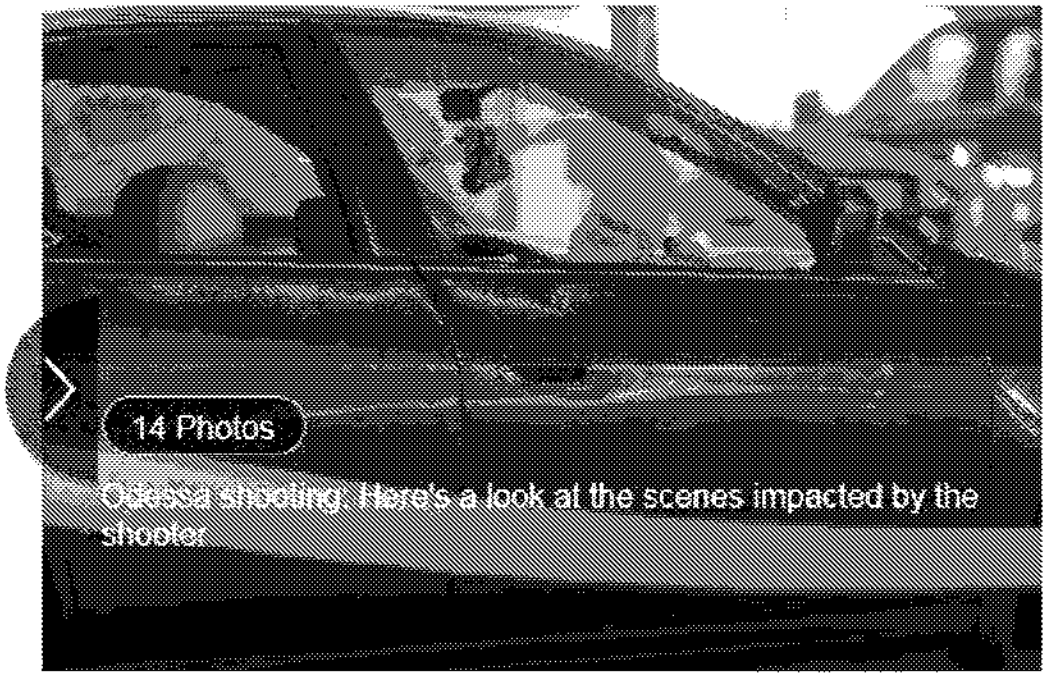
At least 25 other people were injured.

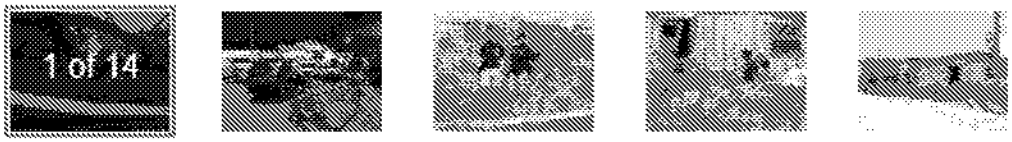
The shooting began after state troopers pulled over a man for failing to use a turn signal on Interstate 20, said Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke.

The driver grabbed a rifle and shot multiple times at the troopers through the rear window, wounding one of them, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The man then sped off, firing at motorists and passers-by, and eventually hijacking a U.S. Postal Service vehicle. The 36-year-old shooter was killed after being chased by officers from neighboring cities Midland and Odessa.

These are the stories that have emerged about the victims:





Odessa shooting victims

The city of Odessa released the names of the victims Monday evening, which ranged from ages 15 to 57.

Leilah Hernandez

The 15-year-old celebrated her quinceañera in May, grandmother, Nora Leyva, told the Washington Post. Leilah's 18-year-old brother, Nathan, was shot in the arm while his arms were around her.

Mary Granados

The 29-year-old was a postal worker killed in the gunfire, the U.S. Postal Service confirmed. Rosie Granados, Mary's sister, told CNN that she heard Mary scream as she was shot while talking on the phone. "It was very painful," Granados told the news outlet.

Joseph Griffith

The 40-year-old was waiting at a traffic light with his wife and two children when he was fatally shot, Carla Byrne – Griffith's oldest sister – told the Washington Post.

"This maniac pulled up next to him and shot him, took away his life, murdered my baby brother," Griffith told The Post. "Like nothing. We are so broken."

Byrne told the news outlet that Griffith had been a math teacher who cared deeply for his students.

Rodolfo "Rudy" Arco

The 57-year-old who owned a trucking company in Odessa, was driving Saturday when three bullets were fired at his truck. Two went through the cab and one came right through the window and killed him instantly, sister Maria Arco said.

Kameron Brown

The 30-year-old had survived the deserts of Afghanistan as a U.S. Army soldier. He had worked at Standard Safety & Supply, a first-aid and fire protection service company based in Odessa.

Edwin Peregrino

The 2-year-old was visiting his parents in Odessa when he went outside to investigate the sound of gunshots and was hit, The Post reported.

Raul Garcia

The 35-year-old from El Paso,was identified by the city of Odessa as the final victim in Saturday's mass shooting.

A 17-month-old girl was wounded

Among the injured were three law enforcement officers: Zachary Owens of the Midland Police Department, James Santana of the Odessa Police Department and Chuck Pryor of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A 17-month-old girl was also wounded. Abbott read a text from the mother of the child at a news conference Sunday.

"Thank you all for praying, this is all of our worst nightmare, but thank God she's alive and relatively well," Abbott said, reading the woman's message. "She goes on to say that, 'Toddlers are funny because they can get shot but still want to run around and play.'"

Shooter was fired from job the morning of the shooting

The gunman who killed seven people and left at least 25 others injured on Saturday was fired from his job that morning and "on a long spiral down."

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said at Monday news conference Seth Aaron Ator, 36, and his employer at Journey Oilfield Services both called 911 Saturday to complain about the other over the firing. The shooter made a "rambling statement," but no threats were made.

"Can't speak to his motives or why he called," Gerke said, noting such calls to police are routine.

Ator left the business before officers arrived and then called the FBI's tipline. In that call he also made no threats of violence, Gerke said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety trooper who pulled him over for a traffic stop was unaware of the morning incidents that preceded the shooting spree.

FBI Special Agent Christopher Combs said the shooter's home was "a very strange residence" that reflected his mental state.

"He was on a long spiral of going down," Combs said, after a search of the property west of Odessa. "He didn't wake up Saturday morning and go into his company and then it happened. He went to that company in trouble and had probably been in trouble for a while."

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School district healing as students return to class after mass shooting shocks Odessa

Alana Edgin and Ronald W. Erdrich, San Angelo Standard-Times

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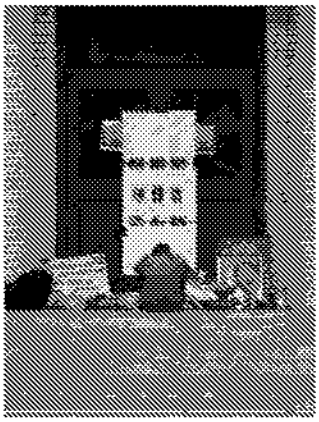
ODESSA, Texas — A flood of students dressed in yellow entered their schools in Ector County ISD on Tuesday as the district attempted some sense of normalcy after a man killed seven and injured 25 in Odessa days earlier.

"From what I have seen, it has resembled a regular day of school," said Mike Adkins, communications officer for the school district. "The start of the day was smooth, and I think that speaks to the community rallying."

Students, faculty and residents donned yellow for the first day back in honor of those affected by the shooting. Students in other Texas school districts did the same, including the Abilene ISD and Texas Leadership Charter Academy in San Angelo.

Counselors were brought to Odessa from across the state and resources were made available on the district's website.

More: Gov. Abbott laments failed background check for the gunman who killed 7 in Odessa, Texas



A student sits before the memorial to Leilah Hernandez on the steps of Odessa High School Tuesday Sept. 3, 2019. The 15 year-old student was the youngest of six people killed in a shooting spree on Saturday. *(Photo: Ronald W. Erdrich/Reporter-News)*

"To our families, students and staff, if you are struggling . . ." Adkins said. "Just say the word and let us know what you need."

Counseling is available to all of those affected, even if they aren't associated with the district. Law enforcement made a stronger appearance across campuses, as well.

"Our

"To our families, students and staff, if you are struggling ... just say the word and let us know what you need."

Mike Adkins, school district communications officer

community has seen a whole lot of law enforcement ... willing to be visible today and be a comforting presence," Adkins said. "They've been terrific."

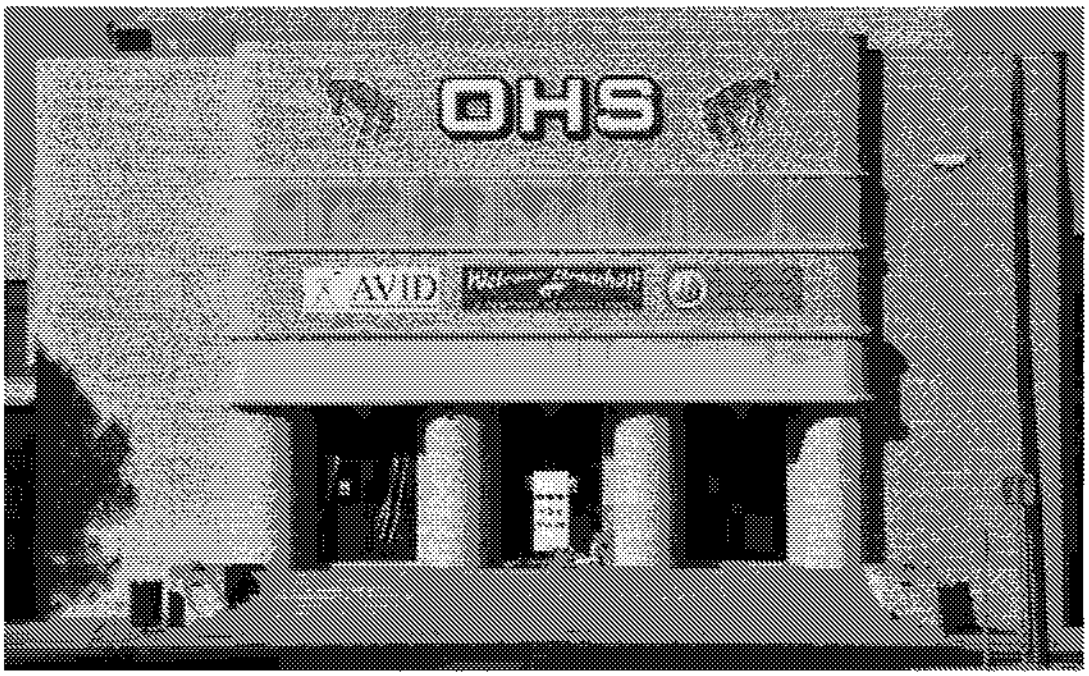
Ector County ISD is trying to find other students and their families who were out that Saturday afternoon.

"We're trying to get a grip on how many kids were working ... (which) kids and families were evacuated," Adkins said. "We're trying to deal with the traumatic events. (Those affected) are all across our district."

Some of those personally affected by the shooting are the family and friends of Odessa High student Leilah Hernandez, 15. The teen, who had just celebrated her quinceañera, was among the seven people killed during a shooting spree that spanned several locations around Odessa.

Her friends and classmates have vowed to not forget the vibrant athlete.

More: Odessa shooting victims ranged in age from 15 to 57. Here's what we know about their lives



A memorial to stands outside of Odessa High School on Tuesday morning. It was the school's first day back to school after the Labor Day weekend that saw one of their own, 15-year-old Leilah Hernandez, killed along with six others in a shooting spree Saturday. *(Photo: Ronald W. Erdrich/Reporter-News)*

A memorial for Hernandez sits in front of Odessa High. A remembrance program is being scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, 2019 during the football game between Odessa High and Jefferson County at Ratliff Stadium, 1862 E. Yukon Road.

The district is working on verifying GoFundMe accounts. An unconfirmed account for Hernandez appeared, and Odessa High told people on Facebook the account was not associated with the family.

"We're working as hard as we can to verify accounts, so wait and be patient," Adkins said. "Let's make sure we verify. The district is listing resources on the website."

The district is adding community events, fundraisers and verified organizations to donate.

More: Police officers, trooper injured in Odessa shooting recovering from injuries

While Adkins speaks for the district, he is another resident indirectly affected by the shooting. Though he was not born in Odessa, he has spent most of his adult life here.

Odessa High School students and families remember their 16 year-old classmate Leilah Hernandez Monday Sept. 2, 2019 in Odessa. Leilah Hernandez, 16, was the youngest victim in the shooting spree that claimed 7 lives on Saturday. Leilah played basketball for Odessa High School, her classmates have honored her by wearing her jersey number on their cheeks. *(Photo: Ronald W. Erdrich/Reporter-News, Abilene Reporter-News - USA TODAY NETWORK)*

"It has become home," Adkins said. "One of the things that is attractive about West Texas is the people are really great."

He went on to add how residents reacted.

"You feel helpless, then it moves into how do we support each other," Adkins said. "This is a really great community that isn't always seen that way. We have had so much support from the community."

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El Pasoan identified as victim in Odessa mass shooting

Codell Rodriguez, El Paso Times Published 5:15 p.m. MT Sept. 2, 2019 | Updated 8:18 p.m. MT Sept. 2, 2019

El Paso native Raul Garcia was the final victim identified in the Odessa mass shooting Saturday that killed seven and injured 25.

The city of Odessa confirmed Garcia, 35, as a victim after 4 p.m. on its Twitter page. Odessa Police Department also confirmed the death.

City of Odessa
@CityofOdessa

Victim List:
There's a total of 25 injured and 7 deceased victims.

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Juvenile Female, 15, Odessa
Joe Griffith, 40, Odessa
Mary Granados, 29, Odessa
Edwin Peregrino, 25, Odessa
Rodolfo Julio Arco, 57, Odessa
Kameron Karltess Brown, 30, Brownwood Raul Garcia, 35, El Paso

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More: Postal worker, 15-year-old student are among the victims killed in Texas shooting

Garcia's death comes a month after 22 people were killed and 25 injured in a mass shooting at an El Paso Walmart, one of the 10 deadliest in U.S. history. The shooter allegedly told police that he came to El Paso to kill Hispanics.

A city of Odessa police car, left, and a U.S. mail vehicle, right, which were involved in Saturday's shooting, are pictured outside the Cinergy entertainment center, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, in Odessa, Texas. *(Photo: Sue Ogrocki, AP)*

The deceased in the Odessa shooting range in age from 15 to 57.

State troopers pulled over the 36-year-old shooter for failing to use a turn signal on Interstate 20 and he grabbed a rifle and began shooting at troopers through the rear window.

He fired at motorists and passers-by, and eventually hijacking a U.S. Postal Service vehicle, killing the postal worker inside. The shooter was killed by police after a chase.

https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2019/09/02/odessa-mass-shooting-victims-includes-35-year-old-el-paso-man/2193984001/

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The Latest: AP Source: Texas shooter got gun at private sale

Updated 2:51 pm CDT, Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Photo: Ronald W. Erdrich, AP

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Odessa High School students and families remember their 15 year-old classmate Leilah Hernandez Monday Sept. 2, 2019 in Odessa, Texas. Leilah Hernandez, 15, was the youngest victim in the shooting spree that ... more

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The Latest on the shooting rampage in West Texas (all times local):

2:15 p.m.

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12 a.m.

A neighbor of the gunman who killed seven people in West Texas described him as "a violent, aggressive person" that would fire his guns at all hours of the night.

Rocio Gutierrez told The Associated Press on Monday that her family has lived near Seth Ator for the past five months. But she says they were afraid of him.

https://www.mrt.com/news/article/The-Latest-AP-Source-Texas-shooter-got-gun-at-14410873.php

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— Associated Press writer Michael Balsamo reported from Washington, D.C.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/AP-Source-Texas-shooter-got-gun-at-private-sale-559281041.html

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'He'll be a truck driver in heaven': El Paso family mourns Odessa shooting victim

By: Kate Bierl
Posted: Sep 02, 2019 04:31 PM MDT
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El Paso family mourns Odessa shooting victim

ODESSA, Texas - The El Paso man killed in the Odessa shooting was a brother, husband, son and father of four.

"He was just reaching out and helping whoever needed it all the time," said the victim's brother, Luis.

According to the city of Odessa, 35-year-old Raul Garcia was killed in the attack along with six other people.

"He was on his way home to be with his kids," said his wife, Perla. "He didn't get to make it here."

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Raul's youngest child was three years old, she said. His oldest child was 14 years old.

"He was a great dad," she told ABC-7. "His kids love him. He was my hero. He was everything."

"He would be there for everybody," said his sister, Angie.

In Spanish, his mother Juliana told ABC-7 she was waiting for him to return home.

"He never did," she said, choking back tears.

The family told ABC-7 that Raul's funeral will thankfully be paid for by La Paz - Perches Funeral Homes. He did have life insurance, but his brother told ABC-7 that his sister started a fundraiser on Tuesday morning for his kids' future.

This is the link to donate, verified by Luis Garcia.

Raul was a graduate of Lamar Elementary, Wiggs Middle School and El Paso High School. He died providing for his family.

"Just like my son said, 'Mom, now he'll be a truck driver in heaven,' Perla told ABC-7, choking back tears.

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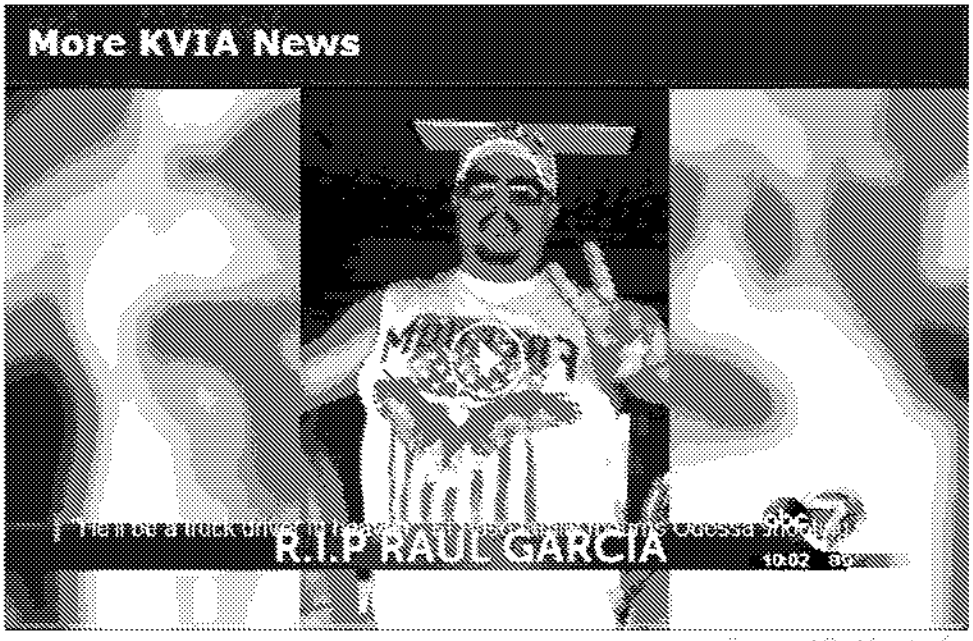

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El Diario de El Paso

Tirador de Odessa habló al FBI antes de la masacre

Estaba en "caída libre" y enfurecido tras haber sido despedido, señalan agentes

Associated Press

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Odessa, Tx.— El hombre armado en un alboroto en el oeste de Texas "estaba en una larga espiral de caída" y había sido despedido de su trabajo en los servicios petroleros la mañana en que mató a siete personas, llamando al 911 antes y después del tiroteo, dijeron las autoridades el lunes.

Los oficiales mataron a Seth Aaron Ator, de 36 años, el sábado frente a una concurrida sala de cine de Odessa después de una ola de violencia que se extendió por 10 millas (16 kilómetros), hiriendo al menos a 25 personas además de siete muertos, dijeron las autoridades.

El agente especial del FBI Christopher Combs dijo que Ator llamó a la línea de información de la agencia y al despacho de la policía local el sábado después de ser despedido de la empresa Journey Oilfield Services, donde trabajaba como camionero, haciendo "declaraciones vacilantes sobre algunas de las atrocidades por las que sintió que había pasado".

"Estaba en una larga espiral de descenso", dijo Combs. "No se despertó bien el sábado por la mañana y entró en su compañía y luego ocurrió su despido. Fue a esa compañía con problemas", dijo.

Quince minutos después, dijo Combs, un agente (trooper) de la policía estatal de Texas que no estaba al tanto de esas llamadas intentó detener a Ator por no señalar un cambio de carril. Fue entonces cuando Ator apuntó con un rifle de estilo AR hacia la ventana trasera de su automóvil y disparó contra el oficial, iniciando una aterradora persecución policial cuando Ator disparó a los autos que pasaban, a centros comerciales y también mató a una empleada del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos mientras la despojaba de su vehículo del Correo.

Combs dijo que Ator "se presentó enfurecido al trabajo" pero no señaló ninguna fuente específica de su enojo. Pero Combs describió la casa de Ator en las afueras de Odessa como una "residencia extraña" que reflejaba "cuál era su estado mental". Combs dijo que no sabía si Ator había sido diagnosticado con algunos problemas previos de salud mental.

Más de 20 personas resultaron heridas en el ataque diurno durante el fin de semana festivo del Día del Trabajo, que se produjo apenas unas semanas después de otro tiroteo masivo que mató a 22 personas en la ciudad fronteriza de Texas de El Paso. Las autoridades no han dicho cómo Ator obtuvo el arma utilizada en el tiroteo, pero Ator había fallado previamente en una verificación de antecedentes federales para un arma de fuego, dijo John Wester, un agente de la Oficina Federal de Alcohol, Tabaco y Armas de Fuego. Wester no especificó cuándo falló Ator la verificación de antecedentes o por qué no pasó la prueba.

Los registros judiciales en línea muestran que Ator fue arrestado en 2001 por un delito menor que no le habría impedido comprar armas de fuego legalmente en Texas. El gobernador de Texas Greg Abbott tuiteó el lunes que "debemos mantener las armas fuera del alcance de los delincuentes", palabras similares a sus comentarios que siguieron al tiroteo en El Paso el 3 de agosto, cuando dijo que las armas de fuego deben mantenerse alejadas de los "asesinos trastornados". Pero Abbott, un republicano y ávido defensor de los derechos de armas, no se ha comprometido a endurecer las leyes de armas de Texas.

Abbott tuiteó que Ator no pasó por una verificación de antecedentes del arma que usó en Odessa. No dio más detalles, y un portavoz remitió las preguntas al Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas, que no respondió de inmediato para hacer comentarios.

El jefe de Policía de Odessa, Michael Gerke, dijo que la compañía de Ator también llamó al 911 el sábado después de que Ator fue despedido, pero que Ator ya se había ido cuando apareció la Policía.

"Básicamente, se estaban quejando entre ellos porque tenían un desacuerdo sobre el despido", dijo Gerke.

Ator disparó al azar mientras conducía en el área de Odessa y Midland, dos ciudades a más de 300 millas (482 kilómetros) al oeste de Dallas. La Policía usó una SUV marcada como patrulla para embestir el camión de correo fuera del Cinergy Movie Theater en Odessa, desactivando el vehículo. El pistolero luego disparó contra la Policía, hiriendo a dos oficiales antes de que lo mataran.

La Policía dijo que el arresto de Ator en 2001 fue en el condado donde se encuentra Waco, a cientos de millas al este de Odessa. Los registros judiciales en línea muestran que fue acusado entonces de delito menor de intrusión criminal y de evadir el arresto. Ingresó declaraciones de culpabilidad en un acuerdo de enjuiciamiento diferido donde se le retiraron los cargos después de cumplir 24 meses de libertad condicional, según los registros.

https://diario.mx/el-paso/tirador-de-odessa-hablo-al-fbi-antes-de-la-masacre-20190902-1557691.html

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West Texas shooter bought gun in private sale to evade background check

By: ABC News & Associated Press
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Seth Aaron Ator (inset right), the gunman in the west Texas rampage (left). (Photo via ABC News)

ODESSA, Texas - The gunman in a west Texas rampage that left seven dead obtained his AR-style rifle through a private sale, allowing him to evade a federal background check that blocked him from getting a gun in 2014 due to a "mental health issue," a law enforcement official told the Associated Press.

The official spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation. The official did not say when and where the private sale took place.

Relates stories:

- West Texas shooter called FBI, 911 prior to and during rampage after 'long downward spiral'
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Multiple law enforcement sources also told ABC News that the suspect, Seth Aaron Ator, was considered a "prohibited person" barred by law from purchasing or possessing a firearm because he was diagnosed as being mentally ill. It was further confirmed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who said the shooter failed a background check.

Officers killed the 36-year-old Ator on Saturday outside a busy Odessa movie theater after a spate of violence that spanned 10 miles and lasted more than an hour, injuring around two dozen people in addition to the dead. He spread terror across the two biggest cities in the Permian Basin while firing indiscriminately from his car into passing vehicles and shopping plazas. He also hijacked a U.S. Postal Service mail truck, killing the driver.

Ator had tried purchasing a firearm in January 2014 but was denied, the Texas Department of Public Safety said in a statement Tuesday. The agency said it was precluded by law from disclosing why, but the law enforcement official told the AP it was due to a "mental health issue."

Private sales, which some estimates suggest account for 25 to 40 percent of all gun sales, are not subject to a federal background check in the United States. If the person selling the firearm knows the buyer cannot legally purchase or possess a firearm, they would be violating the law. But they are not required to find out if the person can possess a firearm and are not required to conduct a background check.

The so-called "gun show" loophole means that Americans can buy a gun from an individual, get one bequeathed from a relative, obtain one through an online marketplace as well as from some dealers at gun shows — all without needing to go through a federal background check.

FBI special agent Christopher Combs said Ator "was on a long spiral of going down" and had been fired from his oil services job the morning of the shooting, and that he called 911 both before and after the rampage began. Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas.

Combs said that Ator called the FBI's tip line as well as local police dispatch on Saturday after being fired from Journey Oilfield Services, making "rambling statements about some of the atrocities that he felt that he had gone through." Fifteen minutes after the call to the FBI, Combs said, a Texas state trooper unaware of the calls to authorities tried pulling over Ator for failing to signal a lane change.

Ator fired on the trooper and fled, setting in motion a rampage that didn't end until the gunman was killed at 4:17 p.m., according to Odessa police spokesman Steve LeSueur. That was one hour and four minutes after DPS said the trooper pulled over Ator.

In 2018, more than 26 million background checks were conducted. Of those, fewer than 100,000 were denied with the vast majority of those rejected because the person was found to have a criminal past that made them ineligible. Far fewer just over 6,000 were because the person had been involuntarily committed.

Gun-rights advocates have pushed back against efforts to include private sales, contending it would risk unwittingly turning someone into a felon for a private transaction with a friend or relative. They also argue that criminals will still get their hands on a firearm, regardless of what laws are on the books.

"In the guise of basically regulating private sales it creates a mechanism that is so labyrinthian that basically gun owners won't be able to comply with it," Michael Hammond, the legislative counsel for Gun Owners of America, told the Associated Press.

Gun-control advocates argue that the lack of a background check is making it too easy for the wrong people to skirt the background check system and get a gun. For example, on one well-known internet site for firearms sales, there were classified listings in recent days for about 1,700 long guns in Texas alone.

Combs said Ator "showed up to work enraged" but did not point to any specific source of his anger. Ator's home on the outskirts of Odessa was a corrugated metal shack along a dirt road surrounded by trailers, mobile homes and oil pump jacks. Combs described it as a "strange residence" that reflected "what his mental state was going into this."

Ator fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, cities more than 300 miles east of El Paso. Police used a marked SUV to ram the mail truck outside the Cinergy Movie Theater in Odessa, disabling the vehicle. The gunman then fired at police, wounding two officers before he was killed.

The number of mass killings so far this year has already eclipsed the total for all of last year. A teenager suspected of killing five family members in Alabama brought the total to 26 mass killings in 2019, claiming the lives of 147 people, compared with 25 mass killings and 142 deaths in 2018, according to a database by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University. The database tracks homicides where four or more people are killed, not including the offender.

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Texas Shooter Had Been Banned From Buying Firearms Because Mentally Unfit

Authorities looking into whether Seth Ator bought gun used in deadly attack through private sale

At least seven people have died so far and more than a dozen were injured in the West Texas cities of Midland and Odessa after a shooter began randomly firing at people Saturday. PHOTO: MARK PONTIER/Odessa American/ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Dan Frosch and Sadie Gurman

Updated Sept. 4, 2019 12:30 am ET

A man who went on a deadly mass shooting spree across West Texas on Saturday was barred under federal law from owning or buying firearms because a court had previously determined he was mentally unfit, according to law-enforcement officials.

Authorities on Tuesday were looking into whether the gunman, 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator, bought the AR-15 style rifle used in the attack through a private sale, thus avoiding a background check, the officials said.

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Seth Ator, West Texas shooter, was 'violent, aggressive person' who liked to fire at animals, neighbor says

Odessa authorities search for motive following deadly rampage in Texas

Governor Greg Abbott says the gunman had a criminal history and did not go through a background check for the gun he used in Odessa, Aldia Acuna reports.

The 36-year-old man who killed seven people during a shooting spree in West Texas over the weekend was a "violent, aggressive person" who liked targeting animals before he set his sights on the public, a neighbor said.

Rocio Gutierrez, who lived next to gunman Seth Ator in Odessa, told The Associated Press this week that Ator often would fire at animals, mostly rabbits, at all hours of the night.

"We were afraid of him because you could tell what kind of person he was just by looking at him," Gutierrez said. "He was not nice, he was not friendly, he was not polite."

This undated photo shows Seth Aaron Ator. The gunman in a West Texas rampage "was on a long spiral of going down" and had been fired from his oil services job the morning he killed seven people, calling 911 both before and after the shooting began, authorities said. (AP/City of Odessa/FBI)

TEXAS SHOOTING VICTIMS INCLUDE DAD GUNNED DOWN IN FRONT OF HIS WIFE, KIDS

Police officers killed Ator on Saturday outside a busy Odessa movie theater after a spate of violence that spanned 10 miles. His rampage also injured around two dozen people.

It was not his first run-in with the law.

Online court records showed Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from buying firearms legally in Texas.

BEFORE MASS SHOOTING, ATOR WAS 'ON A LONG SPIRAL DOWN', INVESTIGATOR SAYS

Police said the arrest took place in the county where Waco is located, hundreds of miles east of Odessa. Online court records showed he was charged then with misdemeanor criminal trespassing and evading arrest. He entered guilty pleas in a deferred prosecution agreement wherein the charge was waived after he served 24 months of probation, according to records.

Hundreds mourn Odessa shooting victims at Texas vigil

The investigation continues into the suspected shooter as mourners remember the seven lives lost

Federal law, The Associated Press reported, defined nine categories that legally would prevent a person from owning a gun. The categories included being convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor domestic violence charge, being adjudicated as a "mental defect" or being committed to a mental institution, being the subject of a restraining order or having an active warrant. Investigators have said Ator had no active warrants at the time of the shooting.

Greg Abbott
@GregAbbott_TX

Not only did the Odessa gunman have a criminal history. .

...he also previously failed a gun purchase background check in Texas..

...& he didn't go thru a background check for the gun he used in Odessa.

We must keep guns out of criminals' hands.
statesman.com/news/20190901/...

Odessa gunman had criminal histo...

The 36-year-old Odessa man accused of killing seven people and injuring 22 others in West Texas on Saturday
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Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted Monday that Ator didn't go through a background check for the weapon he used in Odessa. He did not elaborate, and a spokesman referred questions to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Odessa officials on Monday released the names of those killed, who were between 15 and 57 years old. Among the dead were Edwin Peregrino, 25, who ran out of his parents' home to see what the commotion was; mail carrier Mary Granados, 29, murdered in her U.S. Postal Service truck; and 15-year-old high school student Leilah Hernandez, who had been walking out of an auto dealership.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

https://www.foxnews.com/us/seth-ator-west-texas-shooter-violent-aggressive

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) 'He was a lovable person': Family, friends mourn El Paso man killed in Odessa

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(U) SETH AARON ATOR - SUBJECT; UNKNOWN - VICTIM;
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El Paso Times
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'He was a lovable person': Family, friends mourn El Paso man killed in Odessa shooting

Molly Smith, El Paso Times Published 5:21 p.m. MT Sept. 3, 2019 | Updated 6:36 p.m. MT Sept. 3, 2019

Raul Garcia was just hours from home after a weeks-long trip away from his four kids in El Paso when he was shot and killed on Interstate 20 in Odessa.

Garcia, 35, is one of seven people killed Saturday after a gunman went on a more than 10 mile-long shooting rampage, randomly firing at motorists and law enforcement officers on the West Texas highway. Another 25 people were injured.

The long distance truck driver was heading to San Diego from the East Coast when he decided to detour home to El Paso to pick up his sons so they could join him on the final leg of the trip over the Labor Day weekend.

Raul Garcia, 35 of El Paso, was shot and killed Aug. 31 in Odessa, Texas after a gunman opened fire on motorists. *(Photo: Courtesy of the Garcia family)*

The family doesn't know how many times Garcia was shot through the cabin of his truck. He was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and died about 12 hours later, according to his younger brother.

"They tried tirelessly to keep him alive but unfortunately there was nothing they could do," Luis Garcia said. "But they did try and we are so thankful for them."

Raul Garcia grew up accompanying his truck driver father on trips during summer breaks from school and it was his father who helped him get a commercial driver's license when he turned 18 and graduated from El Paso High School. When Garcia became a father, he took his own sons, who range in age from 3 to 14 years old, on trips.

"(Raul) loved traveling to different cities and exploring. It was a thrill for him," said Monica Romero, Garcia's closest friend who met him while they were students at Wiggs Middle School. She is the godmother of his oldest son and said "his kids and his truck meant everything to him."

"To him, it wasn't a job, it was his passion," Luis Garcia said.

More: Odessa shooting victims ranged in age from 15 to 57. Here's what we know about their lives

Truck driving gave Raul Garcia purpose and helped him provide for his family.

The second oldest of four siblings, he took charge of the family and made sure everyone's needs were met. Their mother lived with him and the two were inseparable, his brother said. During long trips he would make it a point to come home to El Paso, even for just a few hours, to take her out to eat.

El Paso native Raul Garcia, 35, who was killed in the Odessa shooting, had worked as a commercial truck driver since he was 18 years old. *(Photo: Courtesy of the Garcia family)*

When Luis Garcia, 33, became a dad, Raul Garcia encouraged him to become a driver and helped him obtain his license and find jobs.

Raul Garcia was always willing to help someone in need, even those he didn't know well, a quality Luis Garcia said his brother shared with their father.

Romero said Garcia would also go out of his way to visit her in San Antonio while he was on the road and in May, rearranged his driving schedule so he could make it to her daughter's 16th birthday party.

"He was very passionate about who he loved," she said. "He was there for everyone. He was a lovable person."

Perches Funeral Home will be providing his funeral service free of charge. The funeral home did the same for victims of the El Paso shooting.

Luis Garcia said his brother was on the road Aug. 3 when a white gunman targeting Hispanics killed 22 people at the Walmart near Cielo Vista Mall.

They talked about that event and the what-ifs surrounding it, never thinking such a thing could happen to their family, Luis Garcia said.

"We never imagined it would be us ... we did talk about it and it was hard. But now that it happened, it's a lot worse."

Raul Garcia's youngest sister Ana Garcia has created a Facebook fundraiser for their mother Juliana as he was her primary provider. The fundraiser can be found at https://www.facebook.com/donate/2423936554549180/.

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https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2019/09/03/odessa-shooting-victim-el-paso-raul-garcia-love-kids-job-truck-driver/2199012001/

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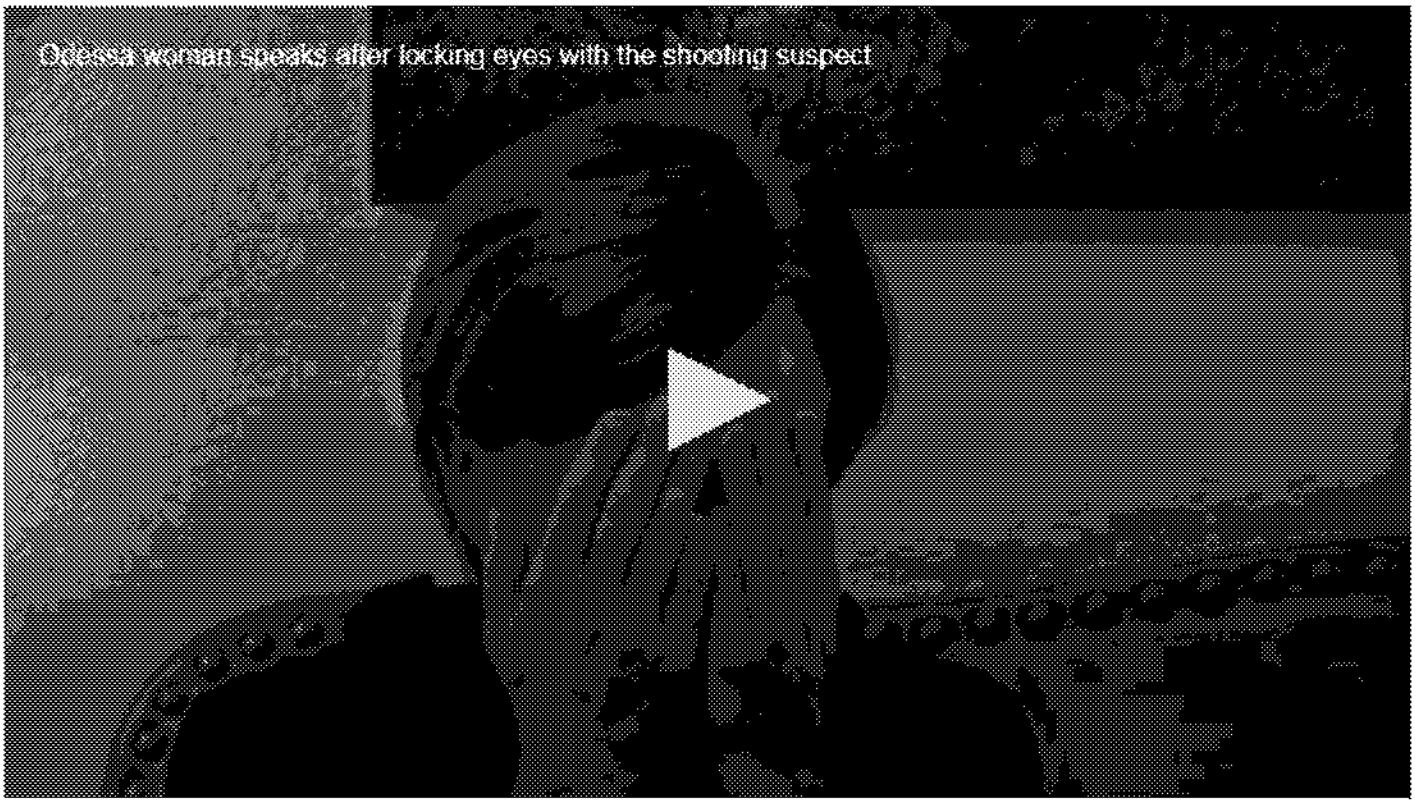
VIDEO: Odessa woman speaks after locking eyes with the shooting suspect



By Haley Harrison | Posted: Sun 1:47 AM, Sep 01, 2019 | Updated: Tue 9:16 AM, Sep 03, 2019

CBS7's Haley Harrison sat down with Shauna Saxton, an Odessa woman who said she looked the shooter in the eye during the chase on Saturday afternoon while driving with her family.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/VIDEO-Odessa-woman-speaks-after-locking-eyes-with-the-shooting-suspect-559014151.html

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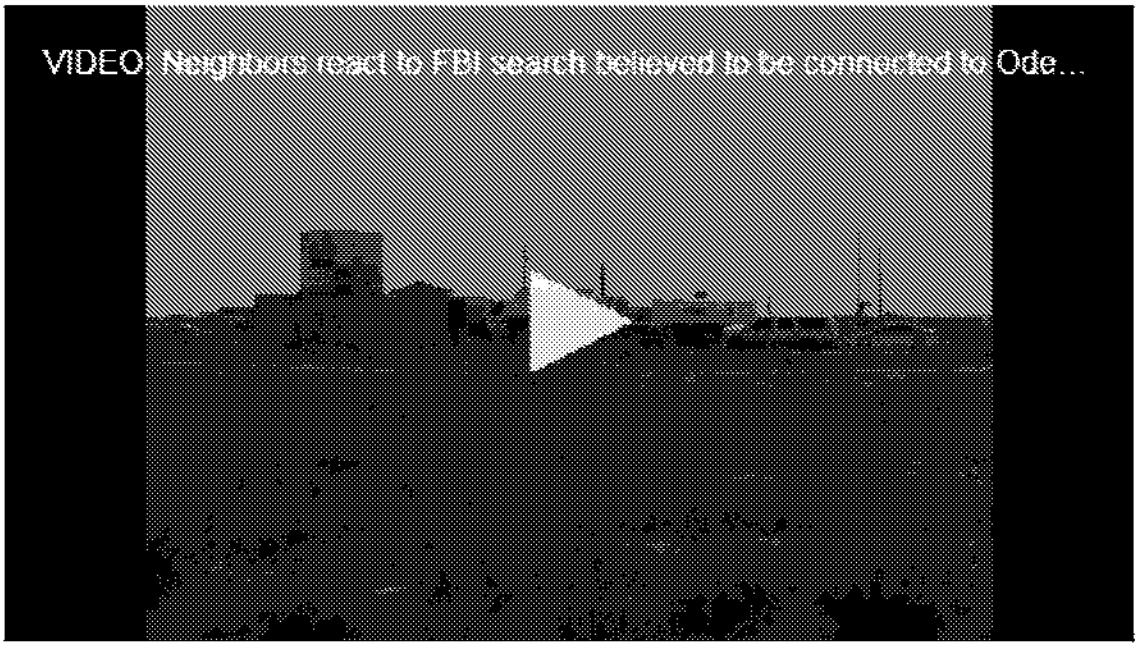

By Haley Harrison | Posted: Sun 1:46 PM, Sep 01, 2019 | Updated: Tue 3:00 AM, Sep 03, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) – UPDATE: The shooter has been identified as 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator from Odessa

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Authorities have executed a search warrant at a home in West Odessa in connection to Saturday's shooting.

In a press conference on Sunday, officials confirmed that a search warrant had been issued for the case.

It is believed that authorities are searching the home of the shooter who has not been identified at this time.

The video is courtesy of Ness Lee on Facebook.

Authorities executed a search warrant in West Odessa on Sunday in connection to Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa. (Haley Harrison/CBS7)

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/VIDEO-Authorities-executing-search-warrant-in-connection-to-Odessa-shooting-559070131.html

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Suspect identified in Odessa mass shooting

Posted: Sat 4:05 PM, Aug 31, 2019 | Updated: Mon 4:28 PM, Sep 02, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) — UPDATE: The suspect in Saturday's mass shooting has been identified as 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator of Odessa.

A mass shooting left seven people dead and many more injured in Odessa on Saturday. The suspect in the shooting has been killed.

Seth Ator, 36. (DPS Photo)

Officials say the shooting started just after 3 p.m. when DPS Troopers tried to pull over a vehicle along I-20 at mile marker 131.

That's when the driver reportedly pointed a rifle at the rear window of the car and began firing his weapon.

A DPS Trooper and civilians were shot on the interstate.

According to OPD, the suspect shot at civilians on East Loop 338 and I-20 before they stole a U.S. Postal Service vehicle and continued the shooting spree.

The shootings continued along State Highway 191 until the suspect stopped at the Cinergy Movie Theater.

At the theater, the suspect shot an Odessa police officer and a Midland police officer before he was killed.

A total of 19 people were injured in the shooting and seven people were killed. According to the City of Odessa, five victims died in Odessa while three others died in Midland. One passed away at the Midland Memorial Hospital on Sunday morning.

All three law enforcement officers who were shot are now listed in stable condition. The Midland police officer has been identified as Zack Owens.

One of the victims has been identified as Mary Granados, a postal worker.

The United States Postal Service released the following statement on Granados' passing:

"The Postal Service is shocked and saddened by the events that occurred yesterday in the Midland-Odessa area. We are especially grieving the loss of our postal family member, letter carrier Mary Granados, age 29, and we continue to keep her family in our thoughts. The United States Postal Inspection Service, the law enforcement arm of the Postal Service, is working closely with our law enforcement partners to assist with the investigation."

14 victims were taken to Medical Center Hospital for treatment. One of the victims passed away at the hospital. 17-month-old Anderson Davis was transferred to a Lubbock hospital for treatment.

Of the remaining victims, one person is in critical condition, three people are in serious condition and seven people are in fair condition.

One person has been treated and released.

MCH states that its blood supply is okay.

The Odessa Regional Medical Center treated a total of six victims. Four have been released from the hospital while two remain in critical condition

Officials have shared what you can do if you're looking for friends and family following Saturday's shooting.

A family reunification center has been established at the Ector County Annex building at 1010 East 8th Street in Odessa.

You can also check www.safeandwell.org.

The FBI is asking anyone with information about this shooting to contact the FBI's National Threat Operations Center at 1 (800) 225-5324.

Tips may also be reported anonymously online at tips.fbi.gov.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/Authorities-responding-to-reports-of-active-shooter-in-Odessa-558964771.html

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U.S. Postal Service releases statement on letter carrier killed in Saturday's shooting

(Photo: GoFundMe)

Posted: Sun 4:50 AM, Sep 01, 2019 | Updated: Tue 9:02 AM, Sep 03, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) -- GoFundMe accounts have been set up for two of the five killed in Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa.

Leslie Aide worked with Mary Granados before she started at the post office. The shooter hijacked Granados's mail truck then shot and killed her during the shooting spree.

CLICK HERE TO GO TO MARY'S GOFUNDME PAGE.

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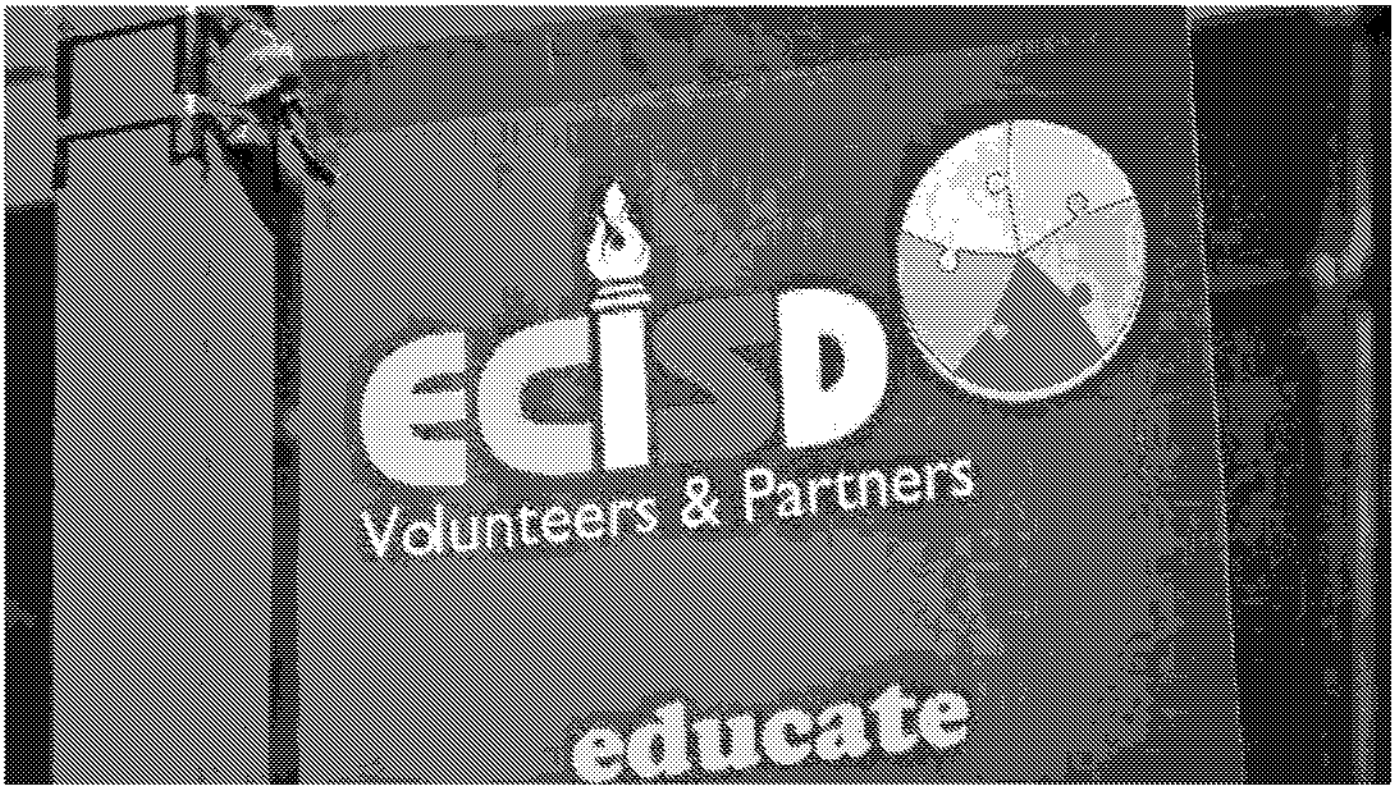

Posted: Mon 10:27 AM, Sep 02, 2019 | Updated: Tue 8:59 AM, Sep 03, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) -- Ector County ISD has created a Crisis Resources page to help those affected by Saturday's mass shooting.

The page includes links on talking to children about violence and how to help teens with traumatic grief.

"On Saturday, our community was devastated by a senseless act of violence; it is something we cannot understand nor will we get over quickly. Our school district has many resources available – police officers, counselors, and deeply caring teachers and staff members who are available to help you and your family. That is my commitment to you. This web page contains information and resources designed to help you talk to your kids about this tragedy, and support your family. If you would like to help, you will find ways listed here. We are here to help you and your family. Together we will work through the difficult days ahead," states ECISD on the page.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/ECISD-creates-Crisis-Resources-page-559159731.html

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Victims of Saturday's mass shooting identified

By Amber Siegel, KCBD | Posted: Mon 5:23 PM, Sep 02, 2019 | Updated: Mon 9:55 PM, Sep 02, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA/KCBD/AP) -- The names of the seven people who were killed in Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa have been released.

-Leilah Hernandez, 15, Odessa

Leilah Hernandez, 15, was with her family Saturday as her 18-year-old brother, Nathan, picked up a truck. Nathan and Leilah were shot while walking out of the dealership, her grandmother, Nora Leyva, told the Washington Post.

"I guess he was just looking for someone to kill," she said

Leyva said Leilah's mother pushed Leilah's 9-year-old brother under a car. Nathan wrapped his arms around Leilah and was shot in the arm. Another bullet struck Leilah near her collarbone.

"Help me, help me," the girl said as she died, Leyva said.

Leilah, an Odessa High School student, celebrated her quinceañera in May.

"It was like a dream for her," Leyva said

Odessa High's school district, the Ector County Independent School District, didn't name Leilah but said one of its students was among those killed.

Students and faculty across West Texas are wearing yellow on Tuesday, Sept. 3 to "symbolize hope" and "in memory of Leilah.

- Joe Griffith, 40, Odessa

Joseph Griffith, 40, was killed while sitting at a traffic light with his wife and two children, his oldest sister, Carla Byrne, told the Washington Post.

"This maniac pulled up next to him and shot him, took away his life, murdered my baby brother. Like nothing," Byrne said. "We are so broken."

Byrne said Griffith, 40, worked six days a week to support his family. He was known for his sense of humor and an uncanny ability to impersonate people.

Griffith previously worked as a math teacher. One day before his death, a former student told Griffith what an "awesome teacher he was," his sister said.

-Mary Granados, 29, Odessa

Mail carrier Mary Granados was alone in her U.S. Postal Service truck when she was shot and killed by the gunman who carjacked her white mail van.

US Postal Service officials issued a statement Sunday saying they were shocked and saddened and were "especially grieving the loss of our postal family member."

Mary has a twin sister.

-Edwin Peregrino, 25, Odessa

Edwin Peregrino, 25, ran into the yard of his parents' Odessa home to investigate after hearing gunshots, his sister, Eritizi Peregrino, told The Washington Post. The gunman speeding by the home opened fire, killing him.

"It happened at our home. You think you're safe at your own house," Eritizi Peregrino, 23, said in an interview. "You're not even safe at your own house."

Eritizi Peregrino's husband also was shot. She said he is recovering.

Eritizi Peregrino said her brother was home for the weekend to talk about his new job and his new life in San Antonio.

"You could always count on him for anything," she said. "He would always help my parents and his siblings. I knew I could always rely on him and call on him."

-Rodolfo Julio Arco, 57, Odessa

Rudy was brutally shot and killed while driving home from work in the recent Odessa active shooting. Rudy was a father, and friend who's life was ended way too soon.

-Kameron Karltess Brown, 38, Brownwood

U.S. Army veteran, 38-year-old Kameron Brown, was tragically shot while inside of his vehicle in front of Ratliff stadium. At one point in the gunman's violent series of events, he made his way to Yukon and Grandview after he stole the mail van.

-Raul Garcia, 35, El Paso

Raul Garcia, 34, was a truck driver. He was shot and killed on I-20. He left behind his mother, sister, brother and three boys.

25 people were hurt in the shooting. 22 names have been released

-Nathan Hernandez, 18, Odessa
-Marc Gonzales, 38, Odessa
-Zachary Owens, Midland Police Department
-Timmoth Beard, 55, San Antonio
-James Santana, Odessa Police Department
-Glenda Dempsy, 62, Odessa
-Marco Corral, 62, San Diego, CA.
-Coy Edge, 53, Odessa
-Joseph Glide, 60, Odessa
-Anderson Davis, 17 months, Odessa
-Daniel Munoz, 28, Yuma, AZ.

-Robert Cavasoz, 38, Alice, TX.
-Maria Boado, 27, Hialeah, FL.
-Efe Obayagbona, 45, Round Rock, TX
-Bradley Grimsley, 64, Clarksville, TX.
-Chuck Pryor, Texas Department of Public Safety
-Timmothy Hardaway, 34, Brownwood
-Quadri Fatai, 41, Houston
-Jesus Alvidrez, 21, Gardendale
-Lilia Diaz, 46, Odessa
-Krystal Lee, 36, Odessa
-Larry Shores, 34, Abilene

GoFundMe pages have been created for many of the victims.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/Victims-of-Saturdays-mass-shooting-identified-559192281.html

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FIRST ON CBS7: Shooters' rampage took him all the way out to Ratliff Stadium

Posted: Sun 7:54 PM, Sep 01, 2019 | Updated: Mon 4:27 PM, Sep 02, 2019

ODESSA, TX (KOSA) -- CBS7 has learned the the shooter involved in Saturday's rampage drove all the way out to Yukon and Grandview, killing a driver in front of Ratliff Stadium.

A very graphic video sent to the newsroom Saturday night shows Kameron Brown slumped over in the driver's seat of his red Standard Safety and Supply pick-up truck, a lone bullet hole in his side window.

Today, a GoFundMe page was created for Brown. On it, the page organizer writes, "Kameron Brown's life was cut short on August 31st when he was tragically shot and killed by the active shooter that rampaged through Odessa, TX. Kameron leaves behind a mother, a sister and many extended family members and friends."

Brown worked for Standard Safety & Supply for over a year.

A company spokesperson wrote, "We are deeply saddened at the loss a member of our team. Kameron Brown died tragically as a victim of the senseless and horrifying shootings that occurred in and around Odessa on Saturday. We have been in contact with Kameron's family to offer our deepest sympathies and support. We ask that the family's privacy be respected during this most difficult time."

Odessa Police investigators have never mentioned publicly that the shooter, 36-year-old Seth Ator, drove that far out during his deadly rampage.

Brown was a resident of Brownwood, TX, and was also a member of the United States Army, serving in in Afghanistan.

,strong> CLICK HERE TO GO TO KAMERON'S GOFUNDME PAGE.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/FIRST-ON-CBS7-Shooters-rampage-took-him-all-the-way-out-to-Ratliff-Stadium-559098461.html

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Comfort dogs arrive in Odessa to help victims

Several of the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs will be in Odessa for the next few days providing support.

By Amber Stegall, KCBD | Posted: Mon 12:42 PM, Sep 02, 2019 | Updated: Mon 4:30 PM, Sep 02, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) -- Six comfort dogs from all over Texas have come together in Odessa, Texas to comfort victims, survivors and first responders affected by the tragic shooting that shocked West Texas.

Lutheran Church Charity K-9 Comfort Dogs will be at Music City Mall in Odessa for the next few days.

The dogs who are in town are: Abner (Bethany – Austin, Texas), Elijah (Our Redeemer – Wichita Falls, Texas), Gabriel (Messiah – Houston, Texas), Joy (Gloria Dei – Houston, Texas), Martha (Bethany - Austin) and Phoebe (St. Paul – Fort Worth, Texas).

The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs just completed two weeks of deployment after the shooting at Walmart in El Paso, Texas on Aug. 3.

"We know that comfort is needed at this time to help people heal from yet another senseless and horrific shooting," said officials in a Facebook post.

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ICA donating $100,000 to victims of mass shooting in Odessa

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ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) -- The Investment Corporation of America is donating $100,000 to help those who were affected by Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa.

ICA is owned by Odessa businessman John Bushman.

In August Bushman pledged $100,000 for the victims of the El Paso shooting.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/ICA-donating-100000-to-victims-of-mass-shooting-in-Odessa-559083371.html

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Youngest shooting survivor released from hospital, parents speak out

By Shelby Lanagan | Posted: Mon 4:37 AM, Sep 02, 2019 | Updated: Mon 4:20 PM, Sep 02, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KOSA) -- The youngest person hit in the mass shooting rampage Saturday was a 17-month-old girl. Just hours after the toddler was released from the hospital, the young girl's parents sat down with CBS7 to recount the horrifying moments, but also to share their gratitude.

"Probably the number one thing people will tell you, is that she's smiley and happy," Kelby Davis said describing her young daughter Anderson.

At almost a year-and-half-old, hopefully Anderson will have no lasting memories of the Saturday shooting rampage.

"It really happened so fast," Garret Davis, Anderson's father, explained. "I didn't know what direction [the bullets] were coming from or what was really going on."

"I knew we had been shot, but it never dawned on me that one of us would be hit," Kelby recalled. "I actually just thought how can I cover both of these babies at one time."

Anderson and her twin brother were strapped into their car seats for a normal trip to the grocery store when one gunshot hit their SUV from the rear. The family was stopped at the traffic light at 42nd Street and JBS Parkway.

"I looked at Anderson, she was just covered in blood, so much blood you couldn't even see her face," Kelby explained.

Anderson was hit in the mouth, with shrapnel also hitting her in the chest.

As Kelby and Garret were screaming for help and trying to call 911, off-duty paramedics rushed in.

"Angels are everywhere," Kelby explained. "Some men were at my window and they're saying: Kelby it's me, Kelby it's me."

The family had serendipitously met those first responders who sprung to action on a recent trip to an Odessa fire station.

"Paramedics and all the first responders, their training is just absolutely amazing and they are truly the calm in the midst of the storm," Garret explained.

Quickly Anderson was air-flighted to a Lubbock hospital for emergency treatment.

24 hours later she was released and is back home in Odessa now.

"I'm grateful Anderson is here," Kelby said with tears in her eyes. "I'm so thankful that we're not one of those families that's on the other side of this. And it makes you feel guilty almost. But that's why I just have to remind myself: God does not cause tragedies like this, but God is going to walk with all of us through this all."

It's that strong Christian faith, along with the Davis's love for their hometown of Odessa, that's helping to carry them through.

"That's why we're proud of the people here, because they rally and they come together," Kelby said. "Bad things are going to happen no matter where you live. But we know that here, this is our home and this is where our support system is, and it's made all the difference in this situation."

GoFundMe has put together a list of campaigns that have been created to help the victims, including one that's been set up for 17-month-old Anderson.

https://www.cbs7.com/content/news/Mother-of-youngest-survivor-of-mass-559124201.html

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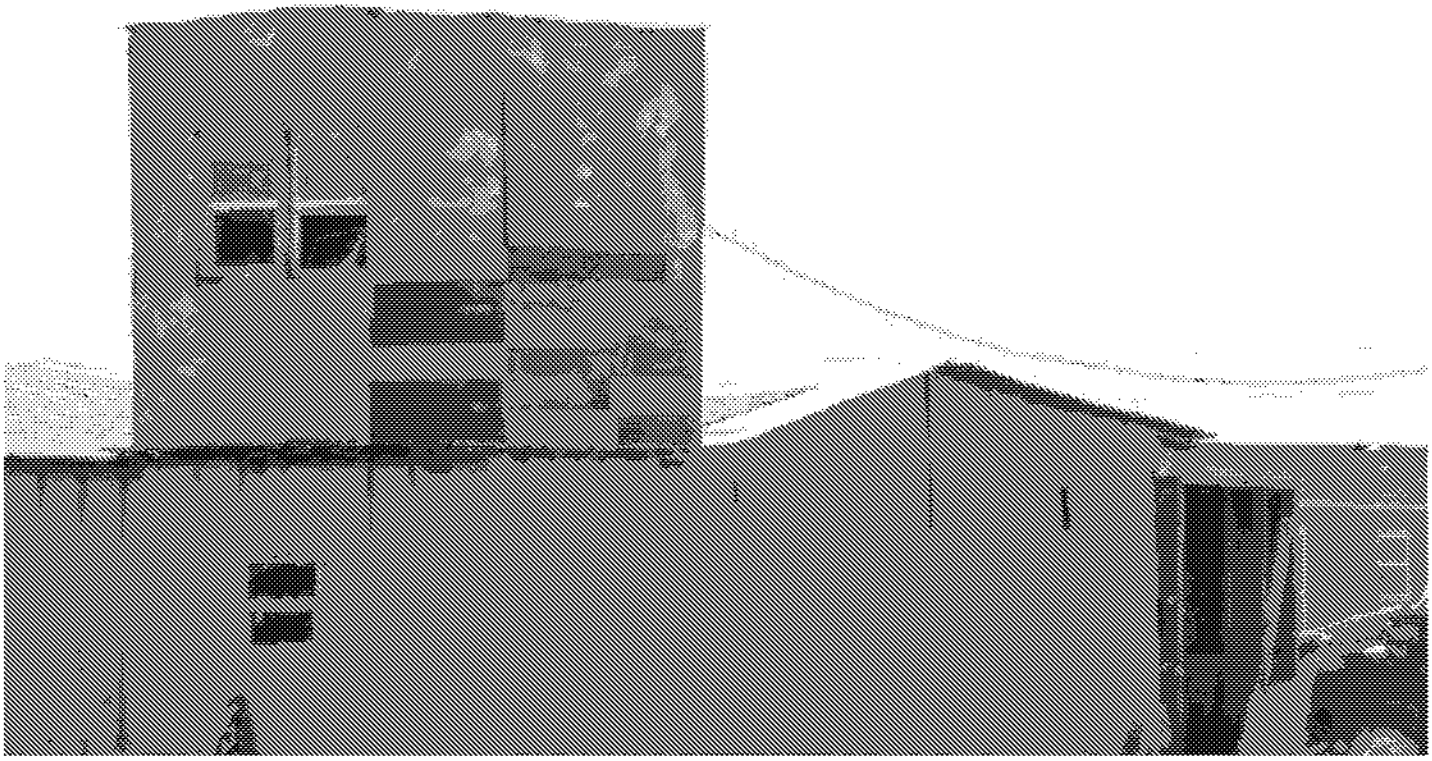

By CBSDFW | Posted: Mon 10:04 AM, Sep 02, 2019 | Updated: Mon 4:29 PM, Sep 02, 2019

ODESSA, Tx. (KTVT) -- Seth Ator was let go from his job at an Odessa trucking company the morning of the shooting, that's according to our CBS Dallas affiliate. This occurred just hours before the shooting took place Saturday afternoon.

At this point in time, sources have confirmed that there is no relation to the motivation behind Ator's actions to shoot.

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Feds search home linked to gun used in Midland-Odessa mass shooting

By: Associated Press & CNN
Posted: Sep 05, 2019 11:42 AM MDT
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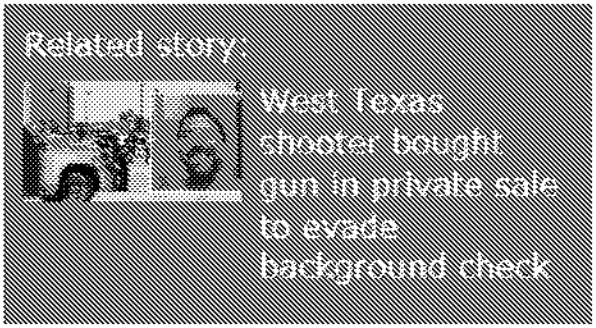
Police respond to last Saturday's shootings in Midland-Odessa.

LUBBOCK, Texas - Federal law enforcement officials say ATF agents have executed a search warrant at the Lubbock home of a man they believe was involved in the "transfer" of an AR-style rifle to the gunman who killed seven people in a Labor Day weekend mass shooting.



The officials familiar with the investigation spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss the ongoing investigation into the shooting rampage that spanned from Midland to Odessa, about 140 miles south of Lubbock.

The home in Lubbock is associated with the alleged seller of the firearm used by the gunman, and officials said federal agents are investigating whether the Lubbock man had been manufacturing firearms.

ATF and FBI spokespeople confirmed the agencies conducted "law enforcement operations" in a residential part of Lubbock but declined to elaborate. No arrests had yet been made.

The investigation into the gun sale highlights one of the loopholes in the patchwork of federal gun laws. Because the sale was a so-called private sale, the seller isn't required to conduct a background check on the buyer, which is required in sales by licensed gun dealers.

Authorities are seeking to determine whether the sale violated federal law, which requires that sellers register as gun dealers if they're buying and selling guns for profit and acting essentially as gun dealers.

The gunman failed a background check during an attempted firearm purchase in 2014 because he had earlier been adjudicated "a mental defective" and temporarily committed to an institution, law enforcement sources said.

Seth Ator, 36, had been committed to an unidentified institution in McLennan County in 2006 because he was deemed a danger to himself and/or others, according to sources. The commitment occurred more than a decade ago.

Still, Ator managed to buy the firearm used in last Saturday's mass shooting within the last couple of years, according to sources. Police said Ator used an AR-15-style rifle. He was killed by police.

"A mental defective" is a term used in federal law to describe one category of people prohibited from purchasing or owning a firearm.

Ator tried to buy a firearm on January 14, 2014, but wasn't allowed to, the Texas Department of Public Safety confirmed. The department is prohibited by law from disclosing the reason he was denied the purchase, the DPS said.

In July 2001, Ator was charged with criminal mischief after breaking a window at the DePaul Center, a psychiatric and drug abuse facility in McLennan County, according to Tom Needham, the county's executive assistant district attorney.

The DePaul Center requested that the charge not be prosecuted, the prosecutor said.

"He paid for the window and apparently they asked that it be dropped," said Needham.

The prosecutor said he could not confirm that Ator was committed to the DePaul Center, only that the criminal mischief charge stemmed from him having broken a window there.

Needham said Ator also was charged with criminal trespass and evading arrest in August 2001. He said Ator received 24 months deferred adjudication probation, drug and alcohol testing as well mandatory attendance at Narcotics Anonymous.

Needham added, "Mental health records are confidential, but I am not aware of any records concerning mental health adjudications or commitments."

In June 2012, Ator was arrested and charged him with public intoxication after he got in a fight, said Larry Adams, assistant chief of police for the Texas city of Woodway.

Adams said witnesses told police Ator had been "drinking all night" and that one person head-butted him, leaving cuts on his face and nose. The charge is a Class C misdemeanor, which Adams said may not show up in court record searches.

Brandon Hart, a former friend of the gunman, said Ator took a knife and swung it at another person at the house. "It was like he just snapped... He became very paranoid and angry," Hart said, adding, "I just thought, wow, that was insane."

Hart said he and others at the party were unable to calm Ator down and that the fighting escalated.

Hart described Ator as "generally reserved and quiet. He didn't seem to have a whole lot of friends." He said Ator was nice but also seemed lonely.

The ATF, the FBI and the Texas DPS are "aggressively following up on" the source that supplied the firearm that Ator used in last weekend's rampage, according to the ATF.

Investigators are still searching for a motive in the mass shooting.

The man showed up to work last Saturday "in a distressed mental state," and was fired, FBI Special Agent in Charge Christopher Combs previously disclosed.

Combs said the firing wasn't the reason for the shooting spree and that he was "already enraged" when he showed up for work.

Ator had been "on a long spiral going down," and he had "probably been in trouble for a while," Combs said.

The shooting began last Saturday when state troopers pulled Ator over for failing to use his turn signal, and Ator began firing at them. Speeding away, he went on to spray bullets as he drove west toward Odessa and into the city. At one point, he hijacked a US Postal Service truck, killing the mail carrier.

Ator was finally stopped in a parking lot after officers rammed the hijacked truck and gunned him down.

https://www.kvia.com/news/texas/feds-search-home-linked-to-gun-used-in-midland-odessa-mass-shooting/1117515972

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FBI confirms investigation at a home in Lubbock

FILE – In this Sept. 1, 2019, file photo, a U.S. Mail vehicle, right, which was involved in Saturday's shooting, sits outside the Cinergy entertainment center in Odessa, Texas. The mass shooting in West Texas spread terror over more than 10 miles (16 kilometers) as the gunman, Seth Aaron Ator, fired from behind the wheel of a car. Ator zigzagged through Midland and Odessa, two closely intertwined cities now brought closer by tragedy. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File)

Posted: Sep 4, 2019 / 06:55 PM CDT / Updated: Sep 4, 2019 / 08:19 PM CDT

LUBBOCK, Texas — The FBI confirms they are at a home in Lubbock, but notes ATF is still the lead investigating agency.

The man who sold the rifle to the Odessa shooter was from Lubbock, according to the Wall Street Journal.

EverythingLubbock has learned that federal agents have raided a home in North Lubbock. We are withholding the address until we have further confirmation.

According to the WSJ, officials have identified a person of interest they suspect of illegally manufacturing and selling the rifle. Officials have not released the name publicly.

Officials said Seth Ator, 36, went on a shooting rampage in Odessa on Saturday August 31, killing 7 and injuring more than 20 others. In addition to the 7, Ator was killed by law enforcement officials following a shootout.

The WSJ reported and EverythingLubbock is looking to independently confirm these reports.

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FBI /ATF investigating after executing search warrant at Lubbock home, apparently in connection with Midland/Odessa shootings

Multiple agencies raid home of suspect possibly related to Odessa shooter

By KCBD Digital | September 4, 2019 at 6:56 PM CDT - Updated September 5 at 6:39 AM

LUBBOCK, Texas (KCBD) - FBI and the ATF are still investigating after serving a search warrant in the 3400 block of Mesa Road in Lubbock, across from the Lubbock Country Club, apparently in connection with the Midland/Odessa shootings from Saturday.

We're still waiting on official confirmation, but we believe this search is related to the manufacture and sale of the AR-15 used in the Midland/Odessa shootings.

The search was conducted around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Wall Street Journal reports that law enforcement is investigating a person of interest in Lubbock, suspected of illegally manufacturing and selling the rifle used in Saturday's mass shooting in Midland/Odessa.

Authorities have not released the man's name, as they seek to question him at his residence

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating how Seth Aaron Ator was able to purchase the AR-15 rifle he used to kill seven people and wound 22 before police shot and killed him.

Ator was prohibited from owning a firearm because a court had previously found him mentally unfit. He had tried to buy a gun back in January 2014 but failed a criminal background check

Officials say the mental health determination was made by a local court and prevented the purchase.

ORIGINAL STORY: Authorities Suspect Man of Making and Selling Gun Used in Texas Shooting

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https://www.kcbd.com/2019/09/04/wsj-gun-used-by-midlandodessa-shooter-made-sold-illegally-by-lubbock-man/

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Report: Law enforcement raid in north Lubbock related to Odessa shooting

By Midland Reporter-Telegram Updated 9:01 pm CDT, Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Photo: Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Odessa and Midland police and sheriff's deputies surround the area behind Cinergy in Odessa where one shooter who stole a mail truck 09/31/19 was detained and killed. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A law enforcement raid of a north Lubbock home reportedly is related to Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa.

Television station KCBD broadcasted what appeared to be a raid, including by ATF agents, Wednesday night. The report referenced a Wall Street Journal report that stated officials "have identified a person of interest they suspect of illegally manufacturing and selling the rifle used in Saturday's mass shooting in West Texas."

The Wall Street Journal adds that authorities were seeking to question the man late Wednesday at his residence.

RELATED: Odessa shooter fired morning of rampage, law enforcement says

On Tuesday, the Associated Press reported that the gunman involved in the shooting that left seven dead obtained his AR-style rifle through a private sale, allowing him to evade a federal background check that blocked him from getting a gun in 2014 because of a "mental health issue."

The Reporter-Telegram previously had reported that the shooter failed background checks during a previous effort to obtain a gun.

https://www.mrt.com/news/article/Report-Law-enforcement-raid-in-north-Lubbock-14414817.php

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El Diario
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Tirador de Texas consiguió rifle en venta privada

Antes le habían negado venta, por "problema de salud mental"

Associated Press
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Odessa, Tx.– El hombre armado en un tiroteo en el oeste de Texas que dejó siete muertos obtuvo su rifle estilo AR a través de una venta privada, lo que le permitió evadir "una revisión de trasfondo federal de problemas de salud mental", dijo un funcionario de la Policía.

El funcionario habló sobre el tema bajo condición de anonimato, porque no estaba autorizada para discutir una investigación en curso. Tampoco detalló cuándo y cómo se realizó la transacción privada.

Los oficiales mataron a Seth Aaron Ator, de 36 años, el sábado frente a una concurrida sala de cine de Odessa después de una ola de violencia que se extendió por 10 millas (16 kilómetros), hiriendo a unas dos docenas de personas además de los muertos. El tirador extendió el terror en la Cuenca Pérmica mientras disparaba indiscriminadamente a su paso hacia vehículos y plazas comerciales. También secuestró un

camión de correo del Servicio Postal, matando a la conductora.

Ator había intentado comprar un arma de fuego en enero de 2014, pero se le negó, dijo el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas en un comunicado el martes. La agencia dijo que estaba impedida por la ley para revelar los motivos, pero un funcionario policiaco dijo que fue por un "problema de salud mental".

Las autoridades dijeron que Ator había sido despedido de su trabajo durante la mañana del día del tiroteo, y que llamó al 911 antes y después de que comenzara el alboroto.

Registros judiciales en línea muestran que Ator fue arrestado en 2001 por un delito menor que no le habría impedido adquirir un arma en Texas. La ley federal determina nueve categorías de personas a las que se les impide poseer una pistola, las cuales incluyen una categoría de violencia doméstica, contar con historial de problemas mentales o tener una orden activa de arresto. Las autoridades han dicho que Ator no tenía órdenes de arresto activas en el momento del tiroteo.

El agente especial del FBI Christopher Combs dijo el lunes que Ator llamó a la línea de información de la agencia y al despacho de la Policía local el sábado después de ser despedido de los Servicios de Journey Oilfield, haciendo "declaraciones vacilantes sobre algunas atrocidades".

Quince minutos después de la llamada al FBI, dijo Combs, un "trooper" (policía) del estado de Texas que no estaba al tanto de las llamadas a las autoridades intentó detener a Ator por no indicar un cambio de carril. Fue entonces cuando Ator apuntó con un rifle de estilo AR hacia la ventana trasera de su automóvil y disparó contra el agente, iniciando una aterradora persecución policial cuando Ator roció balas en autos que pasaban, en las plazas comerciales y mató a una empleada del Servicio Postal mientras secuestraba su camión de correo.

Combs dijo que Ator "se presentó enfurecido" pero no señaló ninguna fuente específica de su enojo.

https://diario.mx/el-paso/tirador-de-texas-consiguio-rifle-en-venta-privada-20190903-1558109.html

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Here are the details on services for the Odessa shooting victims

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A balloon waves in the breeze on Adams Street in Odessa Monday Sept. 2, 2019, part of a memorial to postal worker Mary Granados who was killed there Saturday along with six others. *(Photo: Ronald W. Erdrich/Reporter-News, Abilene Reporter-News - USA TODAY NETWORK)*

Here is a compilation of remembrance and funeral ceremonies for the victims who died in the Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019 shooting rampage in Odessa, Texas.

Edwin Peregrino, 25

The 25-year-old was visiting his parents in Odessa when he went outside to investigate the sound of gunshots and was hit, The Post reported.

► Visitation – 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sept. 5, La Paz Perches Odessa Funeral Homes, 1506 N. Grandview Ave., in Odessa.

► Funeral – 1 p.m., Sept. 6, St Mary's Catholic Church, 612 E. 18th St., in Odessa.

► Burial – to follow funeral, American Heritage Cemetery, 41 Farm-to-Market 1788, in Midland.

Joseph Griffith, 40

The 40-year-old was waiting at a traffic light with his wife and two children when he was fatally shot. Griffith was a math teacher who cared deeply for his students.

► Memorial Service – 1 p.m., Sept. 6, First Baptist Church, 709 N. Lee Ave., Odessa

Kameron Karltess Brown, 30

The 30-year-old had survived the deserts of Afghanistan as a U.S. Army soldier. He had worked at Standard Safety & Supply, a first-aid and fire protection service company based in Odessa.

► Family Visitation – 6-8 p.m., Sept. 11, Heartland Funeral Home, 303 Early Blvd. in Early

► Funeral – 1 p.m. Sept. 12, Victory Life Church, 901 C.C. Woodson Road, Brownwood

► Burial – to follow funeral, Eastland Memorial Park, 1921 Early Blvd., Early

Kameron Brown *(Photo courtesy Heartland Funeral Home obituary)*

Leilah Eliana Hernandez, 15

Leilah Hernandez was killed while the gunman drove through town. The Odessa High School student recently celebrated her quinceañera in May.

► A public viewing will be held on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Odessa from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

► A Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019 at St Mary's Catholic Church, 618 E. 18th St. in Odessa.

► A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 7601 N. Grandview Ave. in Odessa with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery in Midland. Arrangements are by American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory in Midland.

A friend of Leilah Hernandez posted on Facebook about her death in the Odessa shooting. *(Photo: Via Facebook)*

Mary Granados, 29

The 29-year-old was a postal worker killed when the gunman hijacked her USPS van. She was born in Juarez, Mexico, on Dec. 12, 1989, according to a La Paz Perches Odessa Funera Homes post.

► Visitation – 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sept. 5-6, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 301 W. 17th St. in Odessa. There will be a rosary held at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

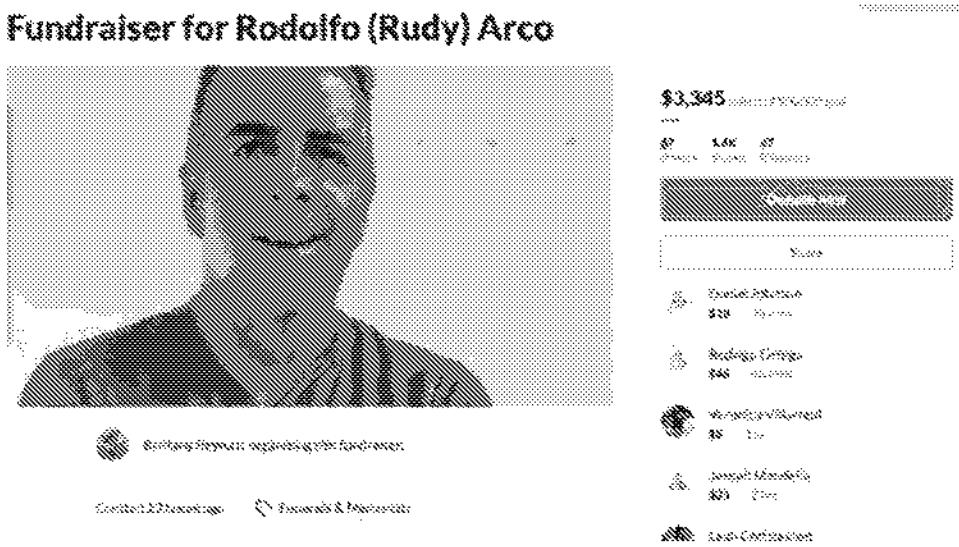
► Funeral – 1 p.m. Sept. 7, La Paz Perches Odessa Funeral Homes, 1506 N. Grandview Ave., in Odessa.

► Burial – to follow funeral, the Ector County Cemetery at the Odessa II Garden., 300 S Dixie Blvd., Odessa.

Candles and a U.S. Postal Service patch lie on the ground Monday Sept. 2, 2019 after a vigil Sunday night at the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa. The service was held in memory of the nearly two dozen shot by a gunman Saturday. Seven were killed, including postal worker Mary Granados. *(Photo: Ronald W. Erdrich/Reporter-News, Abilene Reporter-News - USA TODAY NETWORK)*

Rodolfo "Rudy" Arco, 57

The 57-year-old who owned a trucking company in Odessa, was driving Saturday when three bullets were fired at his truck. Two went through the cab and one came right through the window and killed him instantly, sister Maria Arco said.



Rudy Arco *(Photo: Screenshot via GoFundMe)*

Raul Garcia, 35

The 35-year-old from El Paso, was identified by the city of Odessa as the final victim in Saturday's mass shooting.

Raul Garcia, 35 of El Paso, was shot and killed Aug. 31 in Odessa, Texas after a gunman opened fire on motorists. *(Photo: Courtesy of the Garcia family)*

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A lone gunman fleeing Texas police stalked and shot people over a frenzied hour. Scanner traffic reveals the chaos

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A lone gunman fleeing Texas police stalked and shot people over a frenzied hour. Scanner traffic reveals the chaos that ensued. USA TODAY

MIDLAND, Texas — Going into this Labor Day Weekend, the Midland Police Department had one big concern. Car crashes.

"We're on par to hit 5,000 crashes in 2019," the MPD's Facebook page declared Aug. 27, announcing a maximum enforcement period over the holiday. "We will have 'zero tolerance.'"

Crashes would prove to be the least of the department's concerns come Saturday afternoon, when a traffic stop became a nightmare for the citizens of Midland-Odessa as a lone gunman went on a shooting rampage that left seven dead and 25 wounded.

As the citizens of these oil-rich West Texas cities went about their daily lives — delivering mail, shopping for cars, walking out of their front yards, working as long-distance truckers — death came to town.

The gunman seemed to strike at random, driving in no particular pattern while spraying innocent victims with bullets from his "AR-type" rifle, a weapon he was not technically allowed to own after failed background checks.

A U.S. Mail vehicle, right, which was involved in Saturday's shooting, is pictured outside the Cinergy entertainment center Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, in Odessa, Texas. *(Photo: Sue Ogrocki, AP)*

Just how chaotic things were over roughly one frenzied hour — beginning at 3:13 p.m. CST, when the shooter first was pulled over on the highway, to his death at the hands of police at a movie theater complex — is revealed in Midland Police scanner audio recordings obtained by USA TODAY through Broadcastify.com.

Most of the talk focuses on the growing number of gunshot victims that mushroomed over the hour. Dispatchers and officers soberly guide EMT personnel to an array of highway and residential locations. At one point, a helicopter is requested to fly victims to Abilene, 170 miles east, because local hospitals were struggling to care for the mass casualties.

But what remains as clear as the dedication of first responders is the confusion that existed during the event — a confusion that largely remains as police in both neighboring communities have yet to release detailed information on the gunman's murderous journey.

Particularly apparent on the MPD scanner traffic is that, despite a growing police presence, the shooter's whereabouts often appeared unknown.

That would explain how a man who was fleeing police still managed to stalk and shoot so many people while driving, at first, in his own Toyota, and later, in a hijacked USPS mail van.

'They're shooting right there': Eyewitness video shows Odessa, Midland, Texas shooting

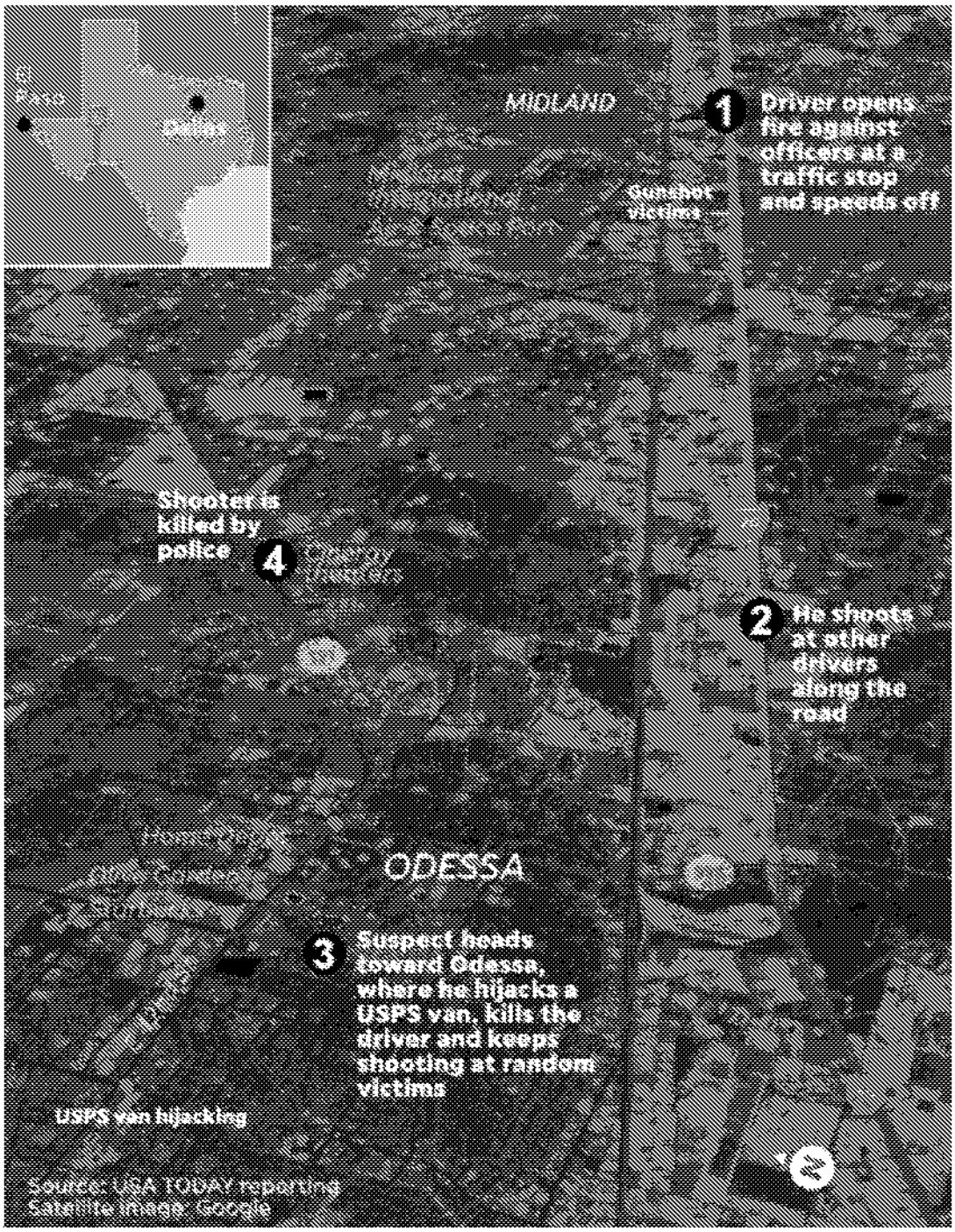
For example, nearly 22 minutes after the gunman was first pulled over by a Texas Department of Public Safety officer, a voice on the scanner says: "Advise my troopers, there is a gentleman here going up and down the freeway shooting people out of his vehicle, that's what's going on."

Then, 13 minutes later: "Do we have updates on this active shooter, is he at Home Depot?"

Shooter took circuitous route

The Midland-Odessa area is a mix of broad freeways and narrow, winding residential areas. The shooter traveled on both during the time he was on the run, perhaps contributing to the inability of officers to pin down his location.

Piecing together the gunman's route based on landmark events over the course of that hour reveals a circuitous route that began with him racing west on Interstate 20, dipping into a maze of residential streets in Odessa and then doubling back east toward Midland on State Highway 191.



Javier Zarracina

Along the way, he fired a rifle at innocent victims both at random and in targeted attacks, as when he killed postal worker Mary Granados, 29, to steal her van.

Odessa and Midland police and sheriff's deputies surround the area behind Cinergy movie theater in Odessa, Texas. *(Photo: Tim Fischer, AP Images)*

To follow along the scanner chatter is to go on an increasingly harrowing audio journey through a day of sudden gun violence, a journey that largely consists of admirably calm professional voices but occasionally is shattered by the screams of a downed officer.

The first sign of something amiss comes at 3:18 pm CST. "Mile marker 131 on the Interstate (20), gunshot victim." That was the DPS trooper, who pulled the gunman over for failing to use a turn signal.

Four minutes later comes the announcement: "Shooter shifting westbound on I-20."

The ensuing 30 minutes is growing bedlam, as reports of more gunshot victims and their status flood in.

"(DPS trooper) was shot in the gut, the lower left gut, troopers are working on him now," says a voice.

"We have one in a ditch." "We've got one to the head for the victim in the 18-wheeler, he is DOS (dead on scene)." "Another gunshot victim is walking around, shot in the arm." "They have transported the patient. He is gone."

The voices are professional, measured. But frustration creeps in quickly. At about 3:35 p.m., more than 20 minutes after the trooper was shot, nerves fray.

"We're getting multiple calls for different victims in different locations." A few minutes later: "I've got people talking on four different channels, I'm not clear on anything, you're all talking."

There is a desperation in the voice, a feeling of wanting to get help as fast as possible to those in need but of being stymied by the ferocious onslaught of horror.

EMT personnel wind up caring for a sobering range of ages, including a 17-month-old girl who would require surgery after a bullet ripped through the car she was riding in. Some would be too late, arriving in the neighborhood after the mail carrier Granados was killed at the very end of her residential route.

The crime scene from a mass shooting in Odessa, Texas, which ended with Seth Ator (inset) being shot dead by police in a stolen mail van. (Sue Ogrocki-AP, FBI mug shot)

A few blocks away, neighbors told USA TODAY, a man who lived across the street from them ventured outside his house when suddenly gunshots rang out.

"I thought he was looking for a dog or something," said Pearl Garcia

Garcia, who works for an insurance company and lives in a working class neighborhood at 38th and Walnut in Odessa, said the man yelled: "No! No!" and then began running toward a nearby alley.

When Garcia hurried into the house and told her husband, Raul Ramos, what she had seen, Ramos said he'd just heard gunshots. He went outside and told her to stay in the house with their children.

Confusion, one shooter or two?

During this window of time, reports about the shooter are sparse and, in hindsight, erroneous. The biggest misconception, likely born out of the shooter hijacking the USPS van, was there were two individuals on the loose.

At 3:40 p.m. comes the report: "We have more than one shooter with a long gun." Ten minutes later, after one voice mentions a mail van stolen at a specific location in Odessa, comes the message: "Apparently there's a second vehicle, with multiple shooters."

Scene outside the Cinergy movie theater in Odessa, Texas, where a gunman was killed in a shootout with police, authorities say. *(Photo: Eli Hartman, USA TODAY)*

Ten seconds later, a booming voice practically yells: "Headquarters, if you can get the chief on the radio to tell the news media to shut down Midland!"

That frantic plea reflects the mayhem as EMT personnel treat a growing number of victims seemingly scattered across the two cities and police officials frantically look for both a "white Toyota pickup" and the USPS van.

Calm would not come anytime soon. It would take nearly another 30 minutes for the nightmare to end.

That time frame begins at close to 4 p.m., some 45 minutes after the trooper was shot. The scanner talk suddenly shifts from a dizzying array of locations, including a Home Depot where shots were reportedly fired, to the location that would prove to be the end of the line for the shooter: the city's Cinergy movie complex on State Highway 191.

"Go, go, go!" a voice yells.

About eight minutes later, someone says "If you're at Cinergy pair up with OPD (Odessa Police Department), so we have comms (communications)."

Not much for a minute. Someone reports, "We're still looking for the mail carrier (van)."

Ten seconds later, the scanner erupts: "We've got shots fired at MCH Wellness Center," just a few hundred yards from Cinergy. "Suspect vehicle heading westbound."

Scene outside the Cinergy movie theater in Odessa, Texas where a gunman was killed in a shootout with police. Five people were killed and 21 people were injured in a shooting on Saturday, Aug 31, 2019 in Odessa and Midland, Texas. *(Photo: Eli Hartman, for USA TODAY)*

Twenty seconds later comes a scream from an officer: "Help, I'm hit, I'm hit, headquarters," followed by the distinctive pops of gunfire." A pause, then, "Shots fired! Shots fired! Cinergy."

Within 10 minutes, the ordeal would end. Officers ask if there are "other shooters we are looking for right now?" "Negative," comes a reply that also speaks to the enduring confusion. "I believe these are going to be our individuals."

Finally, at 4:18 p.m., roughly an hour after the madness started, a voice says, "Active shooter will be in white mail truck, a postal truck."

Two minutes later, the crackling scanner recording delivers the confirmation.

"Cinergy in Odessa on 191, one suspect down in custody."

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ABC NEWS

Gun law loophole allowed Odessa mass shooting suspect to buy AR-type assault rifle: Sources

By MATT GUTMAN and BILL HUTCHINSON [illegible]

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The suspect who allegedly gunned down seven people and injured more than 20 in a Labor Day weekend massacre in western Texas appeared to have exploited a loophole in federal gun regulations to obtain the AR-type assault rifle he used in the rampage, multiple law enforcement sources told ABC News on Tuesday.

Suspected mass shooter Seth Aaron Ator, 36, who was killed by police, was able to get his hands on the weapon through a private sale despite being considered a "prohibited person" barred by law from possessing a firearm because he had been diagnosed by a clinician as mentally ill, federal and local law enforcement sources said.

Under federal law, a gun seller may not sell a weapon if he or she knows the buyer has been flagged by law enforcement but is not obligated to conduct a background check or even ask the purchaser's status to own a weapon.

John Wester, a special agent for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, confirmed that Ator had previously failed a firearms background check.

"The background check was run through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The NIC system did work. He applied to get a gun. He was denied a gun," Wester said at a news conference on Monday, but declined to say why Ator was rejected.

Authorities cordon off a part of the sidewalk in Odessa, Texas, after a mass shooting on Aug more »

Sources later told ABC News that Ator was rejected because he was mentally ill.

Ator was terminated from his job at the Journey Oilfield Service in Odessa on Saturday morning, just hours before he allegedly went on a killing spree and minutes before he contacted law enforcement to complain about his employer, Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said at the news conference.

"Right after that firing, he called Odessa Police Department's 911, and so did his employer," Gerke said. "And basically they were complaining on each other because they had a disagreement over the firing."

During the calls to the 911 center and a subsequent call to the FBI National Tip Line, Ator never made any threats of violence, Gerke said

Christopher Combs, special agent in charge of the FBI field office in San Antonio, described the calls Ator made to law enforcement as the "rambling and incoherent" gibberish of someone in "great mental distress." He said Ator complained that the employer who fired him was holding him against his will.

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"Frankly, the dispatchers, the call takers, couldn't figure out what he was talking about," said Combs who added that the FBI tip line gets 800,000 calls a year.

City of Odessa/FBI via AP

Combs said investigators do not believe being dismissed from his job prompted Ator to allegedly commit the massacre.

(MORE: Mass shooter made 'rambling' calls to police, FBI before rampage: Officials)

"He showed up to work in a very distressed mental state. So it's not because he got fired," Combs said. "This did not happen because he was fired. When he showed up to work he was already enraged.

"He was on a long spiral of going down," Combs said. "He didn't wake up Saturday morning and walk into his company and then it happened. He went into that company in trouble. He's probably been in trouble for a while."

(MORE: Latest massacre pushes August US mass shooting deaths to a total of 36)

The shootings unfolded at 3:15 p.m. local time on Saturday, about 15 minutes after Ator called the FBI's National Tip Line, Combs said.

The first victim in the rampage was a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper who pulled the suspect over for failing to signal before making a turn, Gerke said. As the trooper approached the car, Ator allegedly opened fire with an AR-type assault rifle, wounding the trooper, he said.

Gerke said the trooper had no prior knowledge of the phone calls Ator made to law enforcement before pulling the suspect over.

Ator then allegedly drove around in his vehicle randomly firing at victims in 20 different locations, including a car dealership and outside a movie theater, police said.

The victims killed ranged in age from 15 to 57.

One of the victims was Mary Granado, a 29-year-old U.S. Postal Service worker, who Ator allegedly shot to death during a carjacking, Gerke said.

The suspect allegedly ditched his car and stole Granado's postal service van after killing her, Gerke said. He continued driving around the Odessa area, firing at people at random, the chief said.

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The alleged killer then sped toward the Cinergy center, a local entertainment complex that includes a cineplex and a laser-tag range.

Gerke said the carnage could have been much worse had the police not killed Ator before he got inside a crowded movie theater.

A cellphone video taken by a witness showed the suspect speeding toward a police roadblock outside the theater before a police officer in a marked SUV rammed the stolen postal van on the driver's side, causing it to spin out and stop. Within seconds, police opened fire on the van, killing the driver inside, Gerke said.

Gerke said the motive for the shooting may never be known because Ator is no longer alive to answer questions.

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Authorities Suspect Man of Making and Selling Gun Used in Texas Shooting

Law-enforcement officials suspect Lubbock, Texas, man sold rifle to assailant in a private sale

Seven people have died and more than a dozen were injured in the West Texas cities of Midland and Odessa after a shooter began randomly firing at people Saturday. PHOTO: MARK ROGERS/Odessa American/ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Dan Frosch, Sadie Gurman and Zusha Elinson

Updated Sept. 4, 2019 8:13 pm ET

Law-enforcement officials said they have identified a person of interest they suspect of illegally manufacturing and selling the rifle used in Saturday's mass shooting in West Texas.

Authorities were in the process of investigating the Lubbock, Texas, man, whose identity they haven't released, and were seeking to question him late Wednesday at his residence, officials said.

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ATF, FBI raid home in Lubbock, sources say connected to Odessa mass shooting

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LUBBOCK, Texas — The man who sold a rifle to the Odessa mass shooter was from Lubbock, according to the Wall Street Journal. The WSJ made that report late Wednesday.

Additionally, a producer with ABC News tells EverythingLubbock that ABC independently confirmed from law enforcement sources that a search warrant was executed in Lubbock related to the Odessa shooting.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesperson on Wednesday night said he "can confirm that the FBI was one of multiple law enforcement agencies conducting lawful activity at a residence in Lubbock. ATF is still the lead on this one."

An online search of court records has not revealed charges in connection with this case.

The search was in the 3400 block of Mesa Road.

Lubbock Police said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives called LPD and asked for uniformed officers to be on scene. A spokesman for LPD said even Lubbock Police officers were not told what the raid was for.

A photojournalist on the scene said he saw agents move two cars out of the view of the media. A second photojournalist at the scene saw agents going through a pickup truck and a house. That second photojournalist also said that police had blocked off access to the house from multiple directions in that neighborhood.

A federal agent searching a vehicle. We have not confirmed that this is connected to the Odessa shooting.

According to the WSJ, officials have identified a person of interest they suspect of illegally manufacturing and selling the rifle. Officials have not released the name publicly.

One of the authors of the WSJ piece said on Twitter that ATF are "currently seeking to question [the person of interest] at his home."

Officials previously said Seth Ator, 36, went on a shooting rampage in Odessa on Saturday August 31, killing 7 and injuring more than 20 others. In addition to the seven victims who died, Ator was killed by law enforcement officials following a shootout.

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Seth Ator

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Shooter killed in West Texas after 5 people died, at least 21 injured, police say

By Ralph Ellis and Ed Lavandera, CNN

Updated 5:17 AM ET, Sun September 1, 2019

(CNN) — A gunman in West Texas who went on a shooting spree, killing five people while randomly firing from his vehicle and then from a hijacked mail truck, was shot and killed by police in a gun battle in a movie theater parking lot, authorities said Saturday.

At least 21 people were injured, including three law enforcement officers, Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said at a news conference. A hospital administrator said a child under the age of 2 was hurt and at least seven people were in critical condition.

Gerke identified the shooter as a white male in his 30s. His name and a motive were not given.

The shooter fired into several vehicles, including this truck off I-20 between Odessa and Midland, Texas.

The shooter fired into several vehicles, including this truck off I-20 between Odessa and Midland, Texas.

The rampage began about 3:13 p.m. CT (4:13 p.m. ET) when two Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle on Interstate 20 westbound, DPS Lt. Elizabeth Carter said.

Before that vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver and only occupant pointed a rifle toward his rear window and fired several shots toward the DPS patrol unit, wounding one of the troopers, Carter said.

Gerke said the driver traveled west into Odessa and shot another person, then continued through the city where "there were multiple victims," the chief said. Devin Sanchez, a spokesman for the City of Odessa, said someone in a gold vehicle was driving around shopping centers and shooting people from his vehicle.

The shooter abandoned his vehicle, stole a mail truck and shot at more people, Gerke said. During the confusing moments of the pursuit, authorities thought there might be two shooters firing from two vehicles.

The shooter drove toward the Cinergy movie theater, where he and police officers exchanged gunfire in the parking lot and the man was killed, the chief said.

Witness to the shooting

'Surreal' video captures gunfire in Odessa, Texas 02:18

Alex Wood said he drove up to the theater complex and saw a large number of police vehicles.

"When we had arrived about five minutes before the shooting had begun, I had no clue the shooter was even there," Woods told CNN. "There was just police everywhere and there was a bunch of people behind the theater in the field walking and next thing you know this gunfire is going off."

"Next thing you know, I hear a pop, so, I flip the camera to where the theaters at and I just see a bunch of gunfire going off," Woods said.

"I could see the officer walking up to the mail van and discharging his weapon into it, and I believe that is when the shooter was killed."

Gerke said the injured three law enforcement officers included one from the Department of Public Safety, one from the Midland Police Department and one from Odessa Police Department. Carter said the trooper was in serious but stable condition, and the two other officers were in stable condition at a local hospital.

Medical Center Health System President and CEO Russell Tippin said 13 patients were transported to Medical Center Hospital of Odessa. He had earlier said 14 patients came to the hospital.

One of the people was believed to be a patient "caught in the action" and "not related" to the shootings, Tippin said. Seven people were in critical condition, two in serious condition and two were treated and released, he said. One patient was a child under the age of 2 who was transferred to another hospital. One patient died.

Shooting happened four weeks after El Paso

Law enforcement officers surround the Cinergy movie theater in Odessa, Texas.

This is the second mass shooting in Texas in August. Only four weeks ago, a gunman killed 22 people in a mass shooting in El Paso, about 285 miles west of Odessa. Politicians quickly responded.

President Trump tweeted, "Just briefed by Attorney General Barr about the shootings in Texas. FBI and Law Enforcement is fully engaged. More to follow."

Vice President Mike Pence told reporters, "Our hearts go out to all the victims and families who had loved ones lose their lives."

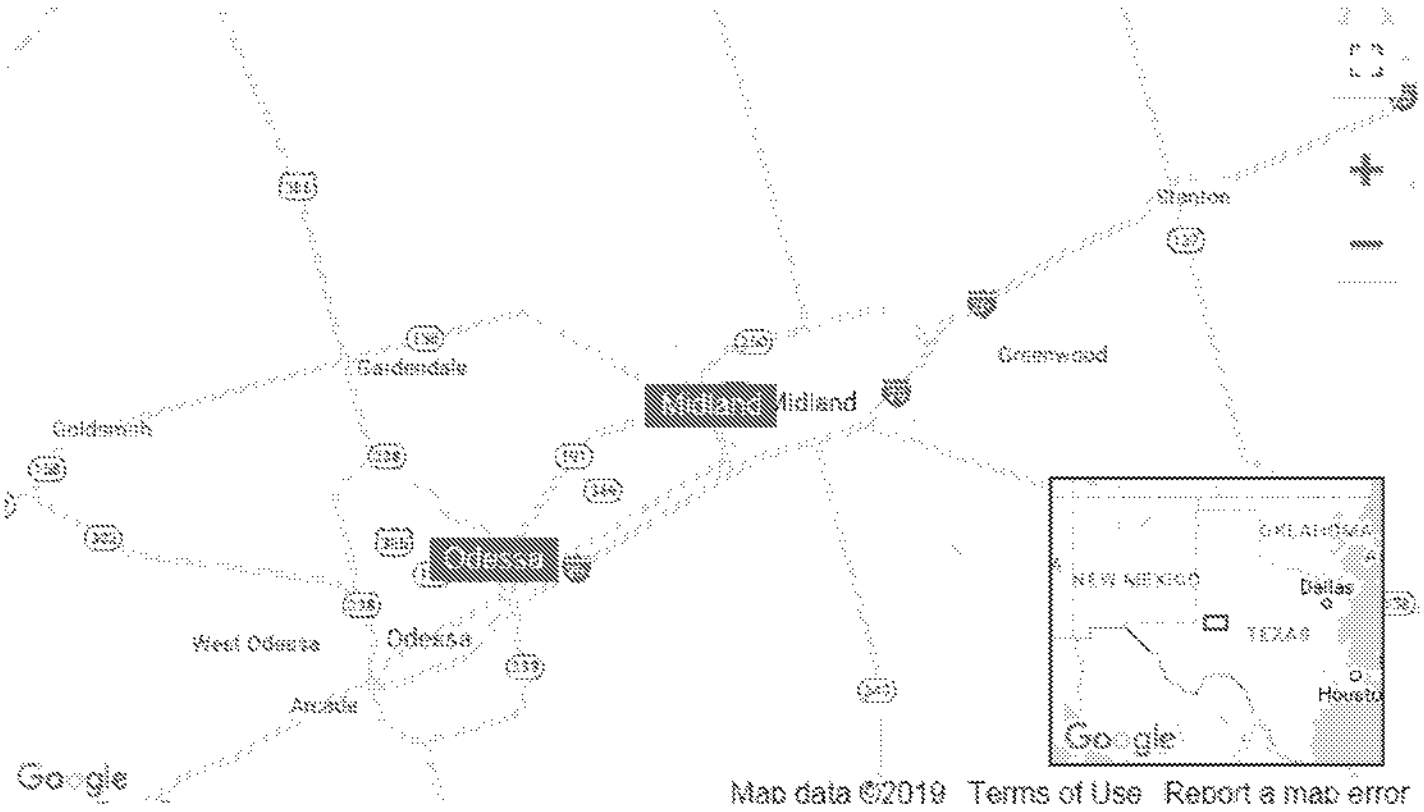
Pence said he and the President are "determined to work with leaders in both parties in congress to take steps that we can address and confront this scourge of mass atrocity in our country."

Democratic presidential candidate and Texas native Beto O'Rourke on Saturday reacted to news of this mass shooting by proclaiming, "We need to end this epidemic."

"Our hearts are with Midland, Odessa, and everyone in West Texas who has to endure this again. More information is forthcoming, but here's what we know: We need to end this epidemic," he tweeted.

FBI and other agencies responding

Live updates on this shooting



A law enforcement official told CNN that agents from the FBI's Midland office are responding to assist with the incident. The Midland office is a satellite office of the FBI's El Paso division.

The US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Dallas tweeted that agents would respond to the shooting.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott released a statement Saturday, saying:

"The First Lady and I are heartbroken over this senseless and cowardly attack, and we offer our unwavering support to the victims, their families, and all the people of Midland and Odessa. The state of Texas and the Department of Public Safety are working closely with local law enforcement to provide resources as needed and deliver justice for this heinous attack."

Cinergy Entertainment Group, which operates five entertainment centers in Texas and Oklahoma, said in a statement Saturday it is "grateful for the swift response from local authorities and first responders throughout the Midland/Odessa community."

CNN's Amanda Watts, Josh Campbell, Matthew Hilk and Carma Hassan contributed to this report.

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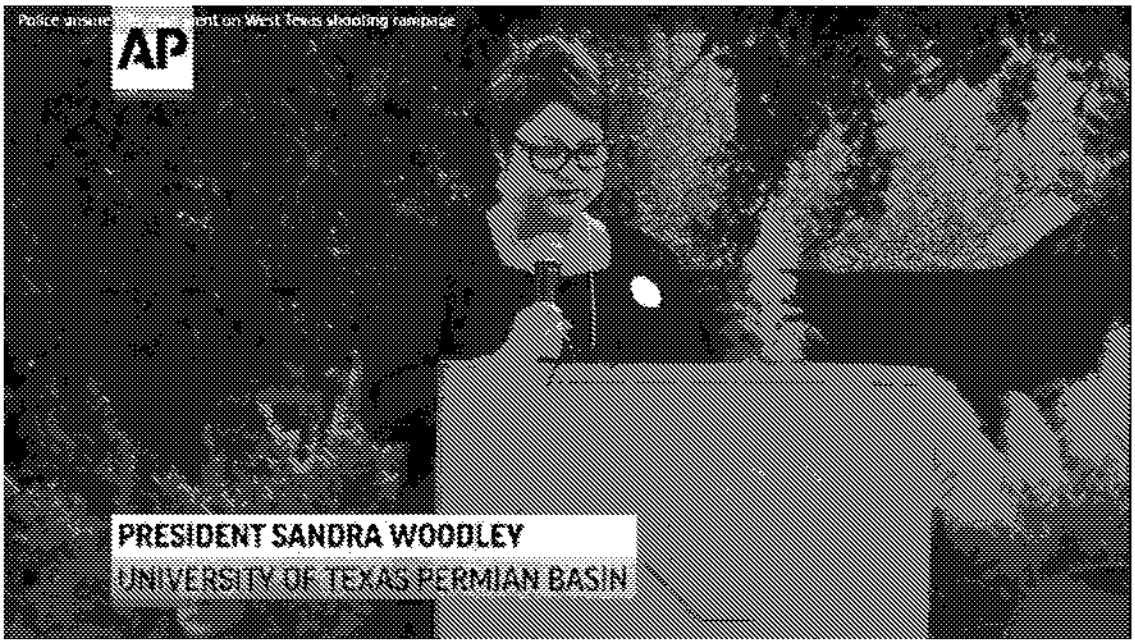
FBI: West Texas gunman 'was on a long spiral of going down'

By PAUL J. WEBER and JAKE BLEIBERG, Associated Press 38 mins ago



ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The gunman in a West Texas rampage "was on a long spiral of going down" and had been fired from his oil services job the morning he killed seven people, calling 911 both before and after the shooting began, authorities said Monday.

Officers killed 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator on Saturday outside a busy Odessa movie theater after a spate of violence that spanned 10 miles (16 kilometers), injuring at least 25 people in addition to the dead, authorities said.

FBI special agent Christopher Combs said Ator called the agency's tip line as well as local police dispatch on Saturday after being fired from Journey Oilfield Services, making "rambling statements about some of the atrocities that he felt that he had gone through."

"He was on a long spiral of going down," Combs said. "He didn't wake up Saturday morning and walk into

his company and then it happened. He went to that company in trouble."

Fifteen minutes later, Combs said, a Texas state trooper unaware of those calls tried pulling over Ator for failing to signal a lane change. That was when Ator pointed an AR-style rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired on the trooper, starting a terrifying police chase as Ator sprayed bullets into passing cars, shopping plazas and killed a U.S. Postal Service employee while hijacking her mail truck.

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Mira Marquez, of Midland, Texas, folds her hands in prayer during a prayer service, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, in Odessa, Texas, for the victims of a shooting spree the day before. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

Combs said Ator "showed up to work enraged" but did not point to any specific source of his anger. But Combs described the Ator's home on the outskirts of Odessa as a "strange residence" that reflected "what his mental state was going into this." Combs said he did not know whether Ator had been diagnosed with any prior mental health problems.

More than 20 people were injured in the daylight attack over the Labor Day holiday weekend, which came just weeks after another mass shooting killed 22 people in the Texas border city of El Paso. Authorities have not said how Ator obtained the gun used in the shooting, but Ator had previously failed a federal background check for a firearm, said John Wester, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Wester did not say when Ator failed the background check or why.

Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted Monday that "we must keep guns out of criminals' hands" — words similar to his remarks that followed the El Paso shooting on Aug. 3, when he said firearms must be kept from "deranged killers." But Abbott, a Republican and avid gun rights supporter, has been noncommittal about tightening Texas gun laws.

Abbott tweeted that Ator didn't go through a background check for the weapon he used in Odessa. He did not elaborate, and a spokesman referred questions to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which didn't immediately respond for comment.

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said Ator's company also called 911 on Saturday after Ator was fired but that Ator had already taken off by the time police showed up.

"Basically, they were complaining on each other because they had a disagreement over the firing," Gerke said.

Authorities said those killed were between 15 and 57 years old but did not immediately provide a list of names. Family and employers, however, said that among the dead were Edwin Peregrino, 25, who ran out of his parents' home to see what the commotion was; mail carrier Mary Granados, 29, slain in her U.S. Postal Service truck; and 15-year-old high school student Leilah Hernandez, who was walking out of an auto dealership.

Ator fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities more than 300 miles (482 kilometers) west of Dallas. Police used a marked SUV to ram the mail truck outside the Cinergy Movie Theater in Odessa, disabling the vehicle. The gunman then fired at police, wounding two officers before he was killed.

Police said Ator's arrest in 2001 was in the county where Waco is located, hundreds of miles east of Odessa. Online court records show he was charged then with misdemeanor criminal trespass and evading arrest. He entered guilty pleas in a deferred prosecution agreement where the charge was waived after he served 24 months of probation, according to records.

The weekend shooting brings the number of mass killings in the U.S. so far this year to 25, matching the number in all of 2018, according to The AP/USATODAY/Northeastern University mass murder database. The number of people killed this year has already reached 142, surpassing the 140 people who were killed of all last year. The database tracks homicides where four or more people are killed, not including the offender.

Weber reported from Austin. Associated Press journalists Jeff Karoub in Detroit; Eric Tucker, Michael Balsamo, Meghan Hoyer and Michael Biesecker in Washington; and Tim Talley in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.

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Odessa TX shooting brings gun control to political center stage

The shooting in Odessa, Texas comes as Congress prepares to return from recess when it will have the opportunity to confront gun violence. Will Congress act? Joy Reid and her panel discuss.

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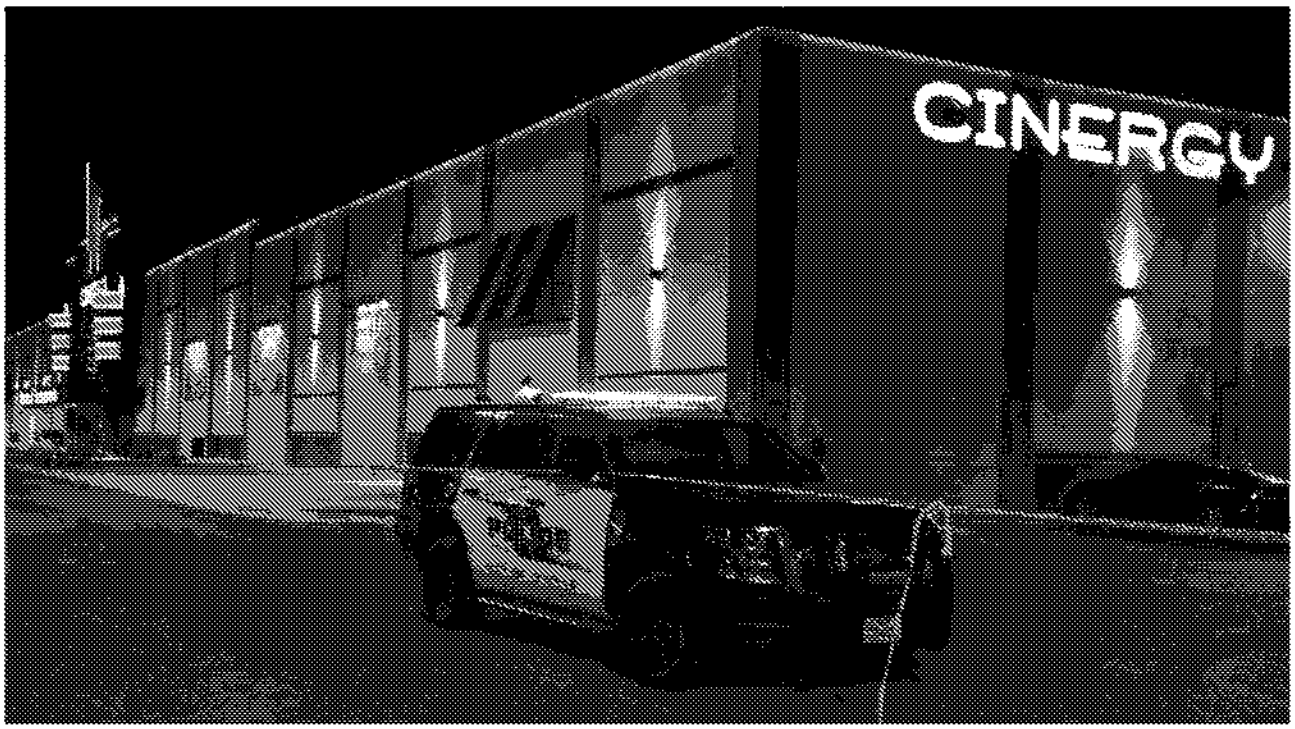


AP

One of the scenes in the Odessa shooting.

Police in Odessa, Texas, have confirmed that the gunman responsible for the deadly shooting rampage in Odessa and Midland, Texas on Saturday, August 31, acted alone. The gunman was taken down by officers after he had shot multiple innocent people as he drove through the two cities yesterday.

Police confirmed that seven victims were killed. More than 20 others were injured.

Officers had initially been searching for two possible shooters when the attacks were first reported. In a news conference Sunday afternoon, Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke stated that he "refused" to speak the gunman's name.

The shooting began as a traffic stop on Interstate 20 between Odessa and Midland. Officials confirmed at the press conference that the gunman was pulled over for a traffic violation, specifically for "failing to signal." They also confirmed the suspect has a criminal history. The gunman has an Ector County address. Officials added that there was not an active warrant for the man at the time of the traffic stop.

The gunman fired an AR-style rifle as he drove, eventually ending up at the Cinergy movie theater in Odessa. A gun battle ensued with officers there, and that is where the suspect was shot and killed.

Chief Gerke added that the suspect was a white male in his 30s. Officials believe they have identified the gunman. A motive has not been determined.

Here's what you need to know.

The Shooting Rampage Began as a Traffic Stop; The Gunman Was Armed With an AR-Style Rifle

The Texas Department of Public Safety warned drivers to avoid I-20 in Odessa, Midland and Spring Spring on Saturday afternoon as initial reports of potentially multiple shooters started to come in. Midland Police confirmed that they were looking for a suspect driving a gold or white-colored Toyota vehicle.

We now know that troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety pulled over the driver in the gold vehicle. Before the vehicle had even come to a complete stop, the gunman pointed an AR-style rifle out the rear window and fired, shooting one of the troopers, before fleeing the scene. Officials have since shared that the trooper is expected to make a full recovery.

The gunman continued to fire at random people as he drove. He eventually abandoned the gold vehicle and hijacked a United States Postal Service truck, which had been driven by a postal worker identified as Mary Granados. She was among the victims killed.

Odessa Police first shared via social media that the suspect in the U.S. mail truck had stolen the vehicle after abandoning his first vehicle. This switch contributed to the confusion about whether there were multiple shooters.

The gunman was shooting at random people as he drove. He ended up at a movie complex in Odessa called Cinergy. Police have not publicly speculated as to why the shooter traveled in that direction or whether he may have been planning a larger attack.

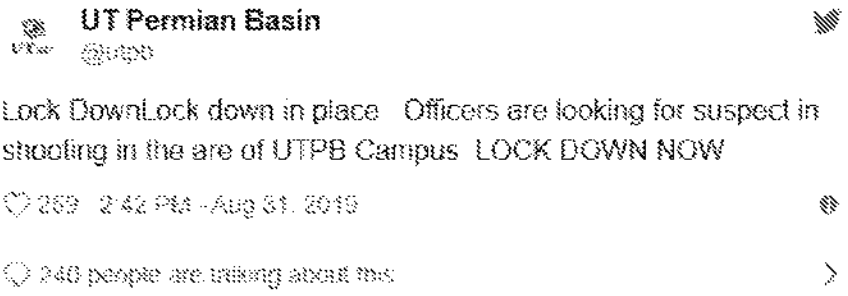
Law enforcement cornered the suspect in the parking lot of the Cinergy theater. This sparked a gun battle and the suspect was shot and killed by officers.

Officials said there were no more reports of additional injuries after this suspect was killed, which helped lead to the conclusion that the threat was over.

Earlier Reports of an Active Shooter at a Home Depot in Odessa Turned Out to Be False

Meanwhile, the Midland Police Department had also reported that they were investigating reports of an active shooter at the Home Depot in Odessa. Midland and Odessa are located about 20 miles away from each other. Midland Police urged people to "stay away from the area and stay in your homes."

Home Depot later told Heavy, "there was not a shooting in our store in Odessa (or Midland)."



Early on, the University of Texas in Odessa warned students via social media to get somewhere safe and stay there. The university posted at 4:42 p.m. ET, "Lock DownLock down in place. Officers are looking for suspect in shooting in the are of UTPB Campus. LOCK DOWN NOW."

READ NEXT: **Tributes to the Victims of Odessa & Midland**

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The New York Times

Texas Shooting Leaves 7 Dead and At Least 21 Injured Near Odessa

The attack began at a traffic stop, the authorities said, and the gunman is dead.

Law enforcement officials behind the Cinergy Odessa entertainment complex in Odessa, Tex., where the suspect was confronted by the police and was killed. Stephen Crowe for The Times

By Manny Fernandez, Neil Vigdor and Christopher Mele

Published Aug. 31, 2019
Updated Sept. 1, 2019, 3:08 p.m. ET

HOUSTON — Seven people were killed and at least 21 others were injured in a brazen daylight drive-by mass shooting in the West Texas cities of Midland and Odessa on Saturday, as a gunman drove on the highways and streets opening fire on residents, motorists and shoppers, the authorities said.

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Police Dispatch Tapes Paint Picture of Chaos and Fear in West Texas

BREAKING NEWS By michael.daly@thedailybeast.com (Michael Daly) 1 hr ago

Exactly a month after the El Paso massacre that left 22 people dead, Texas was about to experience a new kind of mass shooter.

The initial report over the Midland police radio came after two Department of Public Safety troopers stopped a white man in his 30s for making a left turn without signaling.

"We got a trooper down, shots fired, needing assistance. 131 westbound," the Midland dispatcher said, referring to mile marker 131 of Interstate 20. She reported that EMS was responding. She also said that more calls of more shooting were coming in.

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Five people were killed after a gunman who hijacked a postal service vehicle in West Texas shot more than 20 people, authorities said Saturday. The gunman was killed and a few law enforcement officers were among the injured.

Pictured: Police cars and tape block off a crime scene where a gunman was shot and killed at Cinergy Odessa movie theater on Aug. 31 in Odessa, Texas.

"We've got a shooter," she said. "We've got shots fired on the line, 911."

"Do we have an active shooter?" a cop inquired.

"The shooter left in a vehicle, Toyota, westbound on I-20," the dispatcher replied.

"What is the status of the trooper?" another cop inquired.

"They're working on the trooper right now," somebody radioed from the scene. "He is talking and responsive. They're going to transport the trooper."

The dispatcher repeated, "Shooter in a Toyota headed westbound," adding, "toward Odessa."

The dispatcher then announced, "We've got a gunshot victim at marker 126."

"Do we have EMS on that one too?" somebody inquired.

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A second ambulance was indeed on the way to mile marker 126 as the wounded trooper was loaded into the first one at mile marker 131.

"They're transporting the trooper to the Memorial now," the dispatcher said meaning Midland Memorial Hospital. "The trooper is en route to the ER."

Somebody asked the status of the other gunshot victim.

"He was shot in the gut, left lower gut," a cop at the scene reported. "Troopers are working on him right now."

More reports of more shooting were coming in and one of the emergency response operators was apparently having trouble keeping up

"Dispatch... we have multiple lines, multiple gunshot victims. I'm doing the best I can."

A field supervisor warned the responding paramedics over the air, "EMS...Make sure you got your vest handy."

Gangs often do drive-by shootings and there have been serial shooters who periodically fire at random motorists one or two at a time. But this was a mass shooter committing mayhem on the move.

"We have an active shooter on the interstate," a cop said.

A moment later, the dispatcher reported, "There's another gunshot victim at mile marker 125."

And then, "Got another gunshot victim at 129. We need an ambulance at 129."

An EMS supervisor instructed an ambulance to go to "another gunshot victim."

"Which one?" a voice replied. "I have four of them on I-20 right now. We're getting multiple calls for multiple victims."

"We got one in a ditch," somebody said.

A cop offered a warning.

"All units...Looks like a .223 round, long rifle."

That meant likely an assault rifle, which would make this mass shooter not so different than other shooters in terms of weaponry. A cop reported on a truck driver who had been found beyond saving.

"Gunshot wound to the head of this victim in his 18- wheeler," the cop reported. "He is DOS [dead on the scene.]"

The cop advised, "There is a gentleman going up and down the interstate right now shooting people. That's what's going on right now."

Another report came from where three people had been shot.

"They've loaded two, headed to the ER. We're now waiting for an ambulance"

"Another gunshot victim," another voice said.

"Another gunshot shot victim," yet another voice said. "We got a gunshot victim walking around, shot in the arm."

A police supervisor radioed an order.

"Anybody in the direction where this guy's possibly headed, I need you to get civilians to cover immediately. I need you to gear up with hard plate [body armor] if you have them, long guns if you got it, but most important, get civilians to cover."

"What's the direction, the direction the suspect is heading?" somebody asked.

"The last update I got, Odessa," the supervisor replied "In case he goes that way, protect your civilians."

An EMS crew reported. "Bringing another gunshot victim to your location in critical condition."

Another EMS member radioed, "My victim said it was a passenger vehicle with a long barrel sticking out the passenger window."

Somebody reported that the suspect might now be in a different vehicle.

"A mail truck," she said, going on emphasize, "a m-a-i-l truck."

One alarmed cop radioed for the whole city of Midland to be put on lockdown.

"Get on the news media, shut down Midland," he said.

But Midland was east.

"Mail truck last seen heading westbound...toward Odessa," the dispatcher noted.

"We just got a report of another gunshot victim at mile marker 126," a voice said.

"Do you have a victim at mile marker 126?" somebody else inquired.

"That's affirmative," a third person replied.

Then came a report of shooting the Cinergy cinema and entertainment center in Odessa.

"Sounds like there's shots inside," a cop radioed.

"You said there are shots inside?" a supervisor asked "Go! Go! Go! Don't wait."

"Laser tag area of Cinergy has been cleared," a cop reported.

"Laser tag is not cleared," somebody reported

So many more victims had already been taken to the hospital in Odessa that ambulances were instructed to take any others to Midland, which was also full, but was preparing to fly the overflow to Lubbock.

"Bring the patients to Midland Memorial," an official said on the radio. "We've got a helicopter coming ...We'll start flying them out."

A voice came on to remind everybody to be on the lookout for the U.S. Postal Service van.

"Active shooting!" a Midland cop radioed a moment later. "Shots fired right now... Suspect vehicle went westbound"

The cop then cried, "I'm hit! I'm hit. Headquarters, I'm hit!"

A moment later, a Midland cop who identified himself by his number, began shouting into his radio.

"1456. SHOTS FIRED! SHOTS FIRED! SHOTS FIRED!

The cops then reported, "He just left the vehicle behind Cinergy."

A supervisor called for the armored car, saying, "Get Bearcat toward Cinergy."

The officer who gave identified himself as 1456, reported he had officers from the Odessa Police Department and the Department of Public Safety with him.

"Do we have any other shooters we're looking for right now?" a supervisor asked.

"Negative," 1456 replied.

"Give me a status on your people," the supervisor said.

1456 was so adrenalized that his response is hard to make out in the recording, but he seemed to say everybody was okay.

"We're going to push on," 1456 then said.

"Don't be in a rush," the supervisor advised. "Make sure you got plenty of personnel and plenty of coverage. We don't need to rush up on this."

The radio was filled with excited shouts.

"Any available units, we have civilians, they're in a bad crossfire," a cop reported. "We need them out."

"Where's the shooter at?" somebody asked.

1456 returned to the the air, calmer, clearer.

"The shooter that I shot at, shot is behind Cinergy," he said. "They're checking on him now. I believe he's going to be DOS."

"One suspect's down, in custody," somebody said, reiterating, "One guy's been shot, and he's down."

Somebody added, "Suspect wearing an orange shirt. White male, behind Cinergy."

Just under an hour after that first report, it was over.

"We're going to need one more ambulance," a voice said.

Five people were dead and at least 21 injured. Three cops had been wounded. The shooter was dead.

A supervisor announced on the radio, "DPS advises there's no active shooter right now in Odessa."

Read more at The Daily Beast.

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Here's What We Know About the Victims of the Odessa Mass Shooting

The Medical Center Hospital where victims of a mass shooting are being treated is seen on August 31, 2019 in Odessa, Texas. *Omar Vega / Getty Images*

BY JASMINE AGUILERA 12:47 PM EDT

At least seven people died following a mass shooting in Odessa, Texas, on Saturday.

The Odessa Police Department confirmed to the Associated Press and other media outlets that the death toll rose from 5 to 7 Sunday morning. Officials initially said 21 people were injured.

The latest mass shooting to unsettle a nation still reeling from the El Paso and Dayton shootings a month earlier unfolded on Saturday afternoon when Texas authorities said a white man in his mid-30s opened fire on a Texas state trooper after a traffic stop on I-20, a highway that stretches between Midland and Odessa. The shooter went on to open fire in Odessa, and at some point apparently stole a postal service vehicle after abandoning his own car, according to the Odessa police.

One victim was identified as a student in the Ector County Independent School District. Among those shot were officers from the Midland Police Department, the Odessa Police Department and the state trooper; all three are reported to have survived the shooting. A 17-month-old child was also shot and flown to a hospital in Lubbock, where she is expected to recover.

Four people were treated at the Odessa Regional Medical Center, and 13 at the Medical Center Hospital.

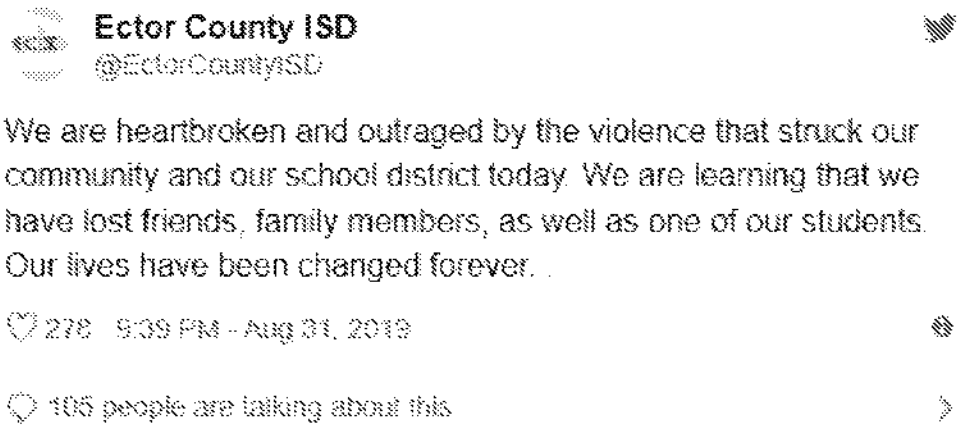
"First and foremost, our hearts at Medical Center Hospital are broken," said Medical Center Health System CEO & President, Russell Tippin in a public statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families on this tragic day. It is a day West Texas will never forget and we urge this community and the nation to come together in prayer."

Here's what we know about the victims of Saturday's shooting.

A student at Ector County ISD

On Saturday, the Ector County Independent School District said in a series of tweets that one of the victims was a student at an Ector school. TIME does not yet know the age, or any other identifying information about the student. In response to TIME's request for comment, a communications officer with the school district said they were unable to share further details about the victim, but added "we are working through this situation and releasing more later."

"Our district stands ready to commit all of our resources to help our community heal from this horrific tragedy," the district said via Twitter. "Our unity will be the key to recovering from this terrible act. Together, we are stronger."



A U.S. Postal Service employee

The shooter, who has not been identified, is believed to have hijacked a U.S. Postal Service vehicle as he continued his rampage on Saturday. Odessa Police Chief Mike Gerke told reporters he believed one of the victims was the driver of the postal service vehicle.

The U.S. Postal Service has not responded to TIME's request for comment.

Here's what we know about those injured

A 17-month-old child is believed to be among those shot on Saturday. According to a GoFundMe account set up by a woman who identified herself as a friend of the family, the child was flown to Lubbock, Texas, for treatment, while her parents followed in a car. The child suffered from shrapnel in her right chest and a hole through her lower lip and tongue, according to a message from the child's mother posted in the fundraiser. The mother added that the child's teeth were also "knocked out."

"She is alive. When others today are not alive," wrote the mother. "I ask you to continue praying for our hearts as we experience this, pray for complete healing of Anderson, pray for every other family in our same situation, or worse, today and pray for the shooters. Pray that whatever is causing them to do this will be defeated by God and they will stop shooting."

According to another GoFundMe account created by a woman who says she is family, Midland Police Officer Zack Owens was among those shot on Saturday.

Abagail McCullough, who identified herself as the wife of one of Owens' cousins, said Owens was shot multiple times in the arm and hand, and is suffering from glass shards in his eye, his most serious injury. "Please keep Zack in your prayers as we don't know the outcome of the situation at this time," she wrote.

Write to Jasmine Aguilera at jasmine.aguilera@time.com.

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THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Death toll in Midland-Odessa mass shooting climbs to eight, including the shooter

> Officials say the shooting began with a traffic stop in which the gunman shot a state trooper. A U.S. postal worker whose vehicle was hijacked has been confirmed as one of the victims.

BY ACACIA CORONADO AND ALEX SAMUELS AUG. 31, 2019 UPDATED: 4 HOURS AGO

In this image taken from a social media video, people were evacuated from an Odessa theater after a mass shooting Saturday. Rick Lobo via REUTERS

The death toll in Saturday's mass shooting in Midland and Odessa climbed to eight Sunday morning, including the alleged shooter, according to CBS 7 in Midland.

Nineteen others were injured before the shooter was shot and killed at Cinergy Cinemas in Odessa, police said.

The station identified one of the victims as postal worker Mary Granados, whose postal van was hijacked by the shooter during the rampage. Ector County ISD, located in Odessa, tweeted late Saturday that one of their students died in the shooting. The district didn't name the student.

"We are heartbroken and outraged by the violence that struck our community and our school district today," the tweet read. "We are learning that we have lost friends, family members, as well as one of our students. Our lives have been changed forever."

According to officials, the shooting started just after 3 p.m. in Midland during a traffic stop.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said that two state troopers pulled over a lone male driver, who then grabbed a rifle and pointed it out the window, opened fire and wounded an officer. He then began shooting at civilians and police, wounding two police officers — one from Odessa and one from Midland — who exchanged gunfire with the shooter at the movie theater.

The trooper is in serious but stable condition, and the two police officers are in stable condition at a local hospital, according to DPS. According to CBS 7, the Midland police officer has been identified as Zach Owens.

The shooter, a white male in his mid-30s whose name has not been released, eventually ditched his car, hijacked the Postal Service vehicle and continued to open fire, Odessa police Chief Michael Gerke said.

"Please understand this is not just an Odessa Police Department, Midland Police Department and Department of Public Safety thing," Gerke said during a press conference. "This was a joint effort by a multiple of departments to find this animal and bring him to justice."

Midland Mayor Jerry Morales told *The New York Times* that the shooter fired as he drove on Interstate 20 and Highway 191. During the shooting, DPS encouraged people in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring to remain indoors, while Midland police posted a warning on the department's Facebook page: "A subject (possibly 2) is currently driving around Odessa shooting at random people. At this time there are multiple gunshot victims. The suspect just hijacked a U.S. mail carrier truck and was last seen in the area of 38th and Walnut. Everyone is encouraged to get off the road and use extreme caution! All law enforcement is currently searching for the suspect and more information will be released as soon as it becomes available."

At a press conference from Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, CEO Russell Tippin said 13 victims were transported to the hospital and one died after arrival. He said seven patients were in critical condition Saturday evening, two were in serious condition, an infant was airlifted to another hospital, and two people were treated and released.

"Pray for the victims," Tippin said. "If you hear my voice, hug your families."

By Sunday morning, one person remained in critical condition, while another three were in serious condition and seven were in fair condition, according to CBS 7.

It was the second mass shooting in Texas this month. Saturday's shooting happened exactly four weeks after a deadly Saturday shooting at an El Paso Walmart — nearly 300 miles west of Midland-Odessa — that left 22 dead and more than two dozen wounded. The gunman in that shooting was arrested and charged with capital murder.

In a tweet, state Rep. Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa, encouraged his constituents to stay in their homes until the situation was resolved.

"The tragic situation unfolding in Odessa is serious," he said. "I've been in contact with DPS officials, the Speaker and the Governor, and we are working to help in any way possible. In the meantime, please pray for the victims."

Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement that he will be traveling to Odessa on Sunday.

"The First Lady and I are heartbroken over this senseless and cowardly attack, and we offer our unwavering support to the victims, their families, and all the people of Midland and Odessa," Abbott said. "I thank the first responders who have acted swiftly and admirably under pressure, and I want to remind all Texans that we will not allow the Lone Star State to be overrun by hatred and violence. We will unite, as Texans always do, to respond to this tragedy."

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz released a statement that he and his wife, Heidi, are heartbroken by the attack and are "lifting up in prayer all the victims, their families, and the entire Midland-Odessa community.

"We are thankful for the law enforcement officers who heroically risked their lives and acted swiftly to stop the shooter and save others," Cruz said. "Their courage helped prevent even more senseless deaths, and we honor their tireless commitment to protecting us all. We Texans are standing together tonight united against all forms of hatred and violence."

Both Texans in the presidential race, Julián Castro and Beto O'Rourke, also released statements.

"Heartbreaking news out of Odessa and Midland, Texas as police search for an active shooter at-large," Castro tweeted. "Stay indoors and monitor news alerts and safety protocols."

"Our hearts are with Midland, Odessa, and everyone in West Texas who has to endure this again," O'Rourke said. "More information is forthcoming, but here's what we know: We need to end this epidemic."

President Donald Trump tweeted that he had been briefed by Attorney General William Barr about the shootings and the "FBI and Law Enforcement is fully engaged."

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Shooting Texas

People attend a memorial service for the victims of a shooting spree the day before, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, in Odessa, Texas. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The gunman in a West Texas rampage "was on a long spiral of going down" and had been fired from his oil services job the morning he killed seven people, calling 911 both before and after the shooting began, authorities said Monday.

Officers killed 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator on Saturday outside a busy Odessa movie theater after a spate of violence that spanned 10 miles (16 kilometers), injuring at least 25 people in addition to the dead, authorities said.

FBI special agent Christopher Combs said Ator called the agency's tip line as well as local police dispatch on Saturday after being fired from Journey Oilfield Services, making "rambling statements about some of the atrocities that he felt that he had gone through."

"He was on a long spiral of going down," Combs said. "He didn't wake up Saturday morning and walk into his company and then it happened. He went to that company in trouble."

Fifteen minutes after the call to the FBI and 911, Combs said, a Texas state trooper unaware of those calls tried pulling over Ator for failing to signal a lane change. That was when Ator pointed an AR-style rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired on the trooper, starting a terrifying police chase as Ator sprayed bullets into passing cars, shopping plazas and killed a U.S. Postal Service employee while hijacking her mail truck.

Combs said Ator "showed up to work enraged" but did not point to any specific source of his anger. But Combs described Ator's home on the outskirts of Odessa as a "strange residence" that reflected "what his mental state was going into this." Combs said he did not know whether Ator had been diagnosed with any prior mental health problems.

More than 20 people were injured in the daylight attack over the Labor Day holiday weekend, which came just weeks after another mass shooting killed 22 people in the Texas border city of El Paso. Authorities have not said how Ator obtained the gun used in the shooting, but Ator had previously failed a federal background check for a firearm, said John Wester, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Wester did not say when Ator failed the background check or why.

Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas. Federal law defines nine categories that would legally prevent a person from owning a gun, which include being convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor domestic violence charge, being the subject of a restraining order or having an active warrant. Authorities have said Ator had no active warrants at the time of the shooting.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted Monday that "we must keep guns out of criminals' hands" — words similar to his remarks that followed the El Paso shooting on Aug. 3, when he said firearms must be kept from "deranged killers." But Abbott, a Republican and avid gun rights supporter, has been noncommittal about tightening Texas gun laws.

Abbott tweeted that Ator didn't go through a background check for the weapon he used in Odessa. He did not elaborate, and a spokesman referred questions to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which didn't immediately respond for comment.

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said Ator's company also called 911 on Saturday after Ator was fired but that Ator had already taken off by the time police showed up.

"Basically, they were complaining on each other because they had a disagreement over the firing," Gerke said.

Gerke said he believe Ator had also been recently fired from a different job but did not have any details.

Authorities said they remain unable to provide an exact timeline of the shooting, including how much time passed between the traffic stop at 3:13 p.m. and police killing Ator at the movie theater.

Odessa officials Monday released the names of those killed, who were between 15 and 57 years old. Among the dead were Edwin Peregrino, 25, who ran out of his parents' home to see what the commotion was; mail carrier Mary Granados, 29, slain in her U.S. Postal Service truck; and 15-year-old high school student Leilah Hernandez, who was walking out of an auto dealership.

Ator fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities more than 300 miles (482 kilometers) west of Dallas. Police used a marked SUV to ram the mail truck outside the Cinergy Movie Theater in Odessa, disabling the vehicle. The gunman then fired at police, wounding two officers before he was killed.

Police said Ator's arrest in 2001 was in the county where Waco is located, hundreds of miles east of Odessa. Online court records show he was charged then with misdemeanor criminal trespass and evading arrest. He entered guilty pleas in a deferred prosecution agreement where the charge was waived after he served 24 months of probation, according to records.

The weekend shooting brings the number of mass killings in the U.S. so far this year to 25, matching the number in all of 2018, according to The AP/USATODAY/Northeastern University mass murder database. The number of people killed this year has already reached 142, surpassing the 140 people who were killed of all last year. The database tracks homicides where four or more people are killed, not including the offender.

Weber reported from Austin. Associated Press journalists Jeff Karoub in Detroit; Eric Tucker, Michael Balsamo, Meghan Hoyer and Michael Biesecker in Washington; and Tim Talley in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.

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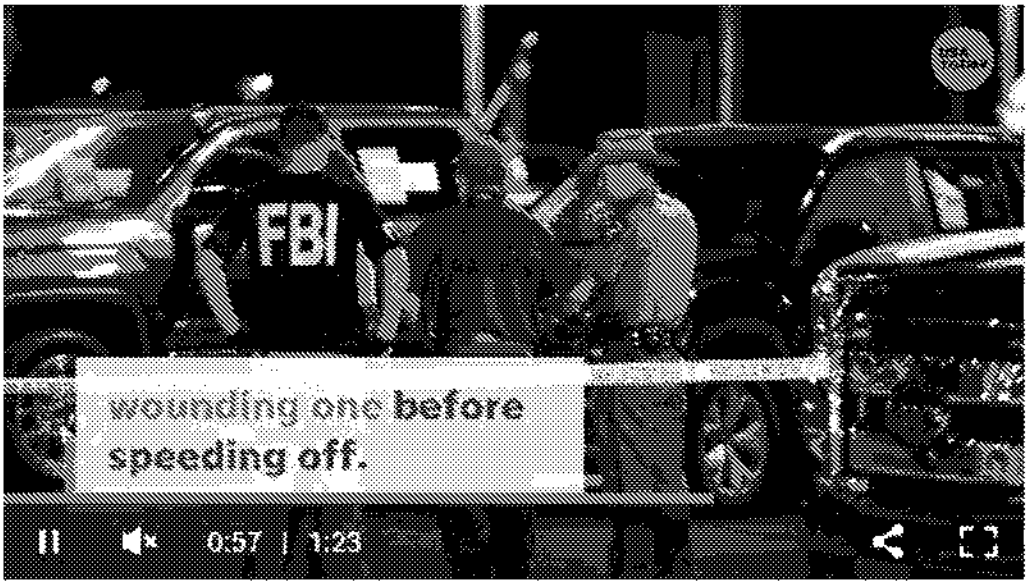


A traffic stop triggered a deadly shooting rampage. Warning: Some viewers may find this video disturbing. Wochit, Wochit

PHOENIX – A teenager who had just celebrated her quinceañera, a postal worker and a former math teacher were among the seven people killed on the streets around Odessa, Texas, when a mass shooter shattered an otherwise quiet Saturday afternoon.

At least 25 other people were injured.

The shooting began after state troopers pulled over a man for failing to use a turn signal on Interstate 20, said Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke.

The driver grabbed a rifle and shot multiple times at the troopers through the rear window, wounding one of them, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The man then sped off, firing at motorists and passers-by, and eventually hijacking a U.S. Postal Service vehicle. The 36-year-old shooter was killed after being chased by officers from neighboring cities Midland and Odessa.

Officials said the ages of the deceased ranged from 15 to 57 years old. Police haven't identified those killed during Sunday afternoon's massacre, but details surrounding the lives that were cut short have begun to emerge.

These are their stories.

Mary Granados

The U.S. Postal Service confirmed to the USA TODAY Network that one of its employees – 29-year-old Mary Granados – was among those killed.

"The Postal Service is shocked and saddened by the events that occurred yesterday in the Midland-Odessa area," a USPS statement said. "We are especially grieving the loss of our postal family member, letter carrier Mary Granados, age 29, and we continue to keep her family in our thoughts."

USPS said its law enforcement arm, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, is working with law enforcement to assist in the investigation

Rosie Granados, Mary's sister, told CNN that she heard Mary scream as she was shot while talking on the phone.

"It was very painful," Granados told news outlet. "I just wanted to help her and I couldn't. I thought she had got bit by a dog or something. I tried calling her name and she wouldn't answer."

Rosie and a former co-worker named Leslie Aide set up a GoFundMe page to offset funeral expenses.

Joseph Griffith

Joseph Griffith, 40, was waiting at a traffic light with his wife and two children when he was fatally shot. Carla Byrne – Griffith's oldest sister – told The Washington Post.

"This maniac pulled up next to him and shot him, took away his life, murdered my baby brother," Griffith told The Post. "Like nothing. We are so broken."

Byrne told the news outlet that Griffith had been a math teacher who cared deeply for his students.

Becky Griffith, Joseph's wife, urged people to attend church in a Facebook post Sunday morning.

"I've been up most of the night and I'd like to ask you all to get up and go to church," Griffith wrote. "Pray for those still fighting for their lives, pray for those devastated by what they witnessed yesterday and pray for those dealing losses (sic). Get the word of God in your heart and love each other."

An officer blocks an area of MCH Center for Health and Wellness in Odessa, Texas, early Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, after a shooting the day before left several people injured or dead. *(Photo: Courtney Sacco / Corpus Christi Caller-Times)*

Rodolfo 'Rudy' Arco

Rodolfo "Rudy" Arco, 57, had left his home in Las Vegas after the anniversary of a mass shooting that took place at a music festival there in 2017, said his sister Maria Arco.

"He felt that Odessa was the place to go," she said. "He sold everything in Vegas and moved there, in the hopes that things would be safer for him and the family."

Rudy, who owned a trucking company in Odessa, was driving Saturday when three bullets were fired at his truck. Two went through the cab and one came right through the window and killed him instantly, Maria Arco said.

Rudy's daughter, Julieanna, works at Music City Mall in Odessa. After being released from lockdown there Saturday, she headed home and saw her father's truck on the side of the road, Maria Arco said. Julieanna was directed to the hospital, her aunt said.

Vigil: Odessa and neighboring Midland vow to heal in face of a day filled with "the best and worst of humanity"

Maria said that she, Rudy and their youngest brother, Emilio, moved with their family to the U.S. as Cuban refugees in 1969.

She described her brother as loving and joyous – the kind of person who'd always try to help other people at a party to have fun.

"He enjoyed life," she said.

He was an entrepreneur who started the trucking business in Odessa and previously owned several taquerias in Las Vegas.

Maria Arco described the violence in this country as a "societal ill."

"It's not a geographical ill that is in this country," she said. "We need to take care of whatever is ailing our families in our society. I don't think it's guns, I think it goes deeper than that. It's not about one physical thing – I think it goes to the emotional."

Above all, she said society must take a collective stand against violence.

"I just think it's too many," she said. "Our legislators can only do so much, but I think society is the one that needs to say, 'OK, we're done here.' "

A GoFundMe has been started for Rudy's family.

Leilah Hernandez

Leilah Herandez is the youngest among the dead.

Hernandez's grandmother, Nora Leyva, told The Post that she spent two years helping the family plan Hernandez's quinceañera, which they celebrated in May.

Leyva described to The Post how Leilah's mother was stunned as she mourned the loss of her daughter. The family remains gathered at the Odessa hospital where they await updates on the condition of Leilah's 18-year-old brother, Nathan, who was shot in the arm while his arms were around her.

The Ector County Independent School District tweeted that it was mourning the loss of one of its students but didn't name Hernandez.

"We are heartbroken and outraged by the violence that struck our community and our school district today," the school district tweeted. "We are learning that we have lost friends, family members, as well as one of our students."

The district added that it will provide additional councilors to help staff, students and families process the tragedy.

Kameron Brown

Kameron Brown survived the deserts of Afghanistan as a U.S. Army soldier before he was gunned down in the country he called home.

Standard Safety & Supply, a first-aid and fire protection service based Odessa where Brown was employed, mourned the loss of its former employee on the company Facebook page.

The latest: 7 dead, 22 injured in Odessa, Midland, Texas shooting: Here's what we know now

"We are deeply saddened to confirm that a member of our team died tragically as a victim of the senseless and horrifying shootings that occurred in and around Odessa on Saturday," the company wrote. "We ask that the privacy of our team member and his family be respected during this most difficult time."

The company also shared a link to a GoFundMe page, which described Brown as being a resident of Brownwood, Texas, a city nearly 200 miles east of Odessa.

"The funds raised through this campaign will provide financial assistance for Kameron's family as they make funeral arrangements for their beloved family member," the GoFundMe page reads.

The page's organizer, Meghan Farmer, did not specify her relationship with Brown or his family.

The Coleman County Chamber of Commerce, expressed its condolences on Facebook and said Brown had attended school in Coleman, east of Midland.

Edwin Peregrino

Edwin Peregrino, 25, was visiting his parents in Odessa when he went outside to investigate the sound of gunshots and was hit, The Post reported.

His sister, Eritizi Peregrino, told the news outlet her brother was visiting after recently moving to San Antonio.

"You're not even safe at your own house," Peregrino told The Post

Peregrino's husband also was shot, but is recovering.

Raul Garcia

A 35-year-old from El Paso, Raul Garcia was identified by the city of Odessa on Monday afternoon as the final victim in Saturday's mass shooting.

25 others injured

More than two dozen other people were injured in the mass shooting, including a 17-month-old girl and three law enforcement officers.

One of those officers is Zack Owens, 28, with Midland's police department.

According to a GoFundMe page created for him, Owens was shot multiple times in the arm and hand. His most serious injury was glass shards in his eye.

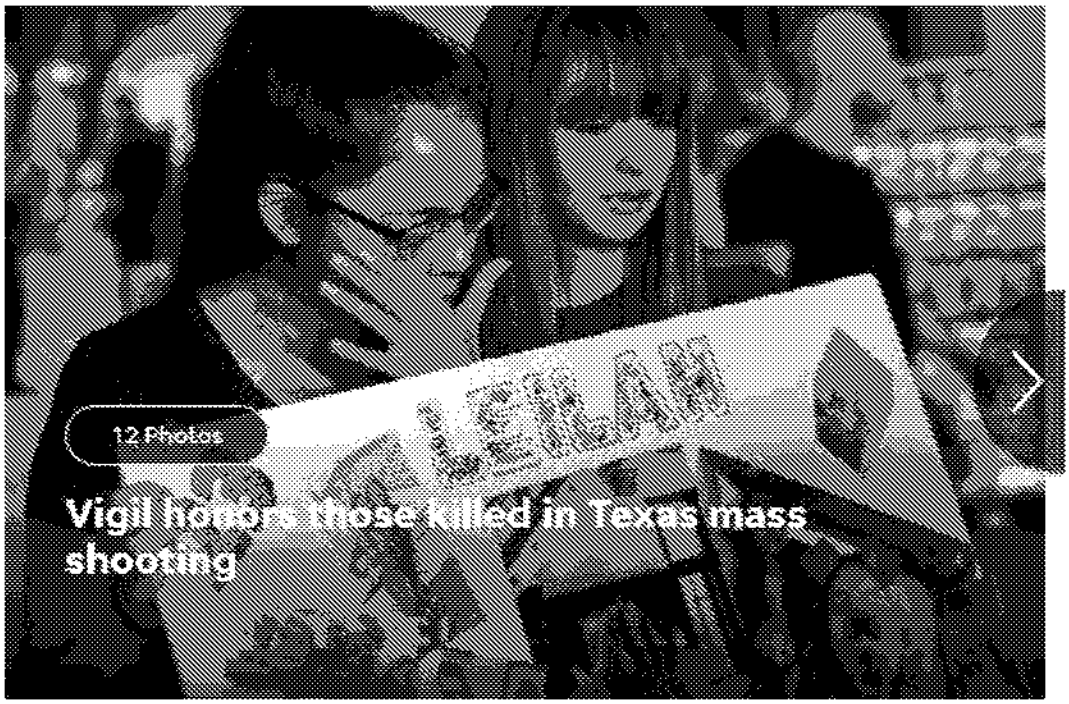
The page's creator, Abigail McCollough, is Owens' cousin by marriage.

"What we really need is a lot of prayer. Not only for Zack, but for everyone impacted by today's events," McCollough wrote in a Facebook post.

Owens has been an officer with the department since December 2014, according to a Police Department post on Facebook. On Sunday, the Midland Police Department posted on Facebook a message of thanks to the community, including their "cherished brother" Owens.

A local funeral home, Perches, has offered to provide free funeral services for families impacted by the shooting.

Follow Molly Duerig and Perry Vandell on Twitter: @mollyduerig and @PerryVandell



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BREAKING NEWS John Bacon, USA TODAY 31 mins ago

© Courtney Sacco / Corpus Christi Caller-Times An officer blocks an area of MCH Centre for Health and Wellness in Odessa, Texas, early Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 after a shooting the day before left several people injured or dead.

Odessa police spokesman Steve LeSueur said Sunday that at least one person remains in "life-threatening" condition. Police Chief Michael Gerke previously said the gunman, whose name has not been released, was fatally shot by police.

"There is no longer an immediate threat to the public, and this situation continues to be investigated by local, state and federal officials," Gerke said in a statement.

The assault took place one day before a series of gun law changes in state that ease restrictions on where Texans can carry or store firearms, from foster homes to churches.

The shooting began Saturday afternoon when a state trooper pulled over the suspect, described by authorities as a white male in his mid-30s and driving a gold-colored car, was pulled over for a traffic violation on Interstate 20 between Midland and Odessa.

The driver opened fire on the trooper before fleeing westbound on the interstate, shooting his way to Odessa, stealing a mail truck and continuing his assault, police said.

The suspect then shot one Odessa officer and one Midland Police Department officer before authorities returned fire and killed the suspect near a Cinergy movie theater in Odessa.

Shauna Saxton, an Odessa grandmother, described to CBS7 a harrowing encounter with the shooter as she was driving in the area. She said she heard gunshots, then found herself next to the car the shooter was driving.

She said she saw his face and his gun, and was thinking she had to get her grandson, in the back seat, to safety. She said she was boxed in by other cars, but slammed her horn and was able to squeeze out of the area to the sound of gunshots behind her.

"Somebody tried to kill me today," Saxton said. "How do you process that?"

Dramatic eyewitness video appears to show parts of the shootout. The eyewitness video, taken by Alex Woods, appears to show the scene outside the theater from across a field.

"There's a shooting going on in Odessa," a man in the bed of a pickup truck says before gunshots are heard. "Oh god, they're shooting right there," he says as he turns the camera toward the building.

More shots are heard, and the man tells people near him to get down. More police cars arrive, and the man says "He's shooting them. Oh, he killed him." But it was not clear who was shooting.

Police initially said five people were confirmed dead and 21 injured, but later updated the death total to seven. It was not clear if the deaths included the shooter.

The Ector County Independent School District said one of its students was among those killed.

"We are heartbroken and outraged by the violence that struck our community and our school district today," the district said in a statement. "We are learning that we have lost friends, family members, as well as one of our students. Our lives have been changed forever."

Besides the initial trooper, two other troopers were wounded, the Texas Department of Safety said. The tragedy became the latest mass shooting after others this summer in El Paso, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; and Gilroy, California.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who was traveling to the area on Sunday, ordered Texas flags across the state to be lowered to half-staff in honor of the victims.

"I thank the first responders who have acted swiftly and admirably under pressure, Abbott said. "And I want to remind all Texans that we will not allow the Lone Star State to be overrun by hatred and violence."

Contributing: Ryan W. Miller and Olivia Sanchez, USA TODAY; The Associated Press

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'Congress has a lot of thinking to do' on gun control after Midland-Odessa shooting

Nicholas Wu, USA TODAY Published 11:37 a.m. ET Sept. 8, 2019 | Updated 5:36 p.m. ET Sept. 8, 2019

A traffic stop triggered a deadly shooting rampage. Warning: Some viewers may find this video disturbing. Wochit, Wochit

WASHINGTON – A day after the country's latest mass shooting, the fourth high-profile one since the House of Representatives went on recess at the end of July, President Donald Trump said lawmakers have "a lot of thinking to do" about ways to address gun violence

Saturday's deadly shooting in the area of Midland-Odessa, Texas, renewed lawmakers' demands for action on gun control once Congress returns from recess on Sept. 9.

The shootings and deaths have brought mixed messages from Trump on gun control, and lawmakers have split on ways for Congress to address the issue.

On Sunday, speaking to reporters after returning from Camp David, Trump said "Congress has a lot of thinking to do," when asked about the impact the Texas shooting could have on negotiations over gun measures.

More: What we know about the deadly shooting in Midland-Odessa, Texas

More: 8 dead, 21 wounded in mass shooting in Midland-Odessa, Texas; shooter killed

More: Mitch McConnell: Background checks will be 'front and center' in Congress gun debate

At the same time, Trump dismissed the idea that stricter background checks would have made a difference.

"We're looking at the same things," Trump said. "It really hasn't changed anything."

Speaking later Sunday at the beginning of a briefing at FEMA, Trump said his administration wanted to "do the best we can to reduce" mass shootings.

To do so, his administration aimed to "keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous and deranged individuals," reform the mental health system, and identify "severely disturbed individuals" before attacks.

"Public Safety is our number one priority, always wanting to protect our Second Amendment," he added

It is unclear, though, if Congress will pass any legislation to address the issue when members return.

The gun violence

According to the Gun Violence Archive, a non-profit that tracks such incidents, there have been 280 mass shootings in 2019, where at least four people were injured or killed excluding the perpetrators.

To date, including the Odessa-Midland shooting, 602 people have died in mass shootings in 2019 and 2,356 have been injured.

But it's the most recent shootings, which happened during the congressional recess, that have put the spotlight on gun control.

Before the Odessa-Midland shooting, there were three high-profile mass shootings in Gilroy, Calif., El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. Congress did not pass any gun control measures in the wake of those shootings or return early from recess to debate the issue. All happened after the House went on break in late July.

Congressional Democrats were still hopeful, though, the most recent shooting could revive the push for gun control measures.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., wrote on Twitter, "the horror of mass shooting and the daily toll [of] gun violence will continue until the Senate acts to reduce the bloodshed."

Congress reacts to latest shooting

Both Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to take up legislation the House of Representatives had passed in February that would expand background checks on gun sales.

Pelosi said in a statement that "The Republican Senate must end its obstruction and finally pass the commonsense, bipartisan, House-passed gun violence prevention legislation that the country is demanding."

Schumer called on McConnell to "bring up H.R. 8 the week Congress returns."

Chuck Schumer
@SenSchumer

Our thoughts are with the victims, their families, & everyone injured in the shooting in Odessa & Midland, TX.

Thank you to the first responders who risked their lives to stop the threat.@senatemajldr should bring up H.R. 8 the week Congress returns. We must #endgunviolence.

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Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who is also a Democratic presidential candidate, said, "do something, Senator McConnell. America is done waiting for you."

Elizabeth Warren
@SenWarren

Time's up, @SenateMajLdr. Let's vote on gun safety legislation NOW. Every day you wait, more tragedies happen.

Do something, Senator McConnell. America is done waiting for you.

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The House Judiciary Committee had planned to return from recess early to discuss gun control legislation, but Hurricane Dorian's impending landfall forced the panel to cancel its plans.

Congressional Republicans have generally opposed measures proposed by Democrats like an assault weapons ban in favor of some legislation that would address mental health.

On Sunday, Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., said on CNN's "State of the Union," that "There's lots of proposals. I'm going to review them and work to figure out how to do it."

Scott noted, though, that he would oppose an assault weapons ban when pressed on the issue, saying, "I'm focused on the people that have problems."

Trump's comments on gun control

Trump, for his part, has given mixed messages on gun measures over the past month, having reversed his position on background checks several times.

On Aug. 9, before leaving the White House, Trump said, "frankly, we need intelligent background checks," adding that "this isn't a question of NRA, Republican, or Democrat." Trump also told reporters that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was "totally onboard."

On Aug. 18, after arriving at Morristown Airport in New Jersey and seeming to back away from supporting background checks Trump said, "A lot of people want to see something happen. But just remember this: Big mental problem, and we do have a lot of background checks now."

On Aug. 21, before leaving for an event in Louisville, Ky., Trump said he would support background checks after all, "We're going to be doing background checks...We're going to be filling in some of the loopholes."

These reversals from Trump and partisan divisions in Congress leave the outlook on legislation uncertain, despite the clamor from lawmakers and presidential candidates.

Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Penn., who has proposed an expanded background check bill in the Senate, struck a pessimistic tone in a television interview on Sunday morning.

"[Trump] is very interested in doing something meaningful," said Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Penn., on ABC's "This Week," but added, "I can't guarantee an outcome. I'm not sure where this all ends."

Former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, had harsher words than other politicians following the shooting, calling it "f---ed up."

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The latest: Gunman in Odessa-Midland mass shooting identified

Seven killed, 22 injured in shootings, officials say

By Brandi Addison, MRT.com/Midland Reporter-Telegram

Updated 10:14 pm CDT, Sunday, September 1, 2019

Photo: Jacy Lewis/Reporter-Telegram

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Trevor Drewes, 5, pets Gabriel a comfort dog during a vigil for shooting victims Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

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9:55 p.m.

Hundreds of people, including several community leaders, gathered at University of Texas of the Permian Basin on Sunday evening for a community healing service a day after a shooting left eight people dead along with 22 injured.

One of the ways members of the community opted to help each other was through free T-shirts, printed by the school's art department through their National Endowment of the Arts grant. A local business donated all of the shirts. And there was no limit.

"We'll print the shirt on your back if you want us to," professor Chris Stanley said.

Stanley was one of the faculty that decided to provide shirts for attendees.

"This morning when (we) woke up, we were like, 'We've got to do something. And the idea of a visual – this hashtag 'Permian Basin Strong' that had been floating around, we said we've got to make some shirts," he said, not long before pointing to crowd that banned together across the campus.

"Look how beautiful this is. One wishes it wasn't tragedy that brings us all together, but this is how a community like Odessa responds. It's an existential threat. You're not going to scare us."

6 p.m.

Public records obtained by the San Antonio Express-News indicate the parents of accused mass shooter Seth Ator reside in San Antonio.

Sunday afternoon, a person at the house declined to open the front door, saying they had no comment.

Birth records showed Ator was born in Texas' Potter County on Sept. 17, 1982.

5:26 p.m.

Multiple GoFundMe accounts have been created for the victims of Saturday's mass shooting in Midland and Odessa, Texas.

So far, seven accounts have collectively raised more than $280,000 from nearly 5,200 donors in a single day.

There was a reported instance of a fake GoFundMe account for a 15-year-old Odessa High School student and her brother. The school released a statement on Twitter saying the page was not verified.

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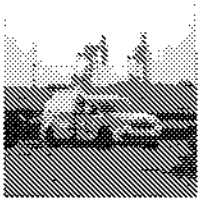

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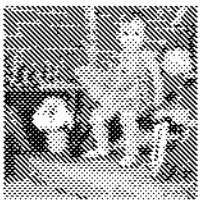

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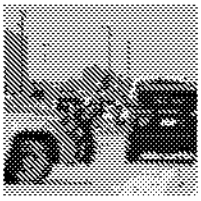

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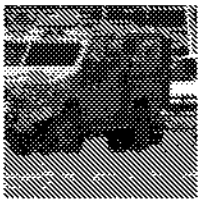

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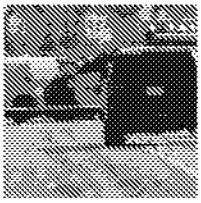

Medical Center: 13 shooting victims at hospital

4 p.m.

Col. Steve McCraw, head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, confirmed that Odessa shooter is Seth Aaron Ator, a 36-year-old Ector County man with a criminal record.

DPS records indicate that Ator was arrested in Waco in McLennan County in 2001 on charges of criminal trespass and evading arrest.

McCraw said the DPS trooper who made the traffic stop on Saturday met with Gov. Greg Abbott.

"The loss of lives is certainly tragic, and were concerned about these active shooter situations across the state, " McCraw said. "As the governor indicated today, one is too many, and we have six in over the last two years."

McCraw said the mass shooting have to combatted by public awareness and quick reaction by law enforcement.

"It's a combination of things, from the public understanding what the threat indicators are and being willing to report that in a timely manner, and law enforcement following up in a timely manner, and to tie disparate data bases together so we can see the underlying threat patterns," he said.

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2:32 p.m.

The gunman behind Saturday's mass shooting that killed seven people and injured 22 others is Seth Aaron Ator, a 36-year-old Odessa man, a city spokesperson said.

Saturday's events began as a traffic stop that eventually turned into Ator reportedly firing at random as he drove nearly 10 miles around Odessa and Midland.

He was eventually shot and killed by police at Cinergy theater in Odessa.

12:30 p.m.

At least 22 people were injured and seven killed in Saturday's shooting in Midland and Odessa, officials said at a Sunday afternoon press conference.

In a conference led by Odessa police and Gov. Greg Abbott, officials said the victims fatally shot Saturday range from 15-to-57 years old.

Abbott said he had been in touch with the mother of a 17-month-old girl who sustained facial and chest injuries in the shooting.

"Her mouth is pretty bad but will heal and can be fixed," Abbott read from a text sent by the child's mother. The toddler's lip, teeth and tongue were injured, and she has shrapnel in her chest, officials said. She is expected to undergo surgery tomorrow to remove the fragments.

Abbott urged legislative action.

"I have been to too many of these events," Abbott said at a press conference Sunday afternoon. "Too many Texans have lost their lives. The status quo in Texas is unacceptable and action is needed."

The name of the shooter was not released.

"All of Texans stand with you," Abbott said. "We're here today and we'll be here everyday until this community is pieced back together."

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12:11 p.m.

A Midland native and gun violence prevention leader challenged Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and other elected officials to tackle gun violence.

Amber Goodwin, a graduate of Lee High School, wrote a statement saying she was heartbroken over Saturday's recent violence.

"My heart is broken for the families impacted by another senseless and preventable act of violence. I grew up in Midland and know that the people there are strong, but this tragedy did not have to happen," the founder of the Community Justice Action Fund said.

11:33 a.m.

GoFundMe pages have possibly identified two of the victims killed in Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa and Midland.

Mary Granados 29, was shot and killed when the suspected gunman hijacked her U.S. Postal Service truck, according to friends and family on social media.

The Odessa High school sophomore has reportedly been identified as 15-year-old Leila Hernandez. Her brother, Nathan, was also injured in the attack, according to her GoFundMe page.

11:07 a.m.

A day after the mass shooting in Odessa and Midland, President Donald Trump credited law enforcement and first-responders for a "great job" on Twitter.

"Great job by Texas Law Enforcement and First Responders in handling the terrible shooting tragedy yesterday. Thank you also to the FBI, @GregAbbott_TX and all others. A very tough and sad situation!"

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9:54 a.m.

The death toll has risen to eight including the shooter, according to Odessa spokesperson Devin Sanchez

One of the victims died overnight at Midland Memorial, hospital officials say.

As of Sunday morning, Midland Memorial and Medical Center Hospital in Odessa have seen 20 gunshot victims.

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9:23 a.m.

One of those killed in Saturday's mass shooting in Odessa and Midland has been identified as an area high school sophomore.

Ector County ISD released a statement following the teen's death.

"We are heartbroken and outraged by the violence that struck our community and our school district today," an ECISD statement stated.

9:14 a.m.

Medical Center Hospital in Odessa released an update on the 14 patients they received Saturday.

One patient is listed in critical condition while another three are in serious condition.

No new deaths have been reported overnight.

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ODESSA – A mass shooting event left five dead and 21 injured and virtually locked down the communities of Odessa and Midland on Saturday.

Of those injured, three were law enforcement officials, including a state trooper, who was in stable condition on Saturday evening. Odessa police have not identified any of those who died, including the man who went on a murderous rampage that started on Interstate 20 and went through northeast Odessa.

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In the evening, Medical Center Health System officials reported on the status of those injured who were taken to MCH. The report was as follows: eight people had surgery; seven people are in critical condition, with two of those being in serious condition and one person died. Another patient, one 17 months of age, was airlifted to a University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The events, according to the Department of Public Safety, started with a 3:13 p.m. incident in Midland during a traffic stop on a gold-colored passenger vehicle on I-20 westbound near Loop 250.

Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the suspect – a white male believed to be in his mid-30s – pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots toward the DPS patrol unit. The unit was occupied by two troopers, and one was shot. The suspect fled the scene and continued to shoot motorists and others, including a Midland police officer and an Odessa police officer.

The two other officers are in a stable condition at a local hospital, according to the release from DPS.

Odessa police reported the driver fled westbound on the interstate and shot at a civilian at east Loop 338 and I-20. The suspect proceeded on a shooting spree in the city of Odessa and stole a U.S. Postal Service truck. The suspect continued shooting at innocent civilians all over Odessa before making his way to Cinergy theater on State Highway 191.

"The suspect then shot an Odessa Police Department officer, along with a Midland Police Department officer," OPD reported. "Law enforcement officers returned fire, killing the suspect."

The shootings in Odessa and Midland came at the end of a month that began when a gunman killed 22 people and injured another 24 when he fired on customers at an El Paso Walmart.

Gov. Greg Abbott, who plans to visit Odessa today, released a statement following reports of the shooting:

"The first lady and I are heartbroken over this senseless and cowardly attack, and we offer our unwavering support to the victims, their families, and all the people of Midland and Odessa," said Abbott. "The state of Texas and the Department of Public Safety are working closely with local law enforcement to provide resources as needed and deliver justice for this heinous attack. I thank the first responders who have acted swiftly and admirably under pressure, and I want to remind all Texans that we will not allow the Lone Star State to be overrun by hatred and violence. We will unite, as Texans always do, to respond to this tragedy."

'COWARDLY ATTACK': Midland, Odessa encounter a new normal caused by gun violence

Anyone who believes they may have family members who are victims in this situation are urged to go to the Ector County Annex at 1010 E. 8th St., or visit www.safeandwell.com, according to Odessa police.

The tragedy put a pair of cities into chaos. Social media accounts were filled with those letting loved ones know they were safe. The gathering of information included the city and police department websites and social media. In some cases, they added to the confusion that left people searching for answers.

On Saturday afternoon, the Midland Police Department reported there was a pair of active shooters in separate vehicles in Midland. It later was reported there was only the one suspect who was shot and killed. Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said during a press conference, it was originally hard to determine because in Odessa, the suspect switched from the passenger vehicle to the mail truck.

Active shooter incidents were also reported at Music City Mall, Midland Park Mall and Midland Memorial Hospital, but all were false, according to local police departments.

Events around both cities Saturday afternoon and evening were cancelled for the safety of community members and respect of the victims.

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Celeste Lujan, left, and Yasmin Maiera hold a sign in honor of Leilah Hernandez during a vigil for victims of the shooting spree the day before, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin quad, in Odessa, Texas

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Associated Press |

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The Latest on a shooting in West Texas (all times local):

8:30 p.m.

A neighbor of the gunman who killed seven people in West Texas described him as "a violent, aggressive person" that would fire his guns at all hours of the night.

Rocio Gutierrez tells The Associated Press that her family has lived near Seth Ator for the past five months. But she says they were afraid of him.

Gutierrez says Ator would go out at night and shoot at animals, mostly rabbits. She also says Ator recently came over and knocked on their door around 4 a.m., but they didn't answer because it was "frightening."

Ator was killed by police outside an Odessa movie theater on Saturday after opening fire on state troopers during a traffic stop and then fleeing, shooting at random passers-by and vehicles.

Gutierrez says "I know it sounds bad" but she's relieved "because now he's dead."

2:30 p.m.

An FBI agent says the gunman in a West Texas rampage that killed seven people "was on a long spiral down" before he was fired from his job on the day of the shooting.

FBI special agent Christopher Combs said Monday that where 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator lived was "a strange residence" and that the conditions "reflect what his mental state was going into this."

Authorities say Ator was fired Saturday morning from his job at Journey Oilfield Services and made "rambling" phone calls to both the 911 and the FBI afterward. Combs says Ator had gone to work that day "in trouble."

Ator was killed by police outside an Odessa move theater to end a chase that covered more than 10 miles (16 kilometers).

2:15 p.m.

Authorities say the gunman in a West Texas rampage was fired from his job and called both police and the FBI before the mass shooting began.

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke said Monday that 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator had been fired over the weekend from Journey Oilfield Services. He said both Ator and the company called 911 after being fired Saturday but that Ator was gone by the time police showed up. FBI special agent Christopher Combs says Ator's statements on the FBI tip line were "rambling."

Ator was stopped 15 minutes later by a Texas state trooper on an interstate for failing to signal a lane change. Authorities say Ator opened fire on the troopers and fled, shooting at random passers-by and vehicles.

Police gunned down Ator at a movie theater in Odessa to end the chase.

1:30 p.m.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott says the criminal history of a man who killed seven people in West Texas this weekend means "we must keep guns out of criminals' hands."

Abbott's tweet Monday is similar to his comments that followed another mass shooting in El Paso last month, when the governor said firearms must be kept out of the hands of "deranged killers." But Abbott, an avid gun rights supporter, has been noncommittal on tightening gun laws in Texas.

Police killed 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator outside an Odessa movie theater Saturday to end a rampage that began when Ator fled a traffic stop. Court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas

Abbott tweeted that Ator failed a previous gun background check and didn't go through one for the weapon he used in Odessa. But Abbott didn't elaborate on when Ator failed the background check or the reasons why.

His spokesman referred questions to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

11:30 a.m

Authorities are expected to release more details about a gunman who killed seven people during a West Texas rampage amid reports that he lost his job the day of the shooting.

A news conference set for Monday afternoon is expected to reveal more information about 36-year-old Seth Aaron Ator and the Labor Day weekend shooting that also injured 22 people.

Authorities have said there are still no answers pointing to a motive for Saturday's chaotic attacks in the cities of Midland and Odessa. The New York Times and Washington Post have reported that Ator lost his job on the day of the attack, citing unnamed officials. An FBI spokeswoman declined comment on those reports.

Ator had a thin criminal record in Texas and police say he had no active warrants when he fled a routine traffic stop that began the rampage.

12 a.m.

Police say they are not sure why a man with a misdemeanor on his record and no warrant for his arrest erupted in a spate of violence after a routine traffic stop in West Texas, killing seven including a man slain outside his parents' home and a teenager fatally shot as she left a car dealership with her family.

Authorities said that Seth Aaron Ator, 36, also injured 22 people Saturday afternoon before officers killed him outside a busy movie theater in Odessa.

Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas, although authorities have not said where Ator got the "AR style" weapon he used.

Authorities said those killed were between the ages of 15 and 57 years old but did not immediately provide a list of names.

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People

17-Month-Old Girl Injured in Texas Shootings Has Teeth Knocked Out, Shrapnel in Chest

Anderson Davis is reportedly in "satisfactory" condition at a hospital in Lubbock

By Rachel DeSantis September 01, 2019 11:40 AM

Anderson Davis PHOTO: GOFUNDME

A 17-month-old girl was among those injured on Saturday in a mass shooting in Texas that killed seven people.

Anderson Davis is recovering after she was hit by a bullet when a gunman took off on a bullet-spraying rampage in a hijacked mail truck after he was pulled over by police in Odessa just after 3 p.m.

During a press conference on Sunday, Governor Greg Abbott read a text message from the child's mother. "Thank you all for praying. This is all of our worst nightmare, but thank God she's alive and relatively well," Abbott read. "Toddlers are funny because they can get shot but still want to run around and play. Her mouth is pretty bad but will heal and can be fixed. Thankfully it doesn't seem like her jaw was hit, just lip, teeth and tongue. She is having surgery tomorrow to remove the shrapnel from her chest."

Police have yet to identify the victims, but a GoFundMe page arranged by a family friend previously confirmed the infant was injured in the incident.

In a post on the fundraising page, the girl's mother gave an update on Anderson's health.

"Anderson is alive and that is a prayer answered bigger than I've ever had to pray," she said. "Her vitals are good ... Anderson is 17 months old, has shrapnel in her right chest, which thank God is superficial."

Anderson's mother confirmed that her daughter's front teeth were knocked out and has a hole through her bottom lip and tongue.

"She is alive. When others today are not alive. I ask you to continue praying for our hearts as we experience this, pray for complete healing of Anderson, pray for every other family in our same situation, or worse, today and pray for the shooters," the mother wrote. "Pray that whatever is causing them to do this will be defeated by God and they will stop shooting."

Anderson was airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she remains in satisfactory condition, hospital officials told CNN.

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Local restaurant worker Junior Bejarano told the *New York Times* he saw a baby girl shortly after she was injured, and that she was sitting in a car seat, soaked in blood.

"She was conscious, but she was just covered in blood," he said. "It was horrible to see something like that."

The Odessa Police Department said the rampage began at 3:25 p.m. after police initiated a traffic stop on I-20 between Midland and Odessa.

PHOTO: TIM FISCHER/MIDLAND DAILY NEWS VIA AP

The driver opened fire on a state trooper before speeding away, and continued to shoot at civilians before ditching his car and hijacking a mail carrier truck.

The suspect, a white male in his 30s, fired shots into shopping plazas and busy intersections, injuring at least 21 people and killing seven. He was eventually killed in a shootout with police at the Cinergy movie theater in Odessa, bringing an end to the state's second mass shooting in a month.

Three law enforcement officials were among those injured, Odessa Police Department Chief Michael Gerke said. All three were in stable condition as of Saturday night, according to CBS News.

Ector County ISD
on Saturday

We are heartbroken and outraged by the violence that struck our community and our school district today. We are learning that we have lost friends, family members, and one of our students. Our lives have been changed forever. We are grateful for the first responders in the Odessa community, including our ECISD Police Officers, who have been outstanding and prevented an even greater loss of life. ECISD counselors as well as counselors from the entire region are preparing to help our staff, our students and our families through this tragedy. Our district stands ready to commit all of our resources to help our community heal from this horrific tragedy. Our unity will be the key to recovering from this terrible act. Together, we are stronger. #OdessaStrong #WestTexasStrong

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"We are heartbroken and outraged by the violence that struck our community and our school district today," a statement posted on Facebook read. "We are learning that we have lost friends, family members, and one of our students. Our lives have been changed forever."

By Rachel DeSantis

No additional victims have been identified, though the Ector County Independent School District in Odessa confirmed that a student was one of the seven people killed.

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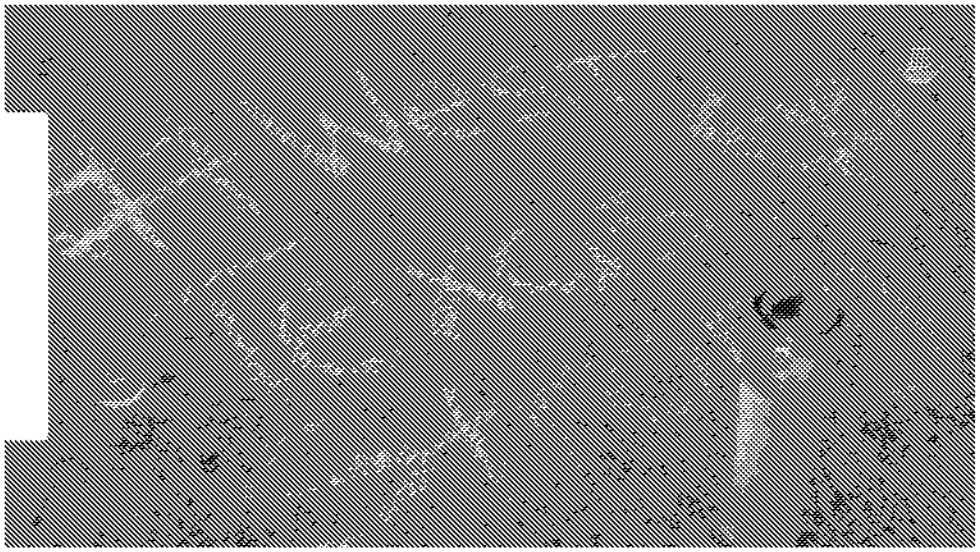

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By Bob D'Angelo, Cox Media Group National Content Desk

Twenty-two people, including a 17-month-old girl, were injured after a traffic stop turned deadly Saturday afternoon.

Odessa police Chief Michael Gerke said the shooting suspect, identified as Seth Aaron Ator, 36, abandoned his vehicle after a traffic stop and stole a United States Postal Service truck. He was shot and killed by police officers outside a busy movie theater in Odessa.

Six of the people killed have been identified through social media and GoFundMe pages, according to USA Today. By Sunday evening, the city of Odessa released a list of those killed and injured.

Below is a list of those who were killed.

RODOLFO "RUDY" ARCO, 57

Rodolfo "Rudy" Arco, who owned a trucking company in Odessa, left his Las Vegas home after the anniversary of a 2017 mass shooting during a music festival, his sister, Maria Arco, told the Arizona Republic.

"He felt that Odessa was the place to go," Maria Arco told the newspaper. "He sold everything in Vegas and moved there, in the hopes that things would be safer for him and the family."

Rudy Arco was driving Saturday when three bullets were fired at his truck, Maria Arco told the Republic. Two went through the cab and one came through the window, killing him instantly, she told the newspaper.

Rudy Arcos' wife, Bari Arco, told NBC News the couple had been married for 20 years and have three daughters, ages 3, 6 and 23.

Their oldest daughter, Julieanna, works at Music City Mall in Odessa, the Republic reported. After the lockdown was lifted at the mall, Julieanna Arco headed home and saw her father's truck parked on the side of the road, Maria Arco told the newspaper.

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It breaks my heart knowing one of my coworkers fathers has passed away due to the horrific acts that took place yesterday. A go fund me has been created to help her family throughout this rough time. Any donations and prayers are highly appreciated. gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-f

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KAMERON BROWN

Kameron Brown was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Afghanistan. His death was confirmed by his employer, Standard Safety & Supply, an Odessa-based first-aid and fire protection service. The company linked to a GoFundMe page for Brown, which was set up by one of his colleagues, Standard Safety & Supply spokesman Sean Murphy told CNN.

"We are deeply saddened to confirm that a member of our team died tragically as a victim of the senseless and horrifying shootings that occurred in and around Odessa on Saturday," the company wrote on its Facebook page. "We ask that the privacy of our team member and his family be respected during this most difficult time."

According to the GoFundMe page set up for Brown, he was a native of Brownsville, Texas. He had been employed by Standard Safety & Supply for about a year.

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Kameron Brown's mother, Mary, told KTXS in an exclusive interview that she forgives the shooter.

You can watch it tonight on KTXS News at 6 bit.ly/34kAXxQ

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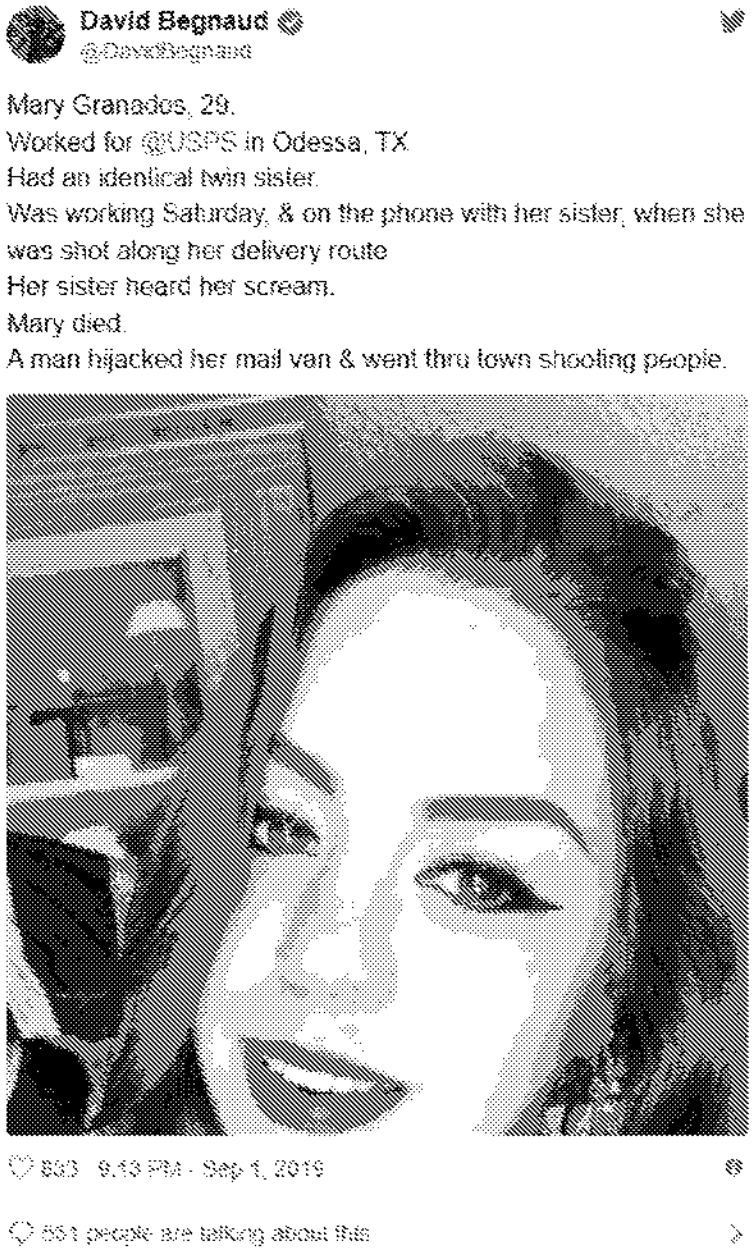
MARY GRANADOS, 29

Mary Granados was employed by the USPS and was killed when accused shooter Seth Aaron Ator, hijacked her mail carrier truck, according to The Associated Press.

Post office officials said the Odessa resident was alone in the truck at the time and the company's law enforcement is working with authorities.

Granados' twin sister, Rosie Granados, told CNN she heard Mary Granados scream while the women were talking on the telephone.

"It was very painful," Rosie Granados told the network. "I just wanted to help her and I couldn't. I thought she had got bit by a dog or something. I tried calling her name and she wouldn't answer."



The Granados sisters moved from Juarez, Mexico, to Odessa when they were 14, according to CNN. Mary Granados had been employed by the USPS for about a year, her sister said.

Mary Granados did not feel well Saturday but still went to work, her sister told CNN. She enjoyed traveling with her boyfriend and spending time with her family, Rosie Granados told the cable news network.

"She was so special," Rosie Granados told NBC News. "I don't know what I'm going to do without her."

A GoFundMe page has been created to collect donations to cover memorial expenses.

JOSEPH GRIFFITH, 40

Griffith, a former math teacher, was in his vehicle with his wife and two children when he was killed by the gunman, his sister, Carla Byrne, told The Washington Post.

"This maniac pulled up next to him and shot him, took away his life, murdered my baby brother. Like nothing," Byrne told the newspaper. "We are so broken."

Griffith was known for his sense of humor and his ability to impersonate anyone, Byrne told the Post.

Byrne said a former student approached Griffith on Friday to tell him what an "awesome teacher he was," the newspaper reported.

LEILAH HERNANDEZ, 15

Leilah Hernandez celebrated her quinceañera in May, according to The Washington Post.

Saturday, Hernandez, a student at Odessa High school, was walking out of a car dealership with her 18-year-old brother, Nathan, who was picking up a truck, the newspaper reported.

Nathan had the keys in his hand when the gunman opened fire, Nora Leyva, Hernandez's grandmother, told the Post.

"I guess he was just looking for someone to kill," Leyva told the newspaper.

Nathan wrapped his arms around Hernandez and was shot in the arm. Another bullet struck the girl near her collarbone, according to The Associated Press.

Hernandez played volleyball at her high school and was concerned she was not good enough in the sport, her grandmother told the Post. Leyva said Leilah was mostly a happy girl who was excited to begin catechism classes this week, the newspaper reported.

"It's just so hard," Leyva told the Post. "I'm not going to be seeing her no more."

EDWIN PEREGRINO, 25

Edwin Peregrino was in west Texas for the weekend to talk about his new job and new life in San Antonio, his sister, Eritizi Peregrino, told The Washington Post.

Peregrino was killed after he walked outside the house after hearing shots, his sister told the newspaper. He died when the gunman sped by and opened fire, Peregrino's sister said.

"It happened at our home. You think you're safe at your own house," Eritizi Peregrino, 23, told the Post. "You're not even safe at your own house."

RAUL GARCIA, 35

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