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- **What happened:** A lone gunman killed four people in Midtown on Monday before fatally shooting himself in the deadliest gun attack in New York City in 25 years. The shooting happened at a Park Avenue skyscraper that includes corporate offices for the National Football League. No motive has been announced.

- **The shooter:** Gunman Shane Devon Tamura, 27, was a competitive football player in his youth, sources said. A source told CNN a suicide note found in Tamura's pocket expressed grievances with the NFL and said he suffered from CTE, a disease linked to head trauma. New York City Mayor Eric Adams said investigators believe Tamura was headed for the NFL offices, but took the wrong elevator.

- **The victims:** Slain police officer Didarul Islam, a 36-year-old immigrant from Bangladesh, had two young sons, and his wife is pregnant with their third child. Wesley LePatner — an executive at investment firm Blackstone, one of the building's tenants — also was killed, the company said. An NFL employee was seriously injured, according to a staff memo.

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Security guard killed in Manhattan shooting was "a New York hero," union president says

From CNN's David Williams

Security guard Aland Etienne, one of four people killed in Monday's mass shooting, was "a dedicated security officer who took his job duties extremely seriously, his union said on Tuesday.

"We are devastated to hear the reports of the shooting at 345 Park Avenue. We extend our deep condolences to the families and friends who lost loved ones tonight, including that of our own 32BJ SEIU security member Aland Etienne, a dedicated security officer who took his job duties extremely seriously," 32BJ SEIU President Manny Pastreich said in a statement.

"This tragedy speaks to the sacrifice of security officers who risk their lives every day to keep New Yorkers and our buildings safe. Every time a security officer puts on their uniform, they put their lives on the line. Their contributions to our city are essential, though often unappreciated. Aland Etienne is a New York hero. We will remember him as such," Pastreich added.

The 32BJ SEIU represents more than 185,000 property service workers in 12 states, including more than 20,000 security officers in New York City.



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New York City medical examiner will decide whether to test the shooter's remains for CTE, Adams says

From CNN's Lauren Mascarenhas

The medical examiner in New York City will decide whether to assess the shooter's remains for a chronic brain condition he claimed to have suffered from, Mayor Eric Adams told CNN.

The shooter, who police said killed four people and seriously injured another before dying by suicide, claimed in a suicide note to have been suffering from chronic traumatic encephalopathy, known as CTE.

The New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner will consult with the district attorney in Manhattan County about whether to perform an autopsy or test the shooter's brain for CTE, Adams said Tuesday.

CTE is a degenerative brain disease that can be caused by repeated head trauma. It's been associated with memory loss, confusion, impulse control problems, aggression, depression, impaired judgment and suicidal behavior. It can only be formally diagnosed with an autopsy.

Researchers have been examining whether contact sports can increase athletes' risk for the disease. The NFL first publicly acknowledged a connection between CTE and football in 2016.

Gunman Shane Devon Tamura, 27, was a competitive football player in his youth, sources said. A source told CNN the suicide note found in Tamura's pocket also expressed grievances with the NFL. Adams has said investigators believe Tamura was headed for the NFL offices, but he took the wrong elevator.



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New York governor says Midtown office building had extensive security measures in place

From CNN's Elise Hammond

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said there was robust security in the Midtown office building where a gunman killed several people Monday.

Hochul, who said she has been in the building before, emphasized to CNN that there is “very much security in that building,” including an off-duty police officer.

“I don’t know how you get more secure than that,” she said.

That off-duty officer was one of the four people killed in the shooting, according to officials.

Hochul noted the multiple security steps required to enter and access the upper floors of the building. However, she said that if someone enters with a gun and is “intent on murdering the first person they encounter who’s a police officer trying to stop them, that’s almost impossible.”

Police said the suspected shooter entered the lobby and opened fire, hitting the police officer, a security guard, and another man and woman. He then took the elevator to the 33rd floor, New York Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said last night.

Hochul said the “weapon of mass destruction” used by the shooter is to blame, not the building’s security system.

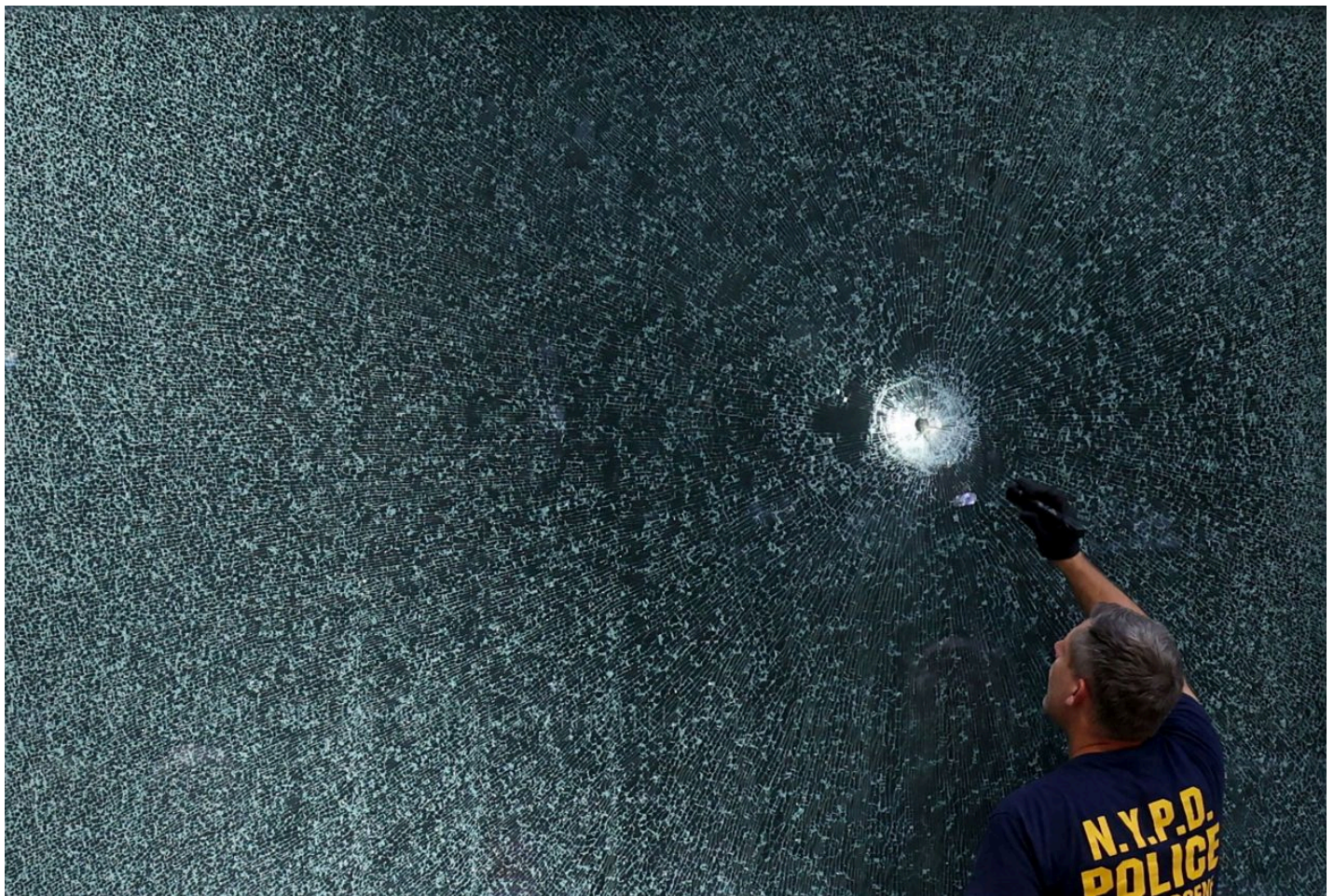


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Building owner "devastated" by deaths in Manhattan shooting, including colleague

From CNN's Andy Rose and Amanda Musa



A NYPD Crime Scene Unit investigator inspects a bullet hole at the scene of a shooting in Manhattan on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

The company that owns the Park Avenue building where four people were shot to death Monday says one of its own workers was killed.



“The Rudin family and everyone at our company are devastated by yesterday’s senseless tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with those injured and lost last night, including our cherished Rudin colleague, a brave New York City police officer, a beloved lobby security guard and an employee at a tenant firm.”

Rudin Management

The statement did not name the Rudin employee who was killed.

Blackstone, another company with offices in the building, previously confirmed that it lost an employee in the shooting, Wesley LePatner, who is survived by her husband and children. The security guard who was killed was Aland Etienne, according to his union, 32BJ SEIU. The fallen NYPD officer was identified as Didarul Islam, who the department says was off-duty but working security in the building.

“The building will remain closed today as the authorities continue their investigations. As New Yorkers, we stand shoulder to shoulder in the face of this hatred, we grieve with the families and loved ones of those lost, and we pray for the full recovery of those injured,” said Rudin’s statement.

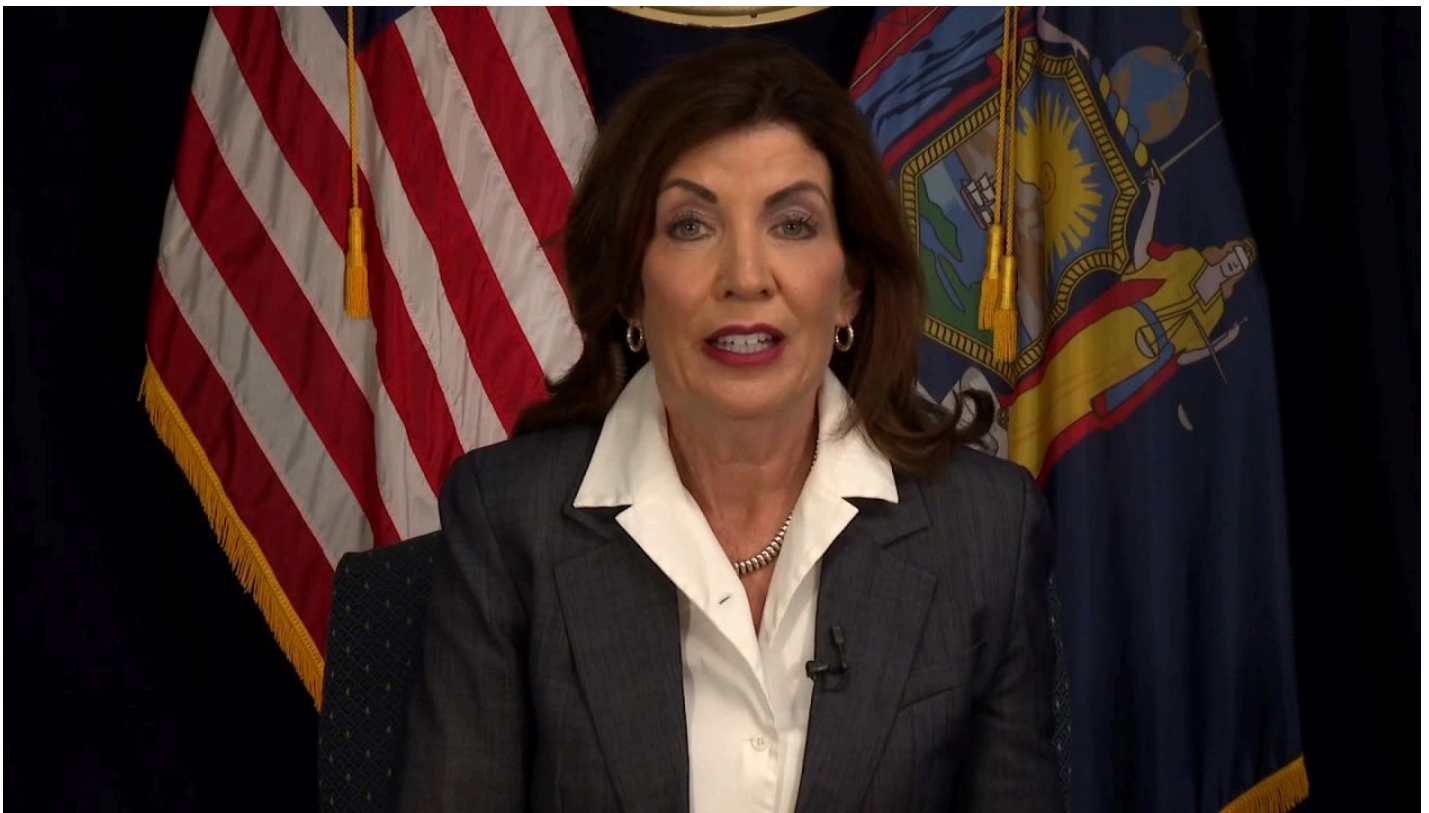
Shane Devon Tamura, 27, of Las Vegas opened fire in the lobby and on the 33rd floor of the building, where Rudin has its own offices, before killing himself, police said.



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"We need a national awakening": Hochul reiterates call for nationwide assault weapons ban

From CNN's Maureen Chowdhury



New York Gov. Kathy Hochul speaks during an interview in New York on Tuesday. CNN

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul reiterated her call for a ban on assault weapons in an interview with CNN today, following the deadly Manhattan shooting that left four people dead.

Hochul said the gunman was able to obtain a concealed-carry permit because of Nevada's "much looser laws."

"This goes to the difference between state laws related to gun ownership. In the state of New York, you cannot buy one of these. You have to be over age 18. You cannot have access.

I mean, he had a concealed carry permit, which allowed him to have this weapon. Much looser laws in the state of Nevada than we have here. And so our argument is this, like, if every state had the same laws uniformly, you could not have a situation,” Hochul said.

Hochul criticized Republicans in Congress for not pushing for a nationwide assault weapons ban, accusing them of being “intimidated” by the gun lobby and election cycles.

“I don’t want to be having my residents affected by someone coming from another state, who could easily get their hands on this assault weapon, travel across multiple states and do what they did just yesterday. So I want to be able to protect New Yorkers, it’s my number one priority, and it’s hard to do it when states aren’t stepping up and certainly Congress has let us down,” the governor said.

Hochul added there needs to be “a national awakening here. People need to be talking about this once again and it should just happen in the wake of a tragedy like this it should be an ongoing conversation.”

Remember: The gunman, Shane Devon Tamura, was licensed to carry a concealed weapon in Nevada and was carrying an M4 assault-style rifle at the time of the shooting. This is the deadliest gun attack in New York City in 25 years.



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NYPD sending teams to Las Vegas in Park Avenue shooting investigation

From CNN's Andy Rose

The New York Police Department is sending investigators to Las Vegas as they search for a motive in the shooting at a Manhattan skyscraper that killed four people.

“We’re sending two teams to Las Vegas,” Mayor Eric Adams told CNN’s Wolf Blitzer. “One to execute a search warrant and the other to look at the two firearms and guns that were recovered.”

Shane Devon Tamura drove from Las Vegas, where he lived, and began his cross-country trip on June 26, according to New York City Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch.

“The motive appeared to be connected to the shooter’s belief that he was suffering from CTE and (a claim that) he was an ex-NFL player,” Adams said. “Those items just don’t pan out. He never played for the NFL.”

The mayor said detectives found additional ammunition in Tamura’s vehicle.

“We had a large number of bullets that were found in the car, but at this time, the investigation has not concluded that he was going to take more actions,” said Adams.

In a post on X, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department said it was “providing investigative support” to the NYPD.

This post has been updated with additional information.



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What is the M-4 assault-style rifle the shooter used in

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Manhattan?

From CNN's Chris Boyette

The gunman who shot and killed four people, including a New York Police Department officer, in a Midtown Manhattan office building Monday used an M4 assault-style rifle, according to police — a select-fire rifle used by the US military and the military forces of other countries. The semiautomatic-only version popular with civilian gun owners is the AR-15 — a favorite among mass shooters, used in some of the most notorious and deadly mass killings in recent history, including Uvalde, Tulsa, El Paso, Parkland, San Bernardino and Sandy Hook.

Researchers have said that when a round from an AR-15 goes into the human body it creates an “explosion inside,” and trauma surgeons say the wound from an assault rifle can be catastrophic.

NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch did not specify whether the M4 rifle the gunman used in Manhattan was capable of bursts of automatic fire or was like the more common civilian version that requires a shooter to pull the trigger each time a round is fired.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday called on Congress to pass a nationwide assault weapons ban.

“The killer used an AR-15–style assault rifle. The same weapon of war used in mass shootings across America,” Hochul said. “New York has some of the strongest gun laws in the nation... But our laws only go so far when an AR-15 can be obtained in a state with weak gun laws and brought into New York to commit mass murder.”

The gunman, Shane Devon Tamura, 27, of Las Vegas, drove across the country in the days before the attack and got to New York on Monday afternoon, police said.

Gun laws in Nevada are much less strict than in New York. New York banned assault weapons, but Nevada has not, according to gun control advocacy organization Everytown.



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Gunman was employed by a Las Vegas hotel and casino, statement confirms

From CNN's Maureen Chowdhury and Jeff Winter

The gunman, Shane Devon Tamura, was employed by the Horseshoe Las Vegas hotel and casino, a spokesperson confirmed in a statement.

“We can confirm that Shane Devon Tamura was a surveillance department employee at Horseshoe Las Vegas. Our thoughts are with the victims, their families, and all those affected by this tragic event. We are cooperating with law enforcement and will not be commenting further,” the statement read.

Tamura carried out the deadly attack in Manhattan after driving to New York City from Las Vegas, officials said. Authorities have not announced a motive.



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Mamdani will hold event Wednesday in response to deadly Manhattan shooting, his campaign says



Zohran Mamdani attends the New York City Democratic Mayoral Primary Debate at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York on June 12. Vincent Alban/Pool/Reuters

Zohran Mamdani, the Democratic nominee for New York City mayor, is returning from Uganda this morning and is expected to hold an event Wednesday in response to the fatal shooting inside a Manhattan office building.

Mamdani released a statement offering condolences to the family of slain New York Police Department officer Didarul Islam.

“A Bangladeshi immigrant who joined the NYPD four years ago, he lived in Parkchester with his pregnant wife, their two young children, and his elderly parents,” Mamdani said in the statement. “When he joined the police department, his mother asked him why he would pursue such a dangerous job. He told her it was to leave behind a legacy that his family could be proud of. He has done that, and more. I pray for him, his family, and honor the legacy of service and sacrifice he leaves behind.”

Mamdani traveled to Uganda earlier this month to celebrate his wedding. A campaign spokesperson confirmed Mamdani had previously been scheduled to travel Tuesday.

Former Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who is running for New York City mayor as an independent candidate, canceled events Tuesday out of respect for the officer, his campaign confirmed.



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"Could I have done more?": Gunman's former high school football coach asks after deadly shooting

From CNN's Ben Morse and Ben Church

The gunman who shot and killed four people in Manhattan was a former high school football player in Los Angeles, California, according to [MaxPreps](#), a website that covers high school sports in the US.

Shane Devon Tamura played one season with the Granada Hills Charter Highlanders, serving as a running back and defensive back during his senior year in the 2015-16 season.

Tamura was coached by Walter Roby during his senior year at Granada Hills Charter, who said he never saw any signs of what was to come.

"Shane was very quiet. He was a quiet, hard worker. He was coachable. So whatever we asked him to do, he was doing it. He led by, you know, his actions on the field. He was our, you know, one of my top offensive players at the time," [Roby told FOX 11's Matthew Seedorff](#). "Could I have done more? Could I help the kid? Could I have reached out to him or could you

reach out to me? It's just a lot of things I'm trying to process right now.”

Tamura previously attended Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita, where he played two seasons of football, according to MaxPreps, before transferring to Granada Hills.

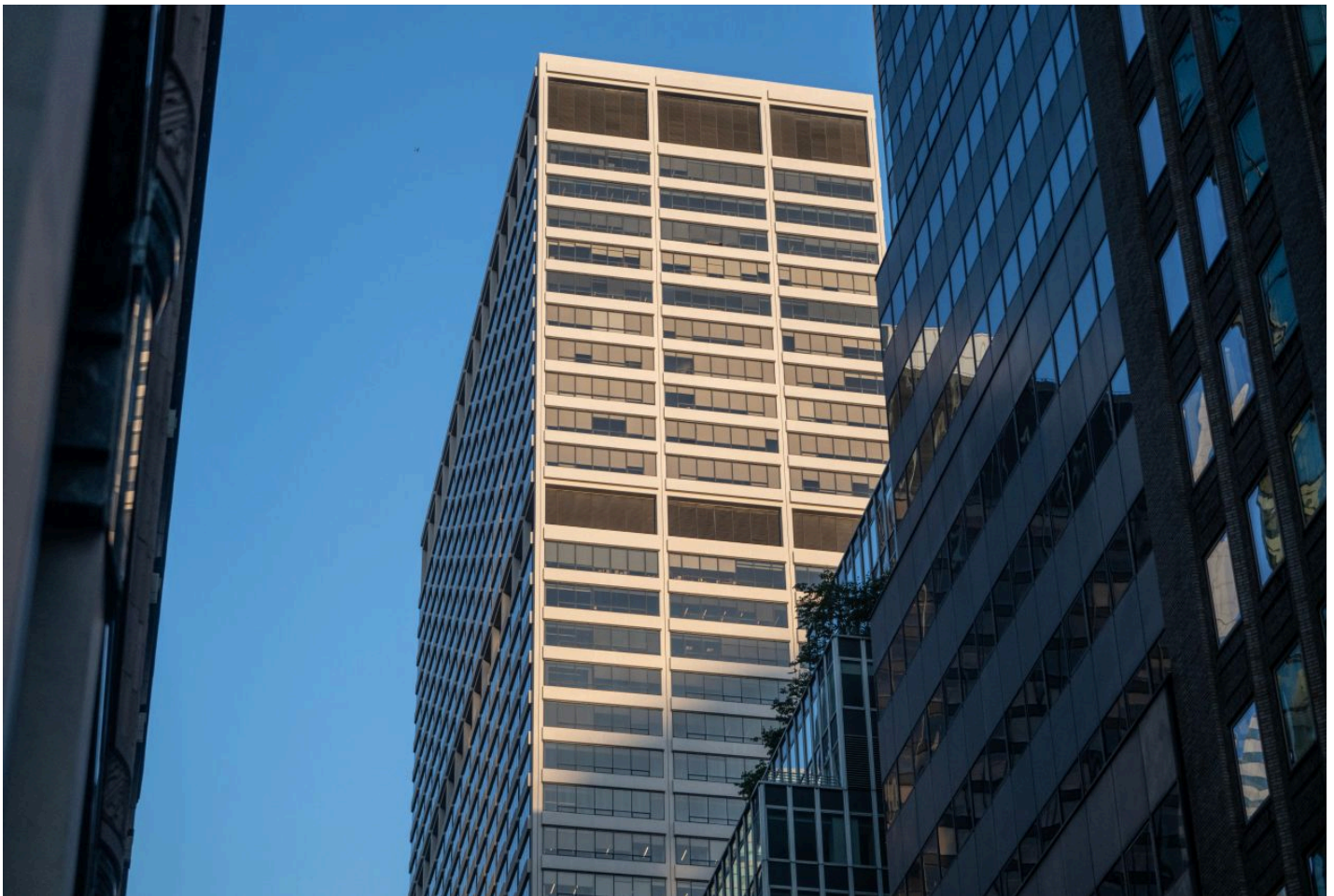
Remember: A suicide note was found in Tamura's pocket expressing grievances with the National Football League and claiming he suffered from CTE, a disease linked to head trauma. Police said Tamura had a “documented mental health history,” but that they are still investigating motives for the attack.



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Reinforced safe rooms and a switch to disable elevators: A look at the security measures at 345 Park Avenue

From CNN's Andy Rose



The building on Park Avenue in New York is seen on Monday. Victor J. Blue/Bloomberg/Getty Images

The deadly shooting Monday at a prominent Manhattan office building came despite significant security measures at the building, which is owned by Rudin Management.

Here's what we know about security at 345 Park Avenue:

- **Lobby alarm could have disabled elevators, mayor says:** The security station in the lobby of 345 Park Avenue includes an alarm button that disables elevators, New York Mayor Eric Adams told CBS Mornings. A security guard was attempting to activate the alarm, "but he was assassinated behind the counter as he attempted to hide himself behind the counter," Adams said.
- **How the shooter got into the elevator:** After opening fire in the lobby, the gunman went into an elevator where a woman ran out, said New York Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch. He took the elevator to the 33rd floor, where the woman had been heading, a law enforcement official told CNN. The shooter has been headed toward offices for the National Football League, Adams said, but got into the wrong elevator and ended up on the 33rd floor.
- **Reinforced safe rooms:** The floor the shooter entered — which includes offices for Rudin Management — has a room designed for protection from attack, Adams told CBS. "Rudin Management had a safe room on each floor, which doubled as a bathroom, where you were able to lock yourself in. A bulletproof door," he said.
- **The NFL's security alert:** Although the shooter never came to the area of the building occupied by the NFL, the league told workers to shelter in place, according to ESPN NFL beat reporter Jeff Darlington. "Do not exit the building. Secure your location and hide until law enforcement clears your floor. Please switch phones to silent," the alert said, according to Darlington.



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What we know this hour about the deadly shooting

From CNN staff

Manhattan is reeling after a lone gunman killed four people in Midtown Monday before fatally shooting himself in the deadliest gun attack in New York City in 25 years.

Here's what we know so far as the investigation continues:

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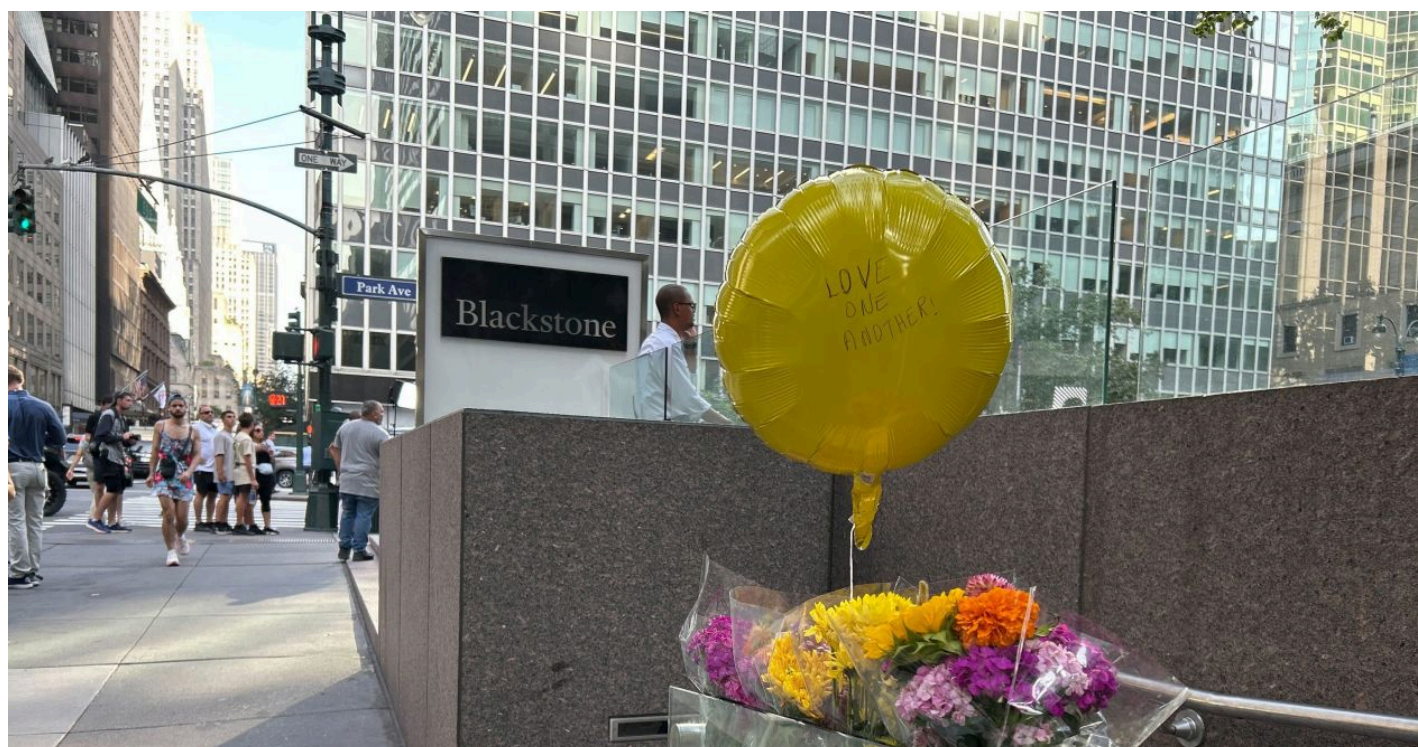
- **The gunman:** Police identified the shooter as Shane Devon Tamura, a 27-year-old who lived in Las Vegas, Nevada, law enforcement officials told CNN. He left a suicide note claiming he suffered from CTE and had grievances against the National Football League, police said.
- **The investigation:** New York Mayor Eric Adams said Tamura apparently failed to reach the NFL offices because he took the wrong elevator and instead went to Rudin Management.
- **The victims:** The gunman shot and killed four people, including New York police officer Didarul Islam and Wesley LePatner, an executive at investment firm Blackstone. An NFL employee was seriously injured, according to a staff memo.
- **Calls for national assault weapons ban:** New York Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday called on Congress to pass a nationwide assault weapons ban.
- **Trump briefed:** President Donald Trump expressed his condolences in a statement following the deadly shooting in Manhattan.



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Memorial set up outside Midtown Manhattan building

From CNN's Dakin Andone and Sara Smart





Dakin Andone/CNN

A small memorial has been set up outside 345 Park Avenue on Tuesday morning after Monday's shooting left four dead.

Bouquets of flowers have been propped on a railing outside the building. A balloon with the phrase 'Love one another!' has also been tied to the railing.

A sign for Blackstone, an investment firm, can be seen in the background. Blackstone confirmed that one of its employees was among those killed in the shooting.



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New York governor calls on Congress to pass national assault weapons ban after deadly shooting

From CNN's Maureen Chowdhury





New York Gov. Kathy Hochul speaks during a press conference in February. Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images/File

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday called on Congress to pass a nationwide assault weapons ban after a lone gunman killed four people in Midtown Manhattan.

“Yesterday, New York lost four innocent lives in a horrific act of violence. Among them was NYPD Officer Didarul Islam, a 3 1/2-year veteran who leaves behind a wife eight months pregnant and two young sons. My heart is with his loved ones, his NYPD family and every victim of this tragedy,” Hochul said in a statement.

Hochul went on to detail that the gunman “used an AR-15–style assault rifle. The same weapon of war used in mass shootings across America.” She said that despite her state having some of the strictest gun laws in the country, it was not enough to prevent the deadly shooting.

“New York has some of the strongest gun laws in the nation. We banned assault weapons. We strengthened our Red Flag Law. We closed dangerous loopholes. But our laws only go so far when an AR-15 can be obtained in a state with weak gun laws and brought into New York to commit mass murder,” the New York governor said in a statement. “The time to act is now. The American people are tired of thoughts and prayers. They deserve action. Congress must summon the courage to stand up to the gun lobby and finally pass a national assault weapons ban before more innocent lives are stolen.”



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Trump briefed on shooting, says he trusts law enforcement to "get to the bottom" of it

From CNN's Alejandra Jaramillo



President Donald Trump meets with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Turnberry, Scotland, on Monday. Christopher Furlong/Getty Images

President Donald Trump expressed his condolences in a statement following the deadly shooting in Manhattan that left four people dead, including a police officer.

“I have been briefed on the tragic shooting that took place in Manhattan, a place that I know and love. I trust our Law Enforcement Agencies to get to the bottom of why this crazed lunatic committed such a senseless act of violence,” Trump wrote in a Truth Social post Tuesday.

Trump offered his sympathies to the victims’ families and the fallen officer.

“My heart is with the families of the four people who were killed, including the NYPD Officer, who made the ultimate sacrifice,” he said. “God Bless the New York Police Department, and God Bless New York!” Trump added.



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Blackstone investment firm executive killed in Midtown shooting

From CNN's Chris Boyette and Christie Johnson





Wesley LePatner From Wesley LePatner

An employee of Blackstone was killed Monday evening in Midtown Manhattan when a gunman entered 345 Park Avenue and opened fire, killing four people, the private equity firm said in a statement Tuesday morning.



“We are heartbroken to share that our colleague, Wesley LePatner, was among those who lost their lives in the tragic incident at 345 Park Avenue. Words cannot express the devastation we feel. Wesley was a beloved member of the Blackstone family and will be sorely missed.”

Blackstone

The statement called LePatner “brilliant, passionate, warm, generous, and deeply respected.” Blackstone’s web site identifies her as senior managing director.



“She embodied the best of Blackstone. Our prayers are with her husband, children and family.”

Blackstone

LePatner also was active outside of her work at Blackstone.

The Board of Trustees of The Metropolitan Museum of Art elected her as an elective trustee in February, according to the museum.

LePatner also is listed as a member of the Yale University Library Council, and is on the Board of Directors of the UJA-Federation of New York.



“Wesley was extraordinary in every way — personally, professionally, and philanthropically. An exceptional leader in the financial world, she brought thoughtfulness, vision, and compassion to everything she did.”

UJA-Federation of New York



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NFL Players Association offers condolences to those impacted by the shooting

From CNN's Lauren Mascarenhas

The union representing players in the National Football League extended condolences to those impacted by the shooting at the league's headquarters in Midtown Manhattan.

The NFL Players Association said Tuesday that it is deeply saddened by the attack, which left one NFL employee seriously injured and four other people dead.

“345 Park Avenue is part of our football family, and we at the NFLPA extend our sincere condolences and support to the people who work in this building and to the families of those who lost their lives,” the association said Tuesday in a statement.

“We also want to express our deep gratitude to the law enforcement and emergency personnel who responded to those impacted,” the statement said.

The injured NFL employee is now in the hospital, according to a memo to NFL staff from Commissioner Roger Goodell.



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NYC mayor says investigators believe shooter was headed to NFL offices, but took the wrong elevator



NYPD officers work near the scene of the shooting in Manhattan on Monday. Eduardo Munoz/Reuters

The man who killed four people in a Manhattan skyscraper Monday apparently failed to reach the offices of the National Football League because he took the wrong elevator, New York Mayor Eric Adams said Tuesday morning.

“From our preliminary investigation, he took the wrong elevator bank up to the NFL headquarters,” Adams told CBS Mornings. “Instead, it took him to Rudin Management, and that is where he carried out additional shootings and took the lives of additional employees.”

Gunman Shane Devon Tamura followed a woman into the elevator and allowed her to exit unharmed before continuing to the floor she had pressed, CNN’s John Miller previously reported.

Rudin Management is the owner of the building, 345 Park Avenue. Adams said the company had significant security measures in place in their office suite.

“Rudin Management had a safe room on each floor which doubled as a bathroom, where you were able to lock yourself in,” the mayor said. “A bulletproof door.”



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Police surround Midtown Manhattan skyscraper where shooting took place as New Yorkers head to work

From CNN's Dakin Andone, Sarah Boxer and Lauren Mascarenhas



Police officers stand next to a glass window with a bullet hole on Tuesday near the scene of the shooting in Manhattan. Mike Segar/Reuters

As New Yorkers head to work Tuesday morning in Midtown Manhattan, a large police presence surrounds 345 Park Avenue, where a gunman killed four people and seriously injured one other on Monday.

Panels of glass near the building's revolving doors appear shattered. Among the large officer presence, a police K-9 lies on the ground beneath the US and New York state flags – both flying at half-staff per the mayor's orders.

The building remains barricaded, with police officers standing at every entry point around the block.

The surrounding area and adjacent subway station are open as usual, and Midtown office workers walk up and down the sidewalk adjacent to Park Avenue, past the news crews lined up along the curb.

Check out the scene with CNN's Omar Jimenez:

Police surround Manhattan skyscraper where shooting took place

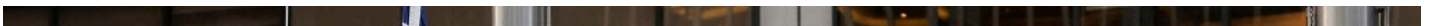
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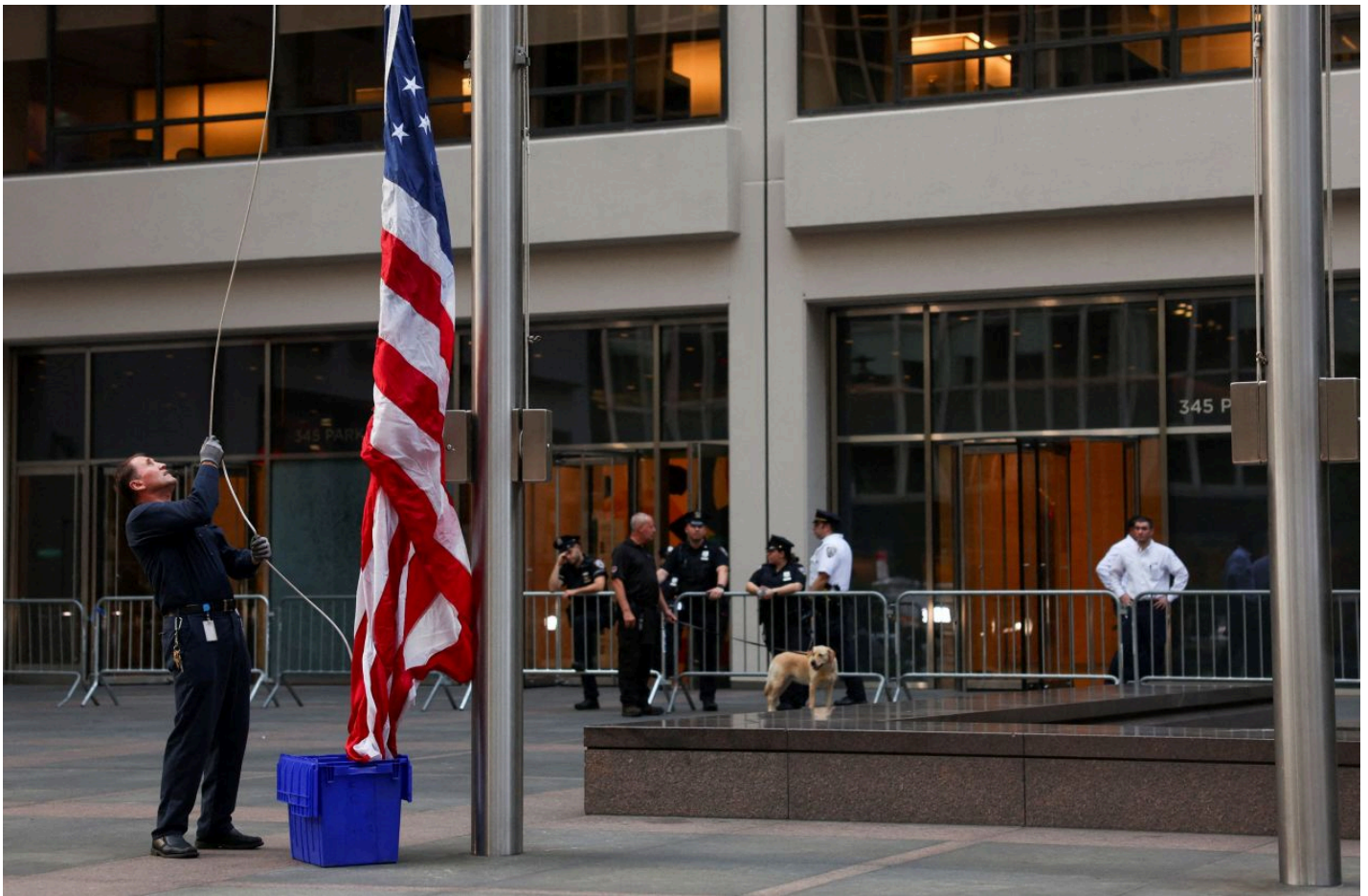


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NYC mayor orders flags to be flown at half-staff following deadly Midtown shooting

From CNN's Meg Wagner





A man raises the American flag to half-staff on Tuesday morning in front of the building in Manhattan where the shooting occurred. Mike Segar/Reuters

New York City Mayor Eric Adams ordered all flags on city buildings and flagstaffs to be flown at half-staff following the Midtown Manhattan shooting that killed four people, including an off-duty NYDP officer.

“As a mark of respect for the memory of NYPD Officer Didarul Islam who died in the line of duty and the multiple victims of the mass shooting in Midtown Manhattan at 345 Park Avenue yesterday, I’ve ordered all flags on all city buildings and stationary flagstaffs throughout the five boroughs to be lowered to half-staff until further notice,” Adams posted on X.

Islam was a 36-year-old immigrant from Bangladesh who had worked in the police force for three and a half years. He had two young sons, and his wife is pregnant with their third child, police said.

The flags flown outside the Park Avenue building where the shooting took place were seen being raised to half-staff this morning.



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