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PHILADELPHIA

"On what was supposed to be a beautiful summer evening, this armed and armored individual wreaked havoc, firing with a rifle at their victims seemingly at random," she said Tuesday afternoon.

Staff Inspector Ernest Ransom, the homicide unit commander, said witness interviews and video indicated that the suspect went to several locations in a ski mask and body armor, carrying an AR-15-style rifle.

"The suspect then began shooting aimlessly at occupied vehicles and individuals on the street as they walked," he said. The vehicles included a mother driving her 2-year-old twins home, and one was wounded in the legs and the other hit in the eyes by shattered glass.

Philadelphia police on Tuesday afternoon identified the victims as 20-year-old Lashyd Merritt, 29—year-old Dymir Stanton, 59-year-old Ralph Moralis and 15-year-old Daujan Brown, all pronounced dead shortly after the Monday night gunfire; and 31-year-old Joseph Wamah Jr., who was found in a home early Tuesday, also with multiple bullet wounds.

Investigators believe Wamah was the first victim killed, but he wasn't found by family members until hours later, Ransom said.

A 2-year-old boy shot four times in the legs and a 13-year-old shot twice in the legs were in stable condition, as were a 2-year-old boy and a 33-year-old woman injured by shattered glass.

Photos by STEVEN M. FALK / Philadelphia Inquirer via Associated Press

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Police said the suspect is believed to have acted alone and there was no reason to believe anyone else was involved. Police and prosecutors said no charges were planned at this point against a second person taken into custody who is believed to have obtained a gun somewhere and fired back at the shooter.

"When you are under fire in a mass shooting, there are rights to protect others and rights to protect yourself," District Attorney Larry Krasner said.

Authorities asked for patience as they investigate every aspect of the shooting. That investigation, Outlaw said, "includes the 'why.'"

Krasner said the suspect would face multiple counts of murder, as well as aggravated assault and weapons charges, and was expected to be denied bail.

Outlaw praised the bravery of officers who tended to victims and rushed them to hospitals as others "fearlessly ran toward the sounds of gunfire," and captured the suspect.

"Their swift actions undoubtedly saved additional lives," she said.

At a holiday weekend block party in Baltimore, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) to the southwest of Philadelphia, two people were killed and 28 others were wounded in a shooting. More than half of the victims were 18 or younger, officials said.

About four hours after the Philadelphia shooting, gunfire at a neighborhood festival in Fort Worth, Texas, killed three people and wounded eight.

Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney renewed his oft-repeated call to "do something about America's gun problem."

"A person walking down the city street with an AR-style rifle and shooting randomly at people while wearing a bulletproof vest with multiple magazines is a disgraceful but all-too-common situation in America," Kenney said. "I was today at Independence Hall where they wrote that Constitution, and the 2nd Amendment was never intended to protect this."

Krasner said that the morning after the shooting, he saw "completely empty streets" in the traumatized neighborhood on an otherwise beautiful morning.

"I saw every porch empty. I saw every door closed. I saw every curtain where there was a curtain pulled. I saw no kids playing," he said, describing a bicycle left on a corner, apparently untouched for 12 or more hours, "as if everybody understood what happened here was so horrible that for right now this is a desert, and for right now everything that we associate with celebrating Fourth of July is off."

Tim Eads said that on Monday night he heard fireworks, then gunshots, and saw police cars "flying by." His wife was on the second floor "looking out the bay window and saw the shooter actually coming down this street here behind me."

Eads saw the other man with a pistol who, he said, may have been firing at the shooter.

"He was using my car as a shield shooting out into the street," Eads said.

A resident named Roger who declined to give his last name said he and his family were eating in the living room at about 8:30 p.m. when they heard eight to 10 gunshots.

"Everybody thought it was fireworks but ... been around here about three years so I heard it enough," he said. "I looked out the window and seen a bunch of people running."

He said he heard about four more shots and "thought it was the end of it." Ten minutes later, he said, police came "flying down here," and about five minutes later he heard rapid gunfire open up right outside the house.

The Philadelphia violence was the country's 29th mass killing in 2023, according to a database maintained by The Associated Press and USA Today in partnership with Northeastern University, the highest on record by this time in the year.

The number of people killed in such events is also the highest by this time in the year.

There have been more than 50 mass killings since 2006, according to the database, in which at least 2,900 people have died and at least 2,000 people have been hurt.

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CHUGACH

If approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, the proposal would bring into alignment rates paid by those members who were once with Anchorage Municipal Light and Power and rates paid by Chugach's legacy members, the utility says.

Chugach Electric purchased the municipal utility in 2020, creating one service area across Anchorage and beyond.

As part of that transaction, the regulatory agency required that a base-rate adjustment be filed this year, the utility said in its statement.

The utility filed the rate case on Friday, proposing an increase. The agency will provide a 30-day public comment period.

"We are looking forward to moving toward uniform rates for each customer class," said Arthur Miller, Chugach Electric chief executive, in a prepared statement.

He said the acquisition has been a success that's led to savings of more than $72 million.

"Those savings are passed along to our members in the form of rates lower than what they would otherwise be without the acquisition," Miller said.

The proposed increase is coming amid concerns about a looming shortage of Cook Inlet natural gas, the primary source of power in Alaska's most populated area, the Railbelt, from Homer to Fairbanks.

The rate increase is already drawing some attention. At least one group says it plans to intervene in the case in order to promote a rate structure that conserves Cook Inlet gas, which it says is a much cheaper resource than the imports of liquefied natural gas that the utilities see as a leading solution to the shortfall. Other groups said they have concerns about the proposed increase and they'll be working to let people know about the issues as the rate case moves along.

Veri di Suvero, executive director of Alaska Public Interest Research Group, said the consumer advocacy group is pleased that Chugach Electric customers will have a chance to weigh in on the plan during the public comment period.

But di Suvero said the group is concerned about what it sees as "pretty severe increase in rates." Many ratepayers came away with the perception that the 2020 acquisition would not lead to rate increases, di Suvero said.

"That's not to say the rate increase is not justified, but taking a close look at it will be very important to make sure there's public trust that the utility is operating in the public good," di Suvero said.

Aurora Roth, a co-founder of the Chugach Ratepayers Alliance, said the group will inform ratepayers about the proposal, with short informational videos on its Instagram page.

The change is significant and the public should weigh in during the regulatory proceedings, she said.

"Everyone's rates will increase, whether you're a household ratepayer or a large ratepayer like Providence (hospital) system," she said.

Leaders with Renewable Energy Alaska Project said their group intends to intervene in the case to propose a rate structure that will conserve Cook Inlet natural gas, the main source of power for Chugach Electric.

The group's ideas include setting rates that rise as members consume more energy. The goal is to provide an incentive for households and businesses to keep energy use low to preserve Cook Inlet gas, a critical resource that also provides heat across Southcentral Alaska. They said that gas imports will be much more expensive and volatile than current Cook Inlet gas prices.

"There should be a strong focus by the utility and the commission to design rates and improve rates to change customer behavior to transition from natural gas to renewables, which in most of the world are much less expensive to generate," said Chris Rose, the renewable energy group's executive director.

The rates should also be designed to incentivize less energy use through conservation and efficiency, he said.

The amount of available Cook Inlet gas is expected to begin falling short of demand in the Railbelt region starting in 2027, according to a working group of six Railbelt utilities and two state agencies. The group includes Chugach Electric and ENSTAR natural gas company, and was formed last year after producer Hilcorp warned utilities that it does not currently have enough natural gas reserves in Cook Inlet to provide for new gas contracts. Chugach Electric's gas supply contract ends in 2028. The contract for ENSTAR, providing gas for heating and cooking for more than half the state's population, ends in 2033.

The Utility Working Group late last month released a first-phase assessment looking at solutions to the anticipated Cook Inlet gas shortage.

Importing liquefied natural gas is a leading near-term solution, the group said in a prepared statement last week.

The group said more Cook Inlet gas production is viewed only as a "very short-term fix" because of challenging market conditions, potentially providing only a few years of additional supply, the group said.

With the gas shortage on the horizon, the utilities have been racing to find ways to reduce natural gas use, including with renewable and energy efficiency projects. Chugach Electric is studying large-scale wind and solar projects that could reduce demand, and the utility recently purchased a Tesla battery pack to make gas-fired generation more efficient.

But the working group says "renewables cannot meaningfully displace natural gas demand for electric generation in Alaska for many years to come," according to a document from the group addressing frequently asked questions.

The situation is "very unsettling," but the current rate case is an opportunity to change that with a rate system that helps conserve Cook Inlet gas, Rose said.

Chugach has created a page on its website to track the case.

The proposed increase was first reported by Alaska Public Media.

Photo by FLETCHER MORRISON

A fire consumed a boat and much of a fuel dock Tuesday at the Whittier Harbor.

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FIRE

Petroleum, said Whittier Harbormaster David Borg. The boat involved in the fire also sank, he said.

Borg described the dock as "unusable at this time." It's the only fueling platform in the Whittier Harbor, he said.

It appeared that the fire had melted the vinyl off the face of the building that sits on the fuel dock, Borg said, but firefighters were able to save the building itself.

Borg said it's too early to know the full extent of damage to the dock and the building, but he said it would likely be unusable at least for the next 24-48 hours until a solid evaluation can be made.

That has big implications for the city's commercial fishing fleet, Borg said. "We're at the peak of our commercial fishing season right now," he said.

Most of the commercial fleet is currently out, Borg said, and he expects vessels will start coming back between Thursday and Saturday.

Not having a facility for them to get fuel would be a major issue, he said.

Recreational boats can fuel up on their way to Whittier, but Borg said many commercial vessels that rely on shoreside fuel service.

"I'm very concerned," he said.

The Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel that leads to and from Whittier was temporarily closed during the fire.

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Iceland warns tourists to stay away from volcano

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REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Authorities in Iceland on Tuesday warned tourists and other spectators to stay away from a newly erupting volcano that is spewing lava and noxious gases from a fissure in the country's southwest.

The eruption began Monday afternoon after thousands of earthquakes in the area, meteorological authorities said. This one comes 11 months after its last eruption officially ended. The eruption is in an uninhabited valley near the Litli-Hrútur mountain, some 19 miles southwest of the capital, Reykjavik.

The area, known broadly as Fagradalsfjall volcano, erupted in 2021 and 2022 without causing damage or disruptions to flights, despite being near Keflavik Airport, Iceland's international air traffic hub. The airport remained open on Tuesday.

MARCO DI MARCO / Associated Press

A man takes pictures Monday as lava emerges from a fissure of the Fagradalsfjall volcano near the Litli-Hrútur mountain, 19 miles southwest of Reykjavik, Iceland.

The Icelandic Meteorological Office said the eruption was initially more explosive than the previous two. Aerial footage showed streams of orange molten lava and clouds of gases spewing from a snaking fissure about 900 meters (half a mile) long.

"Gas pollution is high around the eruption and dangerous," the Met Office said. "Travelers are advised not to enter the area until responders have had a chance to evaluate conditions."

By Tuesday morning, the fissure and the volume of the eruption had shrunk, scientists said.

"This has become a small eruption, which is very good news," University of Iceland geophysics professor Magnús Tumi Guðmundsson told national broadcaster RUV.

He said the eruption could "certainly last a long time, but luckily we're not looking at a continuation of what we saw in the first few hours."

A 2021 eruption in the same area produced spectacular lava flows for several months. Hundreds of thousands of people flocked to see the sight.

Iceland, which sits above a volcanic hot spot in the North Atlantic, averages an eruption every four to five years.

The most disruptive in recent times was the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjallajokull volcano, which sent huge clouds of ash into the atmosphere and led to widespread airspace closures over Europe. More than 100,000 flights were grounded, stranding millions of international travelers and halting air travel for days because of concerns the ash could damage jet engines.

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FLOODING

all these businesses are losing inventory, and this person just clearly just lost their car," said state Sen. Anne Watson, noting a parked vehicle inundated with water. Similar scenes played out in neighboring Barre and in Bridgewater, where the Ottauquechee River spilled its banks.

Bryan Pfeiffer, a biologist who has lived in the Montpelier area for four decades, canoed around the downtown area to check out the damage and was appalled by what he saw. The basement of every building — including the one where he works — and the lower levels of most were inundated. Even the city's fire station was flooded.

"It's really troubling when your fire station is under water," Pfeiffer said.

City officials were monitoring the dam on the Winooski upstream and said water levels there were holding steady. But they didn't rule out releasing some water, which would inundate low-lying areas of the city.

"Floodwaters continue to rise in some places, like our capital city, and have surpassed the levels seen during Tropical Storm Irene," Vermont Gov. Phil Scott said. Irene killed six people in Vermont in August 2011, washing homes off their foundations and damaging or destroying more than 200 bridges and 500 miles of highway.

The sun was out Tuesday and more sunshine was expected Wednesday. More rain was forecast Thursday and Friday but Peter Banacos, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the state will be spared any further torrential downpours.

"Tomorrow a weak cold front is coming through that will generate some isolated thunderstorms," he said. "We're keeping an eye on that but not expecting any flooding."

With flood waters receding in some of the hardest-hit towns, much of the focus was on reopening roadways, checking on isolated homeowners and cleaning out mud and debris from water-logged businesses.

"We sustained catastrophic damage. We just really took the brunt of the storm," Ludlow Municipal Manager Brendan McNamara said, as he assessed the flood's impact around the 1,500 person town.

"I talked to people today that said my house is gone. Thankfully we got through it with no loss of life," he said, adding the damage was worse than Tropical Storm Irene. "Ludlow will be fine. People are coming together and taking care of each other. We've been here before and we will get through it."

Among the losses was the town's water treatment plant. Its main supermarket remained closed. The main roadway through town had yet to be fully reopened and McNamara couldn't begin to estimate how many houses had been damaged. The town's Little League field and a new skate park were destroyed, and scores of businesses were damaged.

Colleen Dooley returned to her condominium complex in Ludlow Tuesday to find the grounds covered in silt and mud and the pool filled with muddy river water. A wooden pool deck had been carried about 300 feet (100 meters) by flood waters; the adjacent Black River was still raging.

"I don't know when we'll move back, but it will certainly be awhile," said Dooley, a 59-year-old retired teacher.

One woman was swept away in New York on Monday. There have been no reports of injuries or deaths related to the flooding in Vermont, where swift-water rescue teams aided by National Guard helicopter crews have done more than 100 rescues, Vermont Emergency Management said Tuesday.

That included an "extremely high-risk rescue" by a visiting New Hampshire team of a person who decided to drive around a barricaded road, said Mike Cannon of Vermont Urban Search and Rescue. "The car was washed off the roadway almost into the river," he said.

Dozens of roads and highways were closed, including many along the spine of the Green Mountains. There were fewer flood warnings and advisories than on Monday, and most were concentrated in the north of the state. Road crews cleared debris Tuesday, reopening Interstate 89 as it follows the Winooski River between Montpelier and Middlesex.

The slow-moving storm reached New England after hitting parts of New York and Connecticut on Sunday. Some communities received between 7 and 9 inches of rain. Towns in southwest New Hampshire had heavy flooding and road washouts, and the Connecticut River was expected to crest above flood stage Wednesday in Hartford and towns to the south.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrator Richard Spinrad said Tuesday that 13.7 million people were under inland flooding alerts on Tuesday. Atmospheric scientists say destructive flooding events happen more frequently as storms form in a warmer atmosphere, and the planet's rising temperatures will only make it worse.

President Joe Biden, attending the annual NATO summit in Lithuania, declared an emergency for Vermont and authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help coordinate disaster relief efforts and provide assistance. He also spoke with the governor and Sen. Bernie Sanders.

FEMA sent a team to Vermont, along with emergency communications equipment, and is prepared to keep shelters supplied if the state requests it. The agency also is monitoring flooding in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, regional spokesperson Dennis Pinkham said Tuesday.

One of the worst-hit places was New York's Hudson Valley, where a woman identified by police as Pamela Nugent, 43, died as she tried to escape her flooded home with her dog in the hamlet of Fort Montgomery. The U.S. Military Academy at West Point was pounded with more than 8 inches of rain that sent debris sliding onto some roads and washed others out.

Multiple rescue crews were positioned in Montpelier, where dispatch, police and fire operations were relocated to a water treatment plant after heavy flooding at City Hall and the police and fire departments. Also, the radio towers they use for emergency calls were not functional, Police Chief Eric Nordenson said.

Shelters were set up at churches, town halls and the Barre Municipal Auditorium, where delivering food to the more than 200 people taking refuge there was a challenge.

"We're trying to find paths to get supplies in to them," said John Montes, American Red Cross of Northern New England regional disaster officer.

Kathy McCormack in Concord, New Hampshire; Michael Hill in Albany, New York; and Mark Pratt, Michael Casey and Steve LeBlanc in Boston contributed.

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This image made from drone footage provided by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shows flooding on Tuesday in Montpelier.

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Children observe flooding in downtown Montpelier, Vermont, on Tuesday. Vermont has been under a state of emergency since Sunday evening as heavy rains continued through Tuesday morning, causing flooding across the state.

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Sullivan says Alabama senator 'has the right' to hold up military promotions over abortion policy

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WASHINGTON — Alaska Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan said Alabama Sen. Tommy Tuberville's holds on military promotions are his "right," and called for compromise to resolve the blockade.

"Every senator has the right to place holds on nominees on an issue of policy importance," Sullivan said during an appearance on "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "I certainly have done this myself."

Tuberville, a Republican, has stalled over 250 military nominations since February — including the commandant of the Marine Corps — in an attempt to pressure the Biden administration to stop reimbursing service members' abortion travel expenses. His holds have raised concerns from top Pentagon officials about military readiness and drawn blowback from Senate Democrats. President Joe Biden has called on Republicans to lean on Tuberville to back down.

The holds pit two issues important to Sullivan — national security and abortion — against each other. Sullivan is a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve and ranking member on the Senate Armed Services readiness subcommittee. He has also supported limits on abortion access, including the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Individual senators can hold up nominations by objecting to unanimous consent. Sullivan has a history of holding up nominees for political leverage.

In response to a question about Tuberville's holds, Sullivan said on "Meet the Press" that the biggest threat to national security is the Biden administration's proposed military spending budget and pointed to a hold Illinois Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth had on 1,000 military promotions in 2020, which lasted less than two weeks.

Sullivan called for negotiation between Senate leadership, the Pentagon and Tuberville.

"Every single one of these kind of holds, 99% of them get resolved through compromise. And what needs to happen, the secretary of Defense, Senator Tuberville, Chuck Schumer need to sit down and have that pass," Sullivan told host Chuck Todd.

Sullivan did not respond to a question from the Daily News about his position on rolling back the Pentagon's policy of reimbursing service members for abortion travel.

In a Tuesday statement, he denounced what he called "the Biden administration's unprecedented politicization" of the Armed Forces. He criticized specific administration military policies on issues that he said have "nothing to do with warfighting and lethality" including climate change, racism and gender-affirming surgeries for troops.

Sullivan also said Senate leadership could bypass the holds by filing cloture and cutting off debate on the nominees individually, which would take up time on the Senate floor.

Unlike Sullivan, Alaska Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski has criticized Tuberville's holds.

"I am not really liking the direction things are going right now. We are starting to see more members that are saying, 'I am just going to do a blanket hold,'" Murkowski told CNN last month. "Are we all gonna start taking hostages now?"

Murkowski's office did not respond to questions about the holds and Pentagon abortion policy in time for this story.

The underlying policy may be debated as an amendment to the Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act, though it is unlikely to pass the Democrat-controlled Senate, and Tuberville has suggested a vote may not be enough to compel him to lift the holds.

The House of Representatives passed an amendment to the defense bill that would ban reimbursements for service members' abortion-related travel. Alaska Democratic Rep. Mary Peltola was sick and missed the amendment vote, but voted against the House defense package in opposition to that and other policies.

"We shouldn't be pitting pay raises that they deserve against the reproductive freedoms that they also deserve. That is a false choice, created for purely political reasons," Peltola said in a Friday statement.

ALASKA

Michigan teen dies after suffering medical emergency on hike

Annie Berman
Anchorage Daily News

A teenage boy from Michigan died Monday afternoon after suffering a medical emergency during a hike near Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park, authorities said.

Sixteen-year-old Simon Mirkes from Farmington Hills, Michigan, was in Alaska this month as part of an excursion with Tamarack Camps, a Michigan-based Jewish summer camp, camps spokesman Michael Layne said Tuesday.

"We cannot convey the pain and sadness we feel for the Mirkes family, and we will continue to keep them in our hearts as we grieve as a community," Layne said, reading from a prepared statement, after confirming Mirkes' death during a hike in the Exit Glacier area near Seward.

Layne said the cause of the boy's death wasn't yet clear. What's known is that Mirkes collapsed during the hike, and CPR efforts by camp staff and others — which began promptly — were ultimately unsuccessful, Layne said.

"At the time of the incident, the stricken camper immediately received first responder care from trained staff," Layne said.

Alaska State Troopers said Seward-based wildlife troopers received a report of a medical emergency with CPR in progress around 1 p.m. Monday, about 3.7 miles up the Harding Icefield Trail in the national park.

"Bystanders including volunteers from a local guide service performed CPR until emergency responders arrived on scene. A LifeFlight helicopter crewed with paramedics was able to land on scene and attempt additional resuscitation efforts. Despite the efforts of all involved, the juvenile did not survive," troopers wrote in their online report.

He was pronounced dead shortly after 3 p.m., according to troopers.

Multiple agencies responded to the incident, including the National Park Service, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Bear Creek Fire Department, Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corps and LifeMed Alaska.

An investigation is being conducted by the Alaska State Troopers and the National Park Service, the agencies said.

According to Tamarack Camps' website, the eight-week program Mirkes was participating in takes campers to Alaska and the Canadian Rockies and is designed for students entering the 11th grade.

A funeral service was scheduled for Friday in Farmington Hills.

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Former President Donald Trump visits with campaign volunteers Tuesday at the Elks Lodge in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

the country appear to be preparing to lodge criminal charges related to efforts to overturn a presidential election that took place nearly three years ago and led to violence at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Also Tuesday, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel (D) brought charges against 16 Republicans who falsely claimed to be the state's 2020 presidential electors after the state was won by Joe Biden. The district attorney in Fulton County, Ga., is also leading a state investigation related to the 2020 election and has said she will make a charging decision in the case next month.

Trump, meanwhile, has already been indicted on federal charges in a separate case alleging that he mishandled classified documents. And in March, a Manhattan grand jury indicted Trump on state charges, alleging that he falsified records related to hush money payments to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels during the 2016 presidential campaign.

"Nothing like this has ever happened in our Country before, or even close," Trump wrote in a long post Tuesday in which he called Smith "deranged" and called Attorney General Merrick Garland's actions "unethical."

In an interview with Fox News's Sean Hannity Tuesday evening, Trump repeated his refrain of portraying the prosecutions as politicized. "You could call it fascist, you could call it Marxist, you could call it communist, what they're doing, like with the Department of Justice they've totally weaponized that, it's weaponized like we've never had this before," he said.

A target letter from prosecutors means investigators have gathered substantial evidence linking the recipient to a crime — but it does not necessarily mean charges will ultimately be brought. Often such letters invite the target to appear before a grand jury to offer evidence.

"A target letter usually means to a very high degree of certainty that your client is going to be charged," said Robert Kelner, a prominent Republican lawyer who has defended clients in federal criminal investigations. Kelner said the letters are often intended to allow a potential defendant's lawyers time to argue against charges before an indictment is brought.

In his post, Trump wrote that he was asked to appear before the grand jury this week. A Trump adviser said he does not plan to go before the grand jury and testify.

The former president did not indicate what the charges against him could be. Three people familiar with the matter said the letter cited multiple statutes that prosecutors are examining.

During a hearing in the documents case in federal court in Florida on Tuesday, two of Trump's lawyers disclosed the target letter to the judge and indicated that they expect Trump could be indicted in Smith's Jan. 6 probe soon.

Two people in Trump's orbit said the target letter landed as Smith's team continues to interview people who worked for Trump's team, and others close to him. They include lawyers who worked on post-election challenges, others said. A spokesman for former Arizona governor Doug Ducey, who was pressured by Trump to overturn the 2020 election results, said he too was recently contacted by Smith's team.

Trump's lawyers met with the former president Monday to discuss Smith's investigation, as well as the probe in Georgia. He personally dictated the lengthy statement that was posted Tuesday morning on his Truth Social account, and its contents caught some of his advisers off guard, according to four people briefed on the events. Some of his closest political advisers were not aware he had received a new target letter until Tuesday morning, three of these people said.

Trump has struggled to find lawyers to defend him against his myriad legal issues, and it is unclear who will represent him in a Smith case related to Jan. 6 should one be brought, according to people familiar with the matter.

Led by Smith, the Justice Department has been examining the events that led up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Investigators have looked at ads and email messages that sought to fundraise off false claims of election fraud, as well as the decision by Republican electors in some states won by Biden to send signed statements purporting to affirm Trump as the victor.

Prosecutors have asked witnesses hours of detailed questions about meetings Trump led in December 2020 and January 2021, a time when he was falsely insisting that he defeated Biden in the election even as swing states certified Biden's win, people familiar with the questioning have said.

They have also inquired about his pressure campaign on Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the election. Some of the questions have focused directly on the extent of Trump's involvement in the elector scheme led by his outside lawyers, including John Eastman and Rudy Giuliani, these people said. Eastman and Giuliani argued that Pence could reject Biden's electors when Congress gathered to confirm his win on Jan. 6, a ceremony that was interrupted by violence.

Prosecutors have especially homed in on learning what role Trump and others in his inner circle played in an alleged scheme seeking to substitute Trump allies for certified electors from some states Biden won, according to two people familiar with the matter.

People interviewed in front of the grand jury about efforts to overturn the election have said that investigators also appear to be focusing on actions by several lawyers who assisted Trump after the 2020 election, including Eastman, Giuliani, Sidney Powell, Kurt Olsen, Kenneth Chesebro and Jeffrey Clark, who served as a Justice Department official at the time.

Trump is the only person so far to publicly say he has received a target letter as part of the Jan. 6 investigation. An attorney for Giuliani, Robert Costello, said the former New York mayor hasn't received such a letter, nor has Eastman, according to an attorney for the California law professor.

Trump's advisers spent Tuesday trying to learn if anyone else had received target letters and did not immediately locate any others, according to people briefed on the efforts.

Last month, a federal grand jury indicted Trump on 37 charges in a separate case, also led by Smith, alleging that the former president took classified materials from the White House and improperly kept them at his Florida residence after he left office. Prosecutors allege that he then tried to hide some of the classified materials as federal officials demanded them back.

Trump had also received a target letter from Smith in that investigation in the days before he was indicted. He declined to appear in front of the grand jury in that case as well.

The charges in that case were filed in West Palm Beach, and a federal judge in South Florida is presiding over the legal proceedings.

Any potential indictment related to the Jan. 6 investigation is expected to be filed in D.C.

House Republicans filing out of their weekly conference meeting largely avoided commenting on the news that Trump had received a target letter. Republicans — including several trying to beat Trump for the 2024 GOP nomination and some lawmakers — largely defended the former president or avoided questions about the letter.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), who is also running for president, expressed skepticism of potential charges while criticizing Trump's conduct on Jan. 6.

"He was in the White House and didn't do anything as things were going on. He should have come out more forcefully," DeSantis said of Trump's actions that day. But he added: "To try to criminalize that is a different issue entirely. We want to be in a situation where we don't have one side constantly trying to put the other side in jail."

Pence, who faced the anger of Trump's supporters on Jan. 6 and is now running for president, repeated in an interview on NewsNation that Trump's actions that day were "reckless" and said "history will hold him to account." But he added: "With regard to the prospect of an indictment, I hope it doesn't come to that. I'm not convinced that the president acting on the bad advice of a group of crank lawyers that came into the White House in the days before January 6 is actually criminal."

One notable exception was former New Jersey governor Chris Christie, who was sharply critical of Trump. "His conduct on January 6th proves he doesn't care about our country & our Constitution. He lost the election & instead of accepting it he tried to overturn the election, undermine democracy & provoked Jan 6. His lies have consequences. They lost us the midterms and will lose us 2024," Christie wrote on Twitter.

Some in Trump's orbit noted that whenever investigations into Trump's conduct intensify, his poll and fundraising numbers seem to go up. Trump began fundraising off the news of his target letter almost immediately, asking supporters to contribute at least $24 in a pitch that predicted, in all capital letters, an "ARREST and INDICTMENT."

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