

THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS| THE MANHUNT BEGINS

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THE BACK STORY

The third day after the bombings started early, with the Globe reporting exclusively, at 7:51 a.m., that the FBI had obtained clear images of the bombers.

An interfaith memorial service, attended by President Obama, began at 11 a.m., bringing together a community in mourning.

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Adrienne Lavidor-Berman

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BREAKING NEWS FROM THE GLOBE: Authorities have clear video images of two separate suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings carrying black bags at each explosion site and are planning to release the images today in an appeal for the public’s help in identifying the men, according to an official briefed on the case.



Wesley Lowery @WesleyLowery

11:31 a.m.

The service is echoing through parts of Washington St, as Boston Police officers outside gather around cruisers and listen on the radio.

‘You will run again,’
Obama tells Boston at
interfaith service



BY ANDREW RYAN, JOHN R. ELLEMENT AND
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President Obama said today that America stands with the city of Boston after the deadly terror bombing attacks at the Boston Marathon finish line on Monday.

In a powerful, uplifting speech at an interfaith service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Obama said he had come to join people to “pray and mourn and measure our loss. We also come today to reaffirm that the spirit of this city is undaunted and the spirit of this country shall remain undimmed.”

“I’m here today on behalf of the American people with a simple message: Every one of us has been touched by this attack on your beloved city. Every one of us stands with you,” he said.

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At 5 p.m., the FBI released the first photos of the bombing suspects.



Milton Valencia @Milton Valencia 5:25 p.m.
One has a white hat, one a black hat. One can be seen dropping bag right in front of restaurant in second blast.



Boston Dot Com @BostonDotCom 5:40p.m.
A view of both suspects in the Marathon bombing. Suspect No. 1 is in front; suspect 2 walks behind him down Boylston Street.



Authorities release videos, photos of two suspects in marathon bombing

BY MARK ARSENAULT | GLOBE STAFF

At 10 p.m., the Globe staff was putting the finishing touches on 26 bombing-related stories. This was the mainbar, as prepared for first edition.

The FBI released dramatic photographs and video Thursday of two suspects in the Marathon bombing, plucking the young men out of the obscurity of the festive downtown crowd and putting their faces on worldwide display as they enlisted the public’s help in identifying them.

“Somebody out there knows these individuals as friends, neighbors, co-workers, or family members,” said FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard DesLauriers. “The nation is counting on those with information to come forward.”

The dramatic unmasking of the men who allegedly turned Boston’s annual spring sports festival Monday into a bloody scene of chaos and lost limbs, came hours after President Obama delivered an uplifting salute to the city’s resiliency in an interfaith service, which honored the three killed and the scores maimed by the blasts.

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At 10:30 p.m., MIT police officer Sean Collier was shot. By just after 11 p.m., there were at least five reporters in Cambridge covering what appeared to be an unrelated fatal shooting. Our first post was at 11:29.

Just after midnight, police suddenly sped away from the Cambridge crime scene. This was soon followed by reports of gunfire and detonated explosives in Watertown. At least 14 Globe reporters were sent out to report through the night.

At 2:16:07, the Globe — via tweet—became the first to report that the mayhem in Cambridge and Watertown was connected to the marathon bombings. Online visitors to the Globe’s websites surged to more than 400,000 between 2 and 3 a.m.


MIT police officer hit by gunfire, Cambridge Police dispatcher says

CAMBRIDGE -- An MIT police officer was hit by gunfire late Thursday night, a Cambridge Police dispatcher said, and the campus was placed under an alert.

According to a tweet from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “there is a report of an active shooter in the vicinity” of Building 32, the renowned Stata Building.

Police officers and canine units swarmed the campus, and a big swath of Vassar Street was blocked.


There was no information immediately available on the officer’s condition.



The Boston Globe @BostonGlobe

1:24 a.m.


Chaos descends onto Cambridge, Watertown after fatal shooting of MIT police officer and then an apparent carjacking.



Jennifer Peter @GlobeJenPeter

1:45 a.m.

To recap, this appeared to begin with the shooting death of an MIT officer, which triggered a manhunt followed by explosions in Watertown.



Jennifer Peter @GlobeJenPeter

2:16 a.m.

A marathon suspect is in custody as manhunt continues for another in Watertown, according to official with knowledge of the investigation.

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MANHUNT, SHOOT-OUT, CAPTURE IN BOMB CASE

Chaos erupts in Cambridge and Watertown after MIT officer is gunned down

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The story for the next day's paper was quickly rewritten to top with the news out of Cambridge and Watertown. By pushing back deadlines and calling in extra staff, the updated story – sent to the desk just before 2:50 a.m. – made all third edition newspapers.



MARIO TAMA/GETTYIMAGES

Police converged on Watertown; at right, photos of the suspects released by the FBI.

One of the suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings was captured following a dramatic shoot-out with police in a Watertown neighborhood, and a second suspect remained at large early Friday morning with an army of police and federal agents on his trail, according to an official familiar with the investigation.

Police created a 20-block perimeter in a massive search for the fugitive, according to a law enforcement official.

The capture came after a wave of violence spilled from Cambridge to Watertown. An MIT police officer was shot and killed. A carjacking following that led to a gunfight with police in Watertown.



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DOMINICK REUTER/EPA

Police near the scene where an MIT police officer was shot and killed on Thursday night, triggering a massive manhunt.

Boston Police, federal authorities and police officers from many area towns descended on the community. Television footage showed one suspect captured, as helicopters circled above in an apparent search for the second bombing suspect.

Witnesses in Watertown said they heard explosions. Police officers were screaming about improvised explosive devices.

“This is still extremely dangerous,” an FBI agent said.

The violence came just hours after the FBI released photos and video of two suspects in the deadly Boston Marathon terror bombings case, appealing to the public to help them to find them.

“Somebody out there knows these individuals,” said Richard DesLauriers, special agent in charge of the Boston FBI office. He said the two men are considered “armed and dangerous.”

DesLauriers described the two men as Suspect No. 1 and Suspect No. 2. Suspect No. 1 was wearing a dark hat. Suspect No. 2 was wearing a white hat.

The FBI said Suspect No. 2 was observed planting a bomb, leaving it in place shortly before it went off.

“Within minutes,” he said at a news conference at a Boston hotel.

The latest string of violence began just before 11 p.m. Thursday, when an MIT police officer was shot multiple times and killed, triggering a manhunt and a campus lockdown. A little more than an hour later, police cars streamed from Cambridge to Watertown, where a gunfight broke out between police and the suspects.

Dozens of law enforcement officers, including FBI agents, were on the scene in Watertown early on Friday.

At Arsenal Court and Arsenal Street in Watertown, an officer bellowed: “Ya gotta get outta here. There’s an active shooter here with an active explosive. Go!”

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REUTERS

The FBI released a video clip showing the two suspects that was apparently taken about 12 minutes before Monday's bombings at the Boston Marathon.

Peter Jennings, 33, said he was sleeping just before 1 a.m. in his home on Prentiss Street in Watertown when he was awakened by a huge boom.

"It sounded like a stick of dynamite went off," he said. "I looked out the window, and it was like nothing I've ever seen — blue light after blue light after blue light."

He said more than three dozen emergency vehicles with sirens blaring were heading down Route 16 West. He went to the end of his street, where some neighbors were gathering. The air, he said, smelled like "at the end of a fireworks show, like a wick smell."

"I had a bad feeling because of what happened on Monday," he said.

The Patriots Day bombing killed 8-year-old Martin Richard of Dorchester; 29-year-old Krystle Campbell, a Medford native; and Lingzi Lu, a Boston University graduate student from China.

Campbell's devastated family issued a statement Thursday thanking those who tried to save Krystle's life.

"Furthermore, we are thankful for the outpouring of prayers, love, and support from our friends and families, the great community of Medford, the city of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the nation and the world," the family said.

Lingzi Lu's family, in a statement, said: "It has always been her dream to come to America to study. While she was here, she fell in love with Boston and its people."

More than 170 people were wounded in the blasts, many

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grievously. Fifty-seven remained in Boston hospitals Thursday, including six in critical condition, down from 12 critical patients Wednesday.

At the interfaith service dedicated to the victims, President Obama delivered a moving speech designed to comfort, but not coddle.

“If they sought to intimidate us, to terrorize us, to shake us from those values . . . that make us who we are as Americans — well, it should be pretty clear by now that they picked the wrong city to do it,” Obama thundered.

The president, sadly, has had plenty of practice delivering soothing words after mass killings, following attacks at Fort Hood in 2009; Tucson in 2011; and Aurora, Colo., and Newtown, Conn., in 2012.

In each of those speeches, Obama spoke eloquently of the victims. His Boston remarks were unique for their vivid and damning description of the perpetrators, whom Obama called “small, stunted individuals who would destroy instead of build, and think somehow that makes them important.”

Not far away, a 10-block area of the Back Bay remained closed to the public Thursday as the investigation continued, city officials said. The area included Boylston Street, where the bombings occurred, and all side streets between Newbury Street and Huntington Avenue, though those thoroughfares were open, said John Guilfoil, a spokesman for Mayor Thomas M. Menino. The area extended east to Clarendon Street, and was bounded on the west by Hereford, Dalton, and Belvidere streets.

Deb Seifert — a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives — said explosives specialists had processed approximately 70 percent of the scene affected by the blasts. She could not say how long the rest of the process would last. “It’s slow and methodical,” she said. “We have an obligation to the victims and their families to conduct a thorough investigation.”

In Washington on Thursday, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told a congressional committee that investigators did not yet know if the bombing was a plot by domestic or foreign terrorists.

“The investigation is proceeding apace,” she said. “This is not an ‘NCIS’ episode. Sometimes you have to take time to properly put the chain together to identify the perpetrators, but everybody’s committed to seeing that that gets done in the right way.”

Early Friday in Watertown, the gunfight and bomb blasts shook a sleeping neighborhood. John Antonucci’s 79-year-old mother called him hysterical from her home in Laurel Street. She heard about five gun shots and didn’t know what to do.

“She was saying they’re running down the street shooting,” Antonucci said standing outside of yellow police tape. “She was crying so hard I couldn’t understand what she was talking about.”

So he told her: Stay inside the house.

Residents describe the neighborhood as safe and family-oriented, where they leave open doors and windows and feed stray cats.

Standing on the corner of Quimby and Nichols as police officers hastily strung up caution tape, Lindsay Gaylord, 25, and Collin Ausfeld, 26, peered over the scene to get a glimpse of their apartment about a block away on Dartmouth Street.

“I was buying ice cream right there” -- Gaylord pointed to a

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structure a few steps away, behind the caution tape “just this afternoon.”

Ausfeld stared at the crime scene in front of him, trying to make sense of what he was seeing. As an afterthought, he muttered, “I hope the apartment doesn’t blow up.”

The couple said they moved to the neighborhood in January, leaving behind their Belmont place, because Watertown was closer to the city, and their block was quiet, safe, and friendly.

“After this, I still feel safe on this street,” Gaylord said. “I mean, you just never know with these things.”

Adam Healy, 31, said he stepped outside for a cigarette near one of the shooting scenes in Watertown, when he heard gunfire.

“I just heard tons of gunshots,” he said. “Gunshot, gunshot, gunshot, gunshot. Then I saw an explosion and saw a burst of light in the sky.”

Imran Saif, a cab driver, was parking his car for the night near Dexter and School streets and was preparing to bike home from Cambridge when he heard a series of loud noises that he said “sounded like fireworks.”

He said he biked toward the sounds, thinking they fireworks, when people in nearby houses began waving him back, telling him it was gunfire.

“It just sounded like there was automatic weapons going off, and I heard a few explosions,” he said. “They sounded like fireworks, mostly, big fireworks going off — tons, I’d say. I’m really scared. When I found out it was gunshots, that just knocked the wind out of me.”

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