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British police reveal more details of Parliament attacker

LONDON — Khalid Masood, who attacked Britain's Parliament, killing four people and wounding some 50, was born Adrian Russell Ajao, London's top counterterrorism officer said today.

Mark Rowley revealed the name in a briefing outside Scotland Yard in which he also announced two more "significant" arrests had been made.

That brings the total number of people in custody for the Wednesday attack to nine.

"We remain keen to hear from anyone who knew Khalid Masood well, understands who his associates were and can provide us with information about places he has recently visited," Rowley said.

"There might be people out there who did have concerns about Masood but did not feel comfortable for whatever reason in passing those concerns to us."

The 52-year-old attacker was born in southeastern England and had most recently been living in the central city of Birmingham.

Masood drove his car into crowds of people on Westminster Bridge on Wednesday afternoon, killing three and wounding some 50, before stabbing a police officer to death at the Houses of Parliament.

He was shot dead by police.

Trump approves Keystone XL, calling it 'great day' for jobs

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared it a "great day for American jobs" today as he formally green-lighted the Keystone XL pipeline, clearing the way for the \$8 billion project to finally be completed.

In a reversal of the Obama administration's earlier decision, the Trump administration issued a presidential permit enabling Calgary-based TransCanada to build the pipeline.

Appearing alongside TransCanada's CEO in the Oval Office, Trump called it part of a "new era of American energy policy" that he said would lower costs, reduce reliance on foreign oil and create thousands of U.S. jobs.

"It's going to be an incredible pipeline," Trump said. "Greatest technology known to man or woman and, frankly, we're very proud of it."

He said TransCanada could now build Keystone "with efficiency and with speed" and said the federal government was working out final details "as we speak."

The decision caps a years-long fight between environmental groups and energy industry advocates over the pipeline's fate that became a proxy battle over global warming. It marks one of the biggest steps taken to date by the Trump administration to prioritize economic development over environmental concerns.

The State Department, responsible for reviewing the project



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The Keystone Steele City pumping station, into which the planned Keystone XL pipeline is to connect to, is seen in Steele City, Neb., in 2015.

because it crosses an international border, determined that building it serves U.S. national interests.

That conclusion followed a review of environmental, economic and diplomatic factors, the department said.

TransCanada, which first applied for a presidential permit in 2008, called the decision a "significant milestone."

"We greatly appreciate President Trump's administration for reviewing and approving this important initiative," said TransCanada CEO Russ Girling. "We look forward to working with them as we continue to invest in and strengthen North America's energy infrastructure."

But Greenpeace, one of the pipeline's most vocal opponents, said it sent a signal to the world that the U.S. is "moving backwards" on climate and energy, and pledged to keep fighting it nonetheless.

The 1,700-mile pipeline, as envisioned, would carry oil from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast, passing through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. The pipeline would move roughly 800,000 barrels of oil per day, more than one-fifth of the oil Canada exports to the U.S.

Judge allows Oregon resident to be genderless

PORTLAND — An Oregon judge who last year ruled that a transgender person can legally change their sex to "non-binary" has given the OK for a Portland resident to be genderless.

Multnomah County Judge Amy Holmes Hehn on March 10 granted a petition allowing Patrick Abbatiello to go from male to "agender" and switch to the single name Patch.

People who are agender see themselves as neither a man nor a woman and have no gender identity.

The 27-year-old Patch writes and designs video games and had been using the name Patch since well before the decision to

legally change. An acquaintance applied it more than a decade ago and it stuck.

"It's not that I decided I was genderless — that's just how it is," Patch said. "I never felt like I fell within any part of the gender spectrum. None of the binary options, nothing in-between."

"I don't consider myself non-binary because that's an umbrella term for anything that isn't binary, which is gender identity."

Patch first heard the term agender six or seven years ago: "Prior to that I would just do my best to avoid the question of gender, and the discussion of my gender."

The judge in June 2016 allowed Jamie Shupe to legally change to non-binary.

Experts believe it was the first ruling of its kind in the U.S., and it led others in Oregon and elsewhere to seek the same designation. The case made Patch think there was more of a possibility of legally going agender.

Patch, who doesn't use pronouns, sought the name and gender change on Jan. 23 and it was granted in a typical timeframe.

Maine's cod fishermen have worst year in history

ROCKPORT, Maine — The cod isn't so sacred in Maine anymore.

The fish-and-chips staple was once a critical piece of the state's fishing industry, but state records show 2016 was historically bad. Fishermen brought less than 170,000 pounds of the fish to land in Maine last year. That was below the previous record low of 250,000 pounds a year earlier.

Maine's record year for cod was 1991, when fishermen brought more than 21 million pounds (9.5 million kilograms) to the docks.

Fishermen say they're struggling with tight quotas. Scientists say populations have plummeted.

The Sacred Cod is the nickname of a wood carving of the fish that hangs in the Massachusetts Statehouse. That state remains the center of the nation's Atlantic cod fishery, but it is in jeopardy, as well. Catch fell from nearly 100 million pounds in 1980 to less than 3 million in 2015.

Sea-Tac TSA agent pleads guilty to attempted voyeurism charge

SEATTLE — A security worker at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport accused of taking photos from underneath passengers' skirts has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge as part of a plea deal.

KOMO-TV reports 29-year-old Nicholas Fernandez of Tukwila pleaded guilty Thursday to attempted voyeurism.

A probable cause statement says authorities received reports of Fernandez's behavior last July and began monitoring him.

Another TSA agent followed him as he left a security checkpoint for a break. The agent reported seeing Fernandez stand behind a woman at baggage claim and turn his phone on to record under her skirt.

'Man Cave': It's a 5,000-square-foot hangar on land rented from Port

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Life Flight hangar and future development.

In a letter he sent to fellow commissioners Thursday, Fulton said the permitted use section of the lease held by Philip Bales, a retired dentist, "is expressly and plainly clear that 'aviation-related facility and storage of aircraft' are the only permitted uses, 'and for no other purpose.'"

Man Cave

Bales has a 5,000-square-foot hangar on land rented from the Port since 2000. He stores several planes and a boat in the hangar, as well as operating the Man Cave, a clubhouse complete with a bar and a small theater. Bales said he has broken no laws and is providing a gathering place to help promote the airport.

Fulton has requested an emergency meeting to authorize a cease-and-desist letter against the Man Cave, saying he contacted the Port's insurer and confirmed the agency has no alcohol-related liability coverage.

Fulton's campaign against the Man Cave started with his announcement of a bid for re-election to the Port Commission in the May 16 special district election. Facing a challenge from former Clatsop County Commissioner Dirk Rohne, Fulton switched seats and filed against fellow Commissioner James Campbell. In the announcement, Fulton said Campbell had condoned the private club, which he later referred to as an "unlicensed speakeasy."

The allegations have surprised and confused other Port commissioners, most of whom have visited the widely known Man Cave. Port Executive Director Jim Knight has said the Man Cave is not prohibited by Bales' lease nor frowned upon by the Federal Aviation Administration. Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said no complaints have been filed about the Man Cave.

Life Flight in

In his letter, Fulton said

Bales' eviction is an opportunity to avoid the Port's May bond measure. The Port is asking voters to approve \$1.96

million in bonds to create a second airport entrance to the south, accommodate helicopter medevac service Life Flight's new hangar away from other airplane traffic and near the new entrance, and to ready nearby parcels for future development.

"In the interest of saving almost \$2 million of taxpayer money, I ask this commission and Port staff to add to the next meeting's agenda the discussion of how and when Bales' site and lease could be terminated and made available for a higher use by Life Flight pursuant to Section 5D of the lease," Fulton said.

The higher-use section of Bales' lease states the Port can give him 120 days written notice to vacate. The Port

would have to pay Bales a \$2,500 early termination fee.

Bond-averse

The Port's bond measure has been backed by most cities and hospitals in the region because of Life Flight's importance in flying patients to larger hospitals in Portland. But Fulton has been unsupportive of the larger bond measure, calling for a cheaper alternative accommodating just Life Flight.

He first tried to preemptively create a Plan B fund just for Life Flight's pad in case the bond measure failed. He later convinced the Port Commission to temporarily raise the price of the bond to \$2.6 million for potential wetland mitigation costs, despite the Port owning its own mitigation credits. The bond price was later lowered back to \$1.96 million after the Port learned it could not charge taxpayers for mitigation credits the agency already possesses.

The Airport Advisory Committee, which includes

Bales, advised against placing Life Flight's new hangar next to the Bales' hangar, which is next to the U.S. Coast Guard's Air Station Astoria, because of noise concerns. The committee recommended the southern site included in the Port's bond measure because of its isolation from other air traffic.

"I am concerned that Air-

port Advisory Committee members frequent Bales' Man Cave, and therefore had an incentive to not disclose the Port's contractual right to buy out and end the Man Cave under the Bales lease to situate Life Flight there, since they would lose their private social club by doing so," Fulton said.

Bales has said Fulton's

campaign is one of envy that a group of people has a place to gather. He said the club is not private, and that Fulton himself has visited. While the club has a decidedly conservative political atmosphere, Bales said he invites everybody. Bales' seventh-annual International Man Cave Day is Saturday.



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