

Police: Truck attack suspect 'did this in the name of ISIS'

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NEW YORK — The Uzbek immigrant accused of using a truck to mow people down along a bike path, killing eight, "did this in the name of ISIS" and followed the extremist group's online instructions practically to the letter, police said Wednesday.

Investigators, meanwhile, were at the hospital bedside of 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov, working to extract information about the attack Tuesday near the World Trade Center memorial that also left 12 people injured. Saipov was shot by a police officer after jumping from his rented Home Depot pickup truck.

John Miller, deputy police commissioner for intelligence, said Saipov left behind notes at the scene, handwritten in Arabic with symbols and words, that essentially said the Islamic State group, or ISIS, "would endure forever."

"It appears that Mr. Saipov had been planning this for a number of weeks. He did this in the name of ISIS," Miller said, citing the notes.

In the past few years, the Islamic State has been exhorting followers online to use vehicles or other close-at-hand means of killing people in their home countries. England, France and Germany have seen deadly vehicle attacks in the past year or so.

"He appears to have followed, almost exactly to a T, the instructions that ISIS



Law enforcement personnel examine the scene Wednesday after a driver mowed down people on a riverfront bike path near the World Trade Center on Tuesday in New York.



St. Charles County, Mo. Department of Corrections/KMOV via AP

This undated photo shows Sayfullo Saipov.

there have been no credible threats of any additional attacks, police announced the deployment of sniper teams, bomb-sniffing dogs, helicopters, sand-truck barricades and other stepped-up security along the marathon route, in the subways and other sites.

And New York Police Commissioner James O'Neill urged people to be vigilant and tell police if they see "something that doesn't look right."

The dead consisted of five people from Argentina, one from Germany, and two Americans, authorities said. Nine people remained hospitalized in serious or critical condition, with injuries that included lost limbs and head, chest and neck wounds.

A roughly two-mile stretch of highway in lower Manhattan was shut down for the investigation. Authorities also converged on a New Jersey apartment building and a van in a parking lot at a New Jersey Home Depot.

New Yorkers woke to a heavy police presence Wednesday outside the World

has put out in its social media channels before with instructions to its followers on how to carry out such an attack," Miller said.

In Tuesday's attack, Saipov drove his speeding truck for nearly a mile along the bike path, running down cyclists and pedestrians, then crashed into a school bus, authorities said. He was shot in the abdomen after he jumped out of the vehicle brandishing air guns and yelling "God is great!" in Arabic, they said.

Mayor Bill de Blasio called it "a cowardly act of terror."

Miller said Saipov had never been the subject of a New York police investigation but appears to have some links to people who have been investigated.

The aftermath took a polit-

ical turn Wednesday when President Donald Trump said Saipov came to the U.S. under a visa lottery program — "a Chuck Schumer beauty," Trump called it in a reference to the Senate's top Democrat.

The program dates to 1990, when Republican President George H.W. Bush signed it as part of a bipartisan immigration bill. Trump urged tougher immigration measures based instead on merit and said he will ask Congress to end the program.

Schumer, who represents New York, said in a statement that he has always believed that immigration "is good for America."

In a number of recent extremist attacks around the world, the assailants were found to have been "lone

wolves" — inspired but not actually directed by the Islamic State. In some cases they never even made contact with the group.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Saipov became "radicalized domestically."

On the morning after the bloodshed, city leaders vowed New York would be not intimidated, and they commended New Yorkers for going ahead with Halloween festivities on Wednesday night.

They also said Sunday's New York City Marathon, with 50,000 participants and some 2 million spectators anticipated, will go on as scheduled.

"We will not be cowed. We will not be thrown off by anything," de Blasio said.

While the mayor said

Trade Center and at other locations around the city.

Runners and cyclists who use the popular bike path for their pre-dawn exercise were diverted away from the crime scene by officers stationed at barricades just north of where the rampage began.

Dave Hartie, 57, who works in finance, said he rides his bike along the path every morning.

"It's great to be in the city and have that kind of peace," he said. As for the attack, he said, "It's the messed-up world we live in these days. Part of me is surprised it doesn't happen more often."

The slight, bearded Saipov is from heavily Muslim Uzbekistan and came to the U.S. legally in 2010, police said. He has a Florida driver's license but was apparently living in New Jersey, they said.

He is a permanent legal U.S. resident. A law enforcement official said he has two children and a wife and moved up from Florida around June. The official wasn't authorized to discuss details of the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Records show Saipov was a commercial truck driver who formed a pair of businesses in Ohio. He had also driven for Uber.

Mirakhmat Muminov, 38, of Stow, Ohio, said he knew Saipov because they were both Uzbek truck drivers. He portrayed Saipov as an argumentative young man whose work was falling apart and who "was not happy with his life."

Thompson: 'My commitment and my voice will remain strong'

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Before and after the Oct. 25 meeting, commissioners Sarah Nebeker and Lisa Clement, along with Lee, chided Thompson repeatedly. Thompson wrote in the letter that she would address commissioners' specific complaints against her at the board's Nov. 8 meeting.

One issue centered on a June incident in which Thompson allegedly placed her hands on a county employee — who has not been named — after a Red Cross meeting at Fort Clatsop. Immediately before that, she said she "was the only commissioner on the board who worked." After making

contact, she allegedly asked in a loud, frustrated tone, "Do you know what he did," in reference to County Manager Cameron Moore. She continued by claiming Moore intentionally scheduled a meeting in May so she would not be able to attend.

An internal investigation concluded she was acting in her role as commissioner at the time and violated board behavior policy. While the county will not take disciplinary action, Portland-based labor attorney Heather Martin sent a letter to Thompson explaining she may be held personally liable for similar behavior in the future if it leads to a lawsuit

against the county.

In a July email to The Daily Astorian about the investigation, Thompson claimed that county staffers feared retaliation if they ever went public about their concerns with county government. In response to the statement, Moore directed County Counsel Heather Reynolds to reach out to Thompson's lawyer for specific examples. No specifics were provided, Moore said.

Since then, the county has hired Jill Goldsmith of Workplace Solutions Northwest, a Portland mediation service, to investigate the claim and interview county employees. Goldsmith also conducted the

investigation into Thompson's behavior at the Red Cross meeting.

A financial report presented at the meeting detailed Thompson's \$3,640 in claimed expenses since July. The five commissioners are allowed a combined \$17,500 for the year in the county budget.

Complaints about her expenses have continuously nagged Thompson since she was sworn in as a commissioner in January 2015. She has claimed nearly \$20,000.

Lee directed county staff last week to add an agenda item to the Nov. 8 meeting about expenses. Commissioners will hold a discussion

before Lee approves Thompson's expenses — a power granted to the board chairman. They will also discuss adopting additional policies regarding expenses in the future.

In her letter to the newspaper, Thompson also pointed to an announcement last year from Lee that he would not seek re-election in 2018.

"So, the more important issue at hand is this: the timing is right, or will soon be right, for the board to commit itself to diversity of opinion and for county officials to commit themselves to opening a relatively closed governance process to the fresh air and sunlight of new ideas," Thompson

wrote. "Diversity in our government and on our board is a healthy thing. It is worthwhile, if not imperative, that we work together to express different points of view and that we discuss all paths to common goals."

Thompson's term also ends next year.

"She has to run for re-election in May," Lee said after the Oct. 25 meeting. "That will be up to the voters to decide."

For now, each commissioner is slated to serve at least 14 more months.

"My heart is in this place," Thompson wrote. "My commitment and my voice will remain strong."

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TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach											NOVEMBER 1	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Survivor "Two Ships" (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Survivor "Two Ships" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Blacklist "The Travel Agency" (N)	SVU "Unintended Consequences" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Fallen" (N)			KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)	SEAL Team "The Spinning Wheel" (N)	Criminal Minds "The Bunker" (N)			KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)	SEAL Team "The Spinning Wheel" (N)	Criminal Minds "The Bunker" (N)			KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Blacklist "The Travel Agency" (N)	SVU "Unintended Consequences" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Fallen" (N)			KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Riverdale (N)	Dynasty "Private as a Circus" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom		Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature (N)	Nova "Killer Hurricanes" (N)	Frontline "Putin's Revenge" 2/2 (N)			Doctor Fix			
12	KPTV	(12) (5:00) MLB Baseball World Series Houston vs L.A. Dodgers (if necessary) (L)		To Be Announced		Family Feud	Family Feud	10 O'Clock News (N)			News (N)	Page Six TV		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!		The Game	The Game		
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:00) MLB Baseball World Series Houston vs L.A. Dodgers (if necessary) (L)		Q13 News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Q13 News at 10 (N)			Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Friends	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)		Conan (N)			
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)			Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at New York Knicks (L)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Football Central Michigan at Western Michigan (L)		SportsCenter (N)		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House		Friends	Friends		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House		Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	To Be Announced					Bunk'd	Jessie		
34	FAM	(34) *** Alice in Wonderland (2010, Adventure) Anne Hathaway, Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp.		*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71, Family) Peter Ostrum, Jack Albertson, Gene Wilder.								The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (4:40) ** Spider-Man 3 (07) Kirsten Dunst, Tobey Maguire.		** Spider-Man 3 (2007, Action) Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Tobey Maguire.										
36	LIFE	(36) Little W. Dallas "Unlikely Alliances"		Little W. "A Little BBQ, A Lot of Beef"		Little W. Dallas	(50) Little W.	Little W. Dallas "Baby Daddy Issues" (N)	Women "Terra's Family Takeover #3" (N)	(20) FXM Presents ** Surrogates (2009, Sci-Fi) Radha Mitchell, Bruce Willis.	(05) Little W. "Baby Daddy Issues"			
38	ROOT	(38) (4:00) UEFA Soccer DFL Soccer Augsburg at Werder Bremen		In Depth (N)		Press Pass (N)		DFL Soccer SC Freiburg at VfB Stuttgart			UEFA Soccer			
39	FS1	(39) TUF: Champion "Enjoy the Moment"		TUF: Champion "Sink or Swim" (N)		TUF Talk (N)		UFC Presents			TUF: A New Champion "Sink or Swim"	TUF Talk	UEFA Tonight	
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Friends	Friends	The Shannara Chronicles "Dweller" (N)	The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.			
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(50) South Park		(25) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Broad City	The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)			
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	Let's Be Frank"	American Pickers	Frank's Birthday"	American Pickers	"Tick Tock Pick"	Amer. Pickers "Double Dip Picks" (N)		(05) Amer. Pickers "Real Knuckleheads"	(05) A. Pickers "Great Minds Ink Alike"			
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars: Biggest Fights		To Be Announced						
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	The Little Couple "I'm a Little Boss"		Little Couple "I Want To Be President"		Little Couple "Quack! Quack! Quack!"			The Little Couple "I'm a Little Boss"			
48	DISC	(48) Misfit Garage "Gleams With a Sunliner"		Misfit Garage "Stars Align"		Misfit "Fair Game for a Fairlane" (N)		Misfit "Fairlane Gets Fired Up" (N)			Garage Rehab (N)	Fast N' Loud (N)		
49	NGEO	(49) Border Wars "Weed Warehouse"		Ameri. Parks "Great Smoky Mountains"		America's National Parks "Saguaro"		Story of Us "The March of Freedom"			The Story of Us "The Power of Love"	Story of Us "The March of Freedom"		
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) *** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (06) Johnny Depp.		*** Red (2010, Action) Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.		*** Red (2010, Action) Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.		*** Red 2 (2013, Action) Helen Mirren, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.			Insidious: Chapter 3 (15) Lin Shaye.			
51	AMC	(51) *** Insidious (2010, Horror) Rose Byrne, Ty Simpkins, Patrick Wilson.		NCIS "Capitol Offense"		NCIS "Personal Day"		NCIS "Incognito"			Mr. Robot "eps3.3.metadata.par2" (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "October Surprise"		
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Agent Afloat"		NCIS "Capitol Offense"		NCIS "Personal Day"		NCIS "Incognito"			BestBakerAmerica "Chocolate" (SF) (N)	To Be Announced		
53	FOOD	(53) Best Baker in America "Meringue"		Best Baker in America "Pastry"		Best Baker in America "Café Classics"		Best Baker America "Modern Classics"			House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers		
54	HGTV	(54) Buying and Selling "Nashville Trade-In"		Buying and Selling "East Vs. West"		Property Brothers		Property Bros. "Lakeside Dreaming" (N)			House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers		
56	FX	(56) The Croods (2013, Animated) Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds, Nicolas Cage.		Hotel Transylvania 2 (15) Voices of Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Adam Sandler.		Hotel Transylvania 2 (15) Voices of Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Adam Sandler.		Hotel Transylvania 2 (15) Voices of Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Adam Sandler.			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity			Tucker Carlson Tonight			
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "The Soup Market"		The Profit "Pacific Hospitality"			The Profit "Bodhi Leaf Coffee Traders"	Paid Program		
63	BRV	(63) Housewives NJ "Let Them Eat Cake"		Housewives/NewJersey "The Apology"		The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Housewives NJ "Not Over It" (N)			Housewives/NewJersey "Not Over It"	WatchWhat (N) Housewives NJ		
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(4:45) *** Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939, Political) Jean Arthur, Claude Rains, James Stewart.			(15) **** Destry Rides Again (39) Marlene Dietrich, James Stewart.					After the Thin Man (36) William Powell.			
65	SYFY	(65) (3:30) Robin Hood		** Green Lantern (2011, Action) Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard, Ryan Reynolds.				** The Lone Ranger (2013, Action) Arnie Hammer, William Fichtner, Johnny Depp.						
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch (N)	Cowboy (N)	WesternSport	Equestrian Nation	Team Roping 1/2	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase		

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