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AP Photo/David Banks

Chicago police officers and firefighters form an honor guard as the body of Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez is brought to the coroner Monday.

Gunman in Chicago hospital shooting had prior complaint

CHICAGO — A man who fatally shot his ex-fiancee outside a Chicago hospital before killing two people inside the building was the subject of a protection order request filed four years ago by another woman, yet he had legally purchased several guns in recent years, police said today.

The gunman, Juan Lopez, who also died following the shooting Monday at Mercy Hospital, had been engaged to Dr. Tamara O’Neal before he repeatedly shot the emergency room doctor near a hospital parking lot. Investigators said he continued shooting O’Neal after she fell to the ground and, after running into the hospital, killed a police officer and a pharmacy worker.

Another woman complained in 2014 that Lopez was incessantly texting her and refused to stop. The woman called police and sought an order of protection from a judge, but it’s unclear whether she was granted such an order. Lopez was not criminally charged.

Lopez had a permit to possess a concealed firearm, but it’s unclear if officials knew about the 2014 complaint when the permit was granted. Lopez had legally purchased four guns in the last five years and worked for the Chicago Housing Authority.

Investigators identified the other shooting victims as Dayna Less, 25, a first-year pharmacy resident who had recently graduated from Purdue University, and Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, who joined the police department in February 2017 and had recently completed his probationary period. He was married and the father of three children.

“This officer, all of those officers are heroes, they saved a lot of lives because we just don’t know how much damage he was prepared to do,” Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said late Monday outside another hospital, just minutes after leaving the slain officer’s family.

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US judge stalls enforcement of Trump asylum restrictions

HOUSTON — A federal judge has barred the Trump administration from refusing asylum to immigrants who crossed the southern border illegally.

President Donald Trump issued a proclamation on Nov. 9 circumventing immigration law, saying anyone who crossed the southern border between official ports of entry would be ineligible for asylum.

As the first of several caravans of migrants have started arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump said the restrictions were necessary to stop what he’s called a national security threat. He also sent thousands of active-duty troops to the border to back up immigration officials there.

But in his ruling Monday, U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar agreed with legal groups that immediately sued, arguing that U.S. immigration law clearly allows someone to seek asylum even if they enter the country between official ports of entry and temporarily barred the ruling from going into place while the case is heard.

“Whatever the scope of the President’s authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden,” said Tigar, a nominee of former President Barack Obama.

It was the latest legal challenge to thwart the Trump administration’s effort to harden the U.S.-Mexico border without Congress changing any laws, including an effort to try to detain migrant families in long-term facilities. Trump stopped family separations at the border earlier this year after a global outcry, but it was a federal judge who ruled the administration had to reunify the families.

Trump criticizes war hero for not killing bin Laden sooner

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has ignited a firestorm of criticism and charges that he is politicizing the military by faulting a war hero for not killing al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden sooner.

Trump took verbal shots at retired Adm. William McRaven in a weekend Fox News interview in which he also asserted that the former Navy SEAL and former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command was a “backer” of Trump’s 2016 rival Hillary Clinton and a supporter of President Barack Obama.

“Disgusting,” the George W. Bush administration’s White House counterterrorism adviser, Fran Townsend, wrote Monday on Twitter.

Leon Panetta, who was CIA director during

the bin Laden raid and later served as secretary of defense, said Trump owed an apology to McRaven and to all of those in the military and intelligence agencies who played a role in tracking down bin Laden and carrying out the risky raid into Pakistan. He called Trump’s remark “patently ridiculous.”

“It demonstrates a profound lack of understanding of how our military and intelligence agencies operate and undermines the president’s own standing as commander-in-chief,” Panetta said in a statement.

The controversy follows a pattern of concerns raised by former senior military officers about Trump’s grasp of the military’s role. Some assert that his decision to send thousands of active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border shortly before the Nov. 6 midterm elections was a political stunt.

Trump also drew criticism for his decision not to visit Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day last week, following his trip to Europe. He said later he “should have” visited the cemetery but was too busy with official business.

Suicide bomber targets clerics in Afghan capital, 50 killed

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber targeted a gathering of hundreds of Islamic scholars in the Afghan capital today, killing at least 50 people as Muslims around the world marked the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.

Public Health Ministry spokesman Wahid Majroh said another 83 people were wounded in the attack, with 20 of them in critical condition and the toll likely to rise.

The suicide bomber was able to sneak into a wedding hall in Kabul where hundreds of Muslim religious scholars and clerics had gathered to mark the holiday. No one immediately claimed the attack, but both the Taliban and a local Islamic State affiliate have targeted religious scholars aligned with the government in the past.

Police sealed off roads leading to the scene of the attack. Hundreds of family members and relatives gathered at local hospitals, looking at lists of those killed and wounded that were posted outside.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the bombing, calling it “an attack on Islamic values and followers of the Prophet Muhammad,” and declaring Wednesday a day of mourning.

“It is an attack on humanity,” Ghani said.

Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan also condemned the bombing and expressed condolences to the victims. Afghanistan and the United States have long accused Pakistan of harboring the Taliban, whose leadership is based there. Pakistan denies the allegations, and says it uses its limited influence over the group to encourage peace efforts.

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