

Isolated tribesmen kill an American adventurer on remote Indian island

Chau went to high school in Vancouver

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NEW DELHI — An American adventurer who kayaked to a remote Indian island populated by a tribe known for shooting at outsiders with bows and arrows has been killed, police said Wednesday. Officials said they were working with anthropologists to recover the body.

Dependera Pathak, director-general of police on India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands, said seven fishermen have been arrested for helping the American reach North Sentinel Island. The Sentinelese people are resistant to outsiders and often attack anyone who comes near, and visits to the island are heavily restricted by the government.

Pathak identified the American as John Allen Chau and said he told a hotel he was 26 years old. Chau was apparently shot and killed by arrows, but the cause of death can't be confirmed until his body is recovered, Pathak said.

"It was a case of misdirected adventure," Pathak said.

Chau arrived in the area on Oct. 16 and stayed in a hotel while he prepared to travel to the island. It was not his first time in the region — he had visited the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 2015 and 2016,



AP Photo/Gautam Singh
North Sentinel Island, in India's southeastern Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Pathak said. North Sentinel is in the Andaman Islands at the intersection of the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea.

Chau organized his visit to the island through a friend who hired seven fishermen for \$325 to take him there on a boat, which also towed his kayak, Pathak said.

The American went ashore in his kayak on Nov. 15 and sent the boat with the fishermen out to sea to avoid detection, Pathak said. He interacted with some of the tribespeople, offering gifts such as a football and fish. But the tribespeople became angry and shot an arrow at him, hitting a book he was carrying, Pathak said.

After his kayak was damaged,

Chau swam back to the fishermen's boat, which was waiting at a prearranged location. He spent the night writing about his experiences on pages that he then gave the fishermen, Pathak said. He set out again to meet the tribespeople on Nov. 16.

What happened then isn't known. But on the morning of the following day, the waiting fishermen watched from a distance as the tribesmen dragged Chau's body. They left for Port Blair, the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, where they broke the news to Chau's friend, who in turn notified his family, Pathak said.

Police charged the seven fishermen with endangering

the life of the American by taking him to a prohibited area.

Chau had lived in Oklahoma, where he attended Oral Roberts University, and in southwestern Washington state, where he attended Vancouver Christian High School. Phone messages left with some of his relatives were not immediately returned Wednesday.

Kathleen Hosie, spokeswoman for the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, the capital of India's southern Tamil Nadu state, said she was aware of reports concerning an American in the islands but could not comment further due to privacy considerations.

Survival International, an organization that works for the



AP Photo/Sarah Prince
John Allen Chau, right, stands for a photograph with Founder of Ubuntu Football Academy Casey Prince, 39, in October just days before he left for India.

Ubuntu Football Academy.

Since then, Chau had been back to visit Prince and his family or tutor and coach boys in the program about four times. Most recently, he was there from mid-September to mid-October, Prince said.

Prince described him as easy to like, kind, joyful and driven by twin passions: a love of the outdoors and fervent Christianity.

"He was an explorer at heart," Prince said. "He loved creation and being out in it, I think having probably found and connected with God that way, and deeply so."

Prince declined to discuss what Chau had told him about his plans for traveling in India or the islands, saying instead he wanted to focus his comments on who Chau was. But he said Chau, who previously spoke of having been bitten by a rattlesnake, accepted the dangers that came with his adventures.

"If he was taking a risk, he was very aware of it," Prince said.

Fair weather, falling gas prices help Thanksgiving travelers

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Mild weather and falling gasoline prices are helping Thanksgiving travelers get where they're going while saving a few bucks.

Airports around the country were busy Wednesday, leading to more than 1,500 delayed flights by early afternoon on the East Coast. Only about 75 flights were canceled, however, with about 40 of those in San Francisco, according to tracking service FlightAware.

"It has been a good day so far. The weather has been very cooperative," said American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein. "It's busy, but this Sunday and Monday will be busier travel days for us."

Holiday revelers traveling by car were able to take advantage of a big decline in gasoline prices caused by lower oil prices. The nationwide average pump price on Wednesday was \$2.60 a gallon,



AP Photo/Matt Rourke
Travelers move through 30th Street Station ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday in Philadelphia.

down 25 cents from a month ago.

GasBuddy, a price-comparison site, said prices were under \$2 a gallon in nine states, with several others hovering just above that mark.

"We will see the national average go lower because there are still drops in the pipeline," said GasBuddy analyst Patrick DeHaan. He estimated that U.S. motorists are spending \$100 million less each day on gasoline

than they were a month ago.

AAA is forecasting the busiest Thanksgiving travel period since 2005. Most people who will travel at least 50 miles from home are going by car, according to the auto club. AAA spokesman Rob-

ert Sinclair credited a strong economy and rising consumer confidence, "and when we have a little time built into our schedules, we take advantage of it."

Much of the country was blessed with mild weather, but that was expected to change in some areas. Rain was moving in along the West Coast, contributing to delays in places including San Francisco, where the Federal Aviation Administration said arriving flights were running nearly two hours late on average.

In the Northeast, frigid temperatures were forecast for Thanksgiving Day, although the holiday itself is traditionally a light travel day.

Aside from the weather, American Airlines airport kiosks were knocked offline briefly on Wednesday morning. The airline said no flights were delayed because of the problem, which appeared to be fixed by midday.

The day before Thanksgiving was a more difficult travel day in the past. Many Americans who travel over the holiday now start earlier and return later, spreading crowds over several days.

The busiest day ever for Transportation Security Administration airport screeners was the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 2004, but seven of the top 10 days occurred during summer, including five days this past June.

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THURSDAY EVENING														NOVEMBER 22	
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!	Wheel Fortune (N)	20/20 (N)		Meghan's New Life (N)		I'm Coming Home (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel		
5 KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy!	20/20 (N)		Meghan's New Life (N)		I'm Coming Home (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel		
5 KING	5	(5:20) NFL Football Atlanta Falcons at New Orleans Saints Site: Mercedes-Benz Superdome (L)				Evening		Tapping In		Dateline		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show		
6 KOIN	6	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Bang Theory	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T. "Ghosts"		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert		
5 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Bang Theory	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T. "Ghosts"		KIRO 7 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert		
8 KGW	8	(5:20) NFL Football Atlanta Falcons at New Orleans Saints Site: Mercedes-Benz Superdome (L)				Paid Program		Paid Program	Inside Edition	Dateline NBC		News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show		
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	iHeartRadio "Night Two" Performances from music's biggest names are featured.		News (N)		Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10 KOPB	10	(5:35) Masterpiece	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(5:50) Midsomer Murders		(3:5) Masterpiece Classic "Unforgotten"				
12 KPTV	12	BetterHome "A Recipe for the Holidays"		Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef Junior Culinary skills of celebrity competitors are tested. (N)		10 O'Clock News		News (N)		Page Six TV			
48 KPDV	48	Mike & Molly		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!		The Game 2/2			
5 KCPQ	13	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Junior Culinary skills of celebrity competitors are tested. (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Talkin' Huskies (N)		The Simpsons			
20 TBS	20	iHeartRadio Music Awards				(15) iHeartRadio Music Awards We celebrate the most popular music in the world.		The Guest Book		The Guest Book		The Guest Book			
5 KZJO	22	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29 ESPN	29	(4:30) NCAA Football	(L)		SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports. (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
30 ESPN2	30	Basketball Score. NCAA Basketball Battle 4 Atlantis (L)				NCAA Basketball Wooden Legacy Hawaii vs. Utah Quarter-final (L)		Marty & McGee (N)				SEC Storied			
61 NICK	31	(5:30) The Loud House "A Loud Vacation" (N)		The Loud House	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	★★ Legally Blonde '01, Com) Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Reese Witherspoon.	Friends		Friends		Friends			
32 DISN	32	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Zombies (2018, Musical) Emilia McCarthy, Meg Donnelly.	(4:5) Under the Sea	(5:5) Good Luck	(2:5) Good Luck	(5:5) Raven's Home	(2:5) Raven's Home				
34 FAM	34	★★★ Zootopia (2016, Animated) Voices of Jason Bateman, Idris Elba, Ginnifer Goodwin.		★★★ Ratatouille (2007, Family) Voices of Patton Oswalt, John Ratzenberger, Brad Garrett.				The 700 Club							
35 FMC	35	(4:50) ★★★ The Martian '15 Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon.	(4:40) ★★★ The Fantastic Four '15, Act) Kate Mara, Michael B. Jordan, Miles Teller.	(3:5) ★★ Prometheus (2012, Adventure) Logan Marshall-Green.				Michael Fassbender, Noomi Rapace.							
38 LIFE	38	Christmas on the Bayou (2013, Romance) Hilarie Burton, Tyler Hilton, Markie Post.		The Christmas Contract '18, Dra) Robert Buckley, Danneel Ackles, Hilarie Burton.		Press Pass (N)	Press Pass	The Fantasy Football Hour (N)		NCAA Basketball					
38 ROOT	38	NCAA Football Montana State at Montana State: Washington-Grizzly Stadium -- Missoula, Mont.				CFB: Inside Slant	TMZ Sports (N)	NCAA Basketball Las Vegas Invitational North Carolina (Chapel Hill) vs. Texas							
39 F51	39	(4:30) NCAA Basket. Fox College Hoops	NCAA Basketball Las Vegas International UCLA vs. Michigan State (L)			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
43 SPIKE	43	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	★★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop '09, Comedy) Keir O'Donnell, Jayma Mays, Kevin James.	★★ The Hangover Part II '11, Com) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.								
44 COM	44	The Office	The Office 1/2	The Office 2/2	The Office	Forged in Fire: Bladesgiving		PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	(5:05) Forged Fire "Tournament Round 2"			
45 HIST	45	Forged in Fire: Bladesgiving (N)				Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family "28 Foster Homes"	Long Lost Family "You Think They Are Blood"		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family "Feelings of Abandonment"			
46 A&E	46	(4:00) Live PD		PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	Life Story "Power"		Life Story "Courtship"		Life Story "Parenthood"			
47 TLC	47	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family	Long Lost Family	Life Below Zero "Into the Storm"	Life Below Zero "Up in Smoke" (N)	Live Free or Die "Flesh and Blood"		Life Below Zero "Into the Storm"					
48 DISC	48	Life Story "First Steps"		Life Story "Growing Up"		★★★ Iron Man (2008, Action) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Robert Downey Jr..	★★★ Iron Man 3 '13) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..								
49 NGE0	49	Life Below Zero "The Great Unknown"	Life Below Zero "A Lesson Learned"			The Godfather II: Uncut (1972, Drama) Al Pacino, James Cann, Marlon Brando.									
50 TNT	50	(4:30) ★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey '12) Martin Freeman.													
61 AMC	61	(5:30) The Godfather: Uncut (1972, Drama) Al Pacino, James Cann, Marlon Brando.													
52 USA	52	(2:5) Chrisley	(5:5) Chrisley Knows Best "Baking Bad"	Chrisley Knows		Country "Drink Up and Party Down"	Real Country "Hitting the Road"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		
53 FOOD	53	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Sensational Sandwiches"		Chopped "Plum Luck"	Chopped "Leftover Takeover"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
54 HGTV	54	Fixer "A Modern Cabin Makeover"		Fixer Upper		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
55 FOX	55	(5:00) The Secret Life of Pets Louis C.K..	★★ Despicable Me 2 (2013, Animated)	Kristen Wiig, Benjamin Bratt, Steve Carell.		★★ Minions (2015, Animated) Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton, Sandra Bullock.		Anthony Bourdain "Tbilisi, Georgia"		A. Bourdain "Copenhagen Denmark"					
57 CNN	57	Anthony Bourdain "Charleston"	Anthony Bourdain "Far West Texas"	Anthony Bourdain "Marseille"		Anthony Bourdain "Lyon, France"		Hannity		The Inghram Angle		Paid Program	Paid Program		
58 FNC	58	Hannity	The Inghram Angle	Shark Tank		Shark Tank									
61 CNBC	61	Shark Tank													
63 BRAV	63	★★ Miss Congeniality '00, Com) Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt, Sandra Bullock.		★★★ Overboard (1987, Comedy) Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann, Goldie Hawn.		★★★ Overboard (1987, Comedy) Kurt Russell, Goldie Hawn.									
64 TRM	64	(5:00) Life With Father William Powell.	(1:5) ★★★★★ You Can't Take It With You (1938, Comedy) Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold, James Stewart.	★★★ Ma and Pa Kettle '49) Percy Kilbride, Marjorie Main.											
65 SYFY	65	(4:55) ★★★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 '10) Daniel Radcliffe.	(1:10) ★★★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (2011, Adventure) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.												
102 RFD	102	SF Machinery	Small Town (N)	Gentle Giants (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			