

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 07/15/2024

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted] home phone number [redacted] cell phone number [redacted] address [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed in a Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) unmarked detective car on the curb of [redacted] Bethel Park, PA 15102. Present at the interview was Special Agent [redacted] PSP Detective [redacted] and PSP Detective [redacted] provided consent for PSP to record the conversation. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] understood that the interview was regarding the actions of [redacted] Thomas Matthew Crooks, DOB September 20, 2003. (Thomas CROOKS is hereafter referred to as THOMAS.) THOMAS lived at [redacted] with [redacted] also had a [redacted] who lives in [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] understood from reports that THOMAS took a sniper like position on a roof and attempted to assassinate President Trump. THOMAS liked politics, but never voiced a preference for one party or the other. [redacted] had no idea that THOMAS had any strong political views. When the [redacted] would talk about politics, they would end up making fun of both candidates.

[redacted] maintained records of gun purchases and sales. [redacted] believed that there were 11 guns in [redacted] at the time. To [redacted] knowledge, THOMAS only purchased two guns. THOMAS had a 12 gauge shotgun and DMPS 556 223 AR style rifle, which was [redacted] THOMAS [redacted] about [redacted] THOMAS would shoot at the Clairton Sportsman's Club. THOMAS purchased a shotgun at the Sportsman's club from a private party.

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THOMAS liked to go shooting at the Sportsman's Club as it was his new hobby. When you go to shoot at the Clairton Sportsman's Club a member must sign in to the range they were going to shoot at. THOMAS primarily shot at the rifle range and was recently furthering his distance. A member at the range suggested that THOMAS join the 200 yard club.

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There were several weapons in [REDACTED] to include:

- 20 gauge shotgun
- 16 gauge Remington
- 357 carbine
- Glock 19
- Taurus TX22
- Sig Sauer compact macro x9m
- Smith and Wesson 686 4 inch
- High Standard
- Stevens .30-06

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] under lock and key. In order for THOMAS to get access to [REDACTED]

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At 7:38 PM, [REDACTED] verbally provided consent to search the gun safes [REDACTED] and stated that he would unlock the safes for investigators.

Around a year ago, THOMAS started going to the range approximately once a week. THOMAS would take shotgun slugs or 223 ammo and guns. On Saturday, THOMAS requested that [REDACTED] take his 223 and shotgun [REDACTED] so that THOMAS could go shooting. [REDACTED] provided the 223 and shotgun to THOMAS around 1:30 PM. THOMAS left [REDACTED] around 1:45 PM. CROOKS had no idea of THOMAS made it to the range on Saturday. THOMAS always went to the range and shot by himself.

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When THOMAS left for the range, he took what he typically takes. THOMAS was not behaving in any other way than normal, there was nothing out of the ordinary. THOMAS took his rifle, shotgun, rifle bag, ear protection, eye protection, and ammo. The rifle had a prism dot and iron sights. THOMAS was always buying accessories for his guns. Everything THOMAS bought for his guns was online, he always had small packages coming to the house.

THOMAS purchased ammo online, going from website to website until he found a site that would sell to him. THOMAS recently bought a chest rig and ceramic plates. THOMAS had recently gotten into rapid action range transition shooting where shooters would enter a timed range and switch between weapons while moving. [REDACTED] never saw THOMAS shoot with tactical gear on.

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THOMAS drove a 2022 Hyundai Elantra painted flat grey. THOMAS worked at Genesis retirement home with the kitchen staff. THOMAS began working at the retirement home around 3 years ago. THOMAS originally worked for Sodexo

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before Genesis hired the kitchen staff directly around a year or a year and a half.

[REDACTED] reported THOMAS missing the night of Saturday July 13, 2024. THOMAS normally tells [REDACTED] when he was going shooting and would often text pictures of targets after shooting. When THOMAS left [REDACTED] on Saturday, he stated he was going to the range. [REDACTED] last spoke to THOMAS at 1:45 PM when he left [REDACTED] and did not send any last messages or voicemails. After [REDACTED] began getting worried about THOMAS, he attempted to reach out to THOMAS multiple times. [REDACTED] assumed [REDACTED] was in an accident.

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[REDACTED] made a Word document with information regarding THOMAS' last known clothes, license plate, and information regarding his identity to provide to law enforcement to assist in locating THOMAS. THOMAS was last seen wearing black shorts and a grey shirt with Demolition Ranch YouTube channel on the back. [REDACTED] was unsure what Demolition Ranch was, only that THOMAS was into the YouTube channel.

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[REDACTED] initially reported THOMAS missing to West Mifflin Police Department as their phone number was listed on the back of the Clairton Sporting Club member card, who told [REDACTED] to call 911. The 911 dispatcher forwarded the information to Bethel Park Police Department (PD).

While [REDACTED] waiting for Bethel Park PD to call back, [REDACTED] received a call from two CNN reporters asking if [REDACTED] had a statement regarding his THOMAS' involvement in the shooting in Butler. [REDACTED] replied to reporters that he would like to speak to law enforcement before making a statement.

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[REDACTED] stated that THOMAS was a straight A student and was never in trouble with law enforcement or truancy at school. [REDACTED] did not know if THOMAS had any social media accounts. THOMAS was quiet and reserved. [REDACTED] recalled that he observed THOMAS speaking to other students at his high school graduation. However, THOMAS talked to people, but never identified any as friends.

As THOMAS became older, he started to get more agitated when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] asked questions. THOMAS talked to himself a lot. After community college he would talk to himself more and more, moving his hands and speaking to himself. This activity kept [REDACTED] awake at night as sometimes THOMAS would stay up all night dancing in [REDACTED] THOMAS seemed to have endless energy.

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When confronted about talking to himself, THOMAS would admit to talking to himself. [REDACTED] would joke with THOMAS about hearing voices in his head.

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THOMAS would reply without anger that there were no voices, he was just talking to himself.

THOMAS would be in [REDACTED] at night and it sounded like he was dancing and whispering each night. About two to three times each week, he would pace through [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] confronted THOMAS about the pacing, THOMAS would say that he was bored and trying to entertain himself. [REDACTED] worked [REDACTED] and the pacing was [REDACTED] distracting [REDACTED].

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THOMAS never was not into illegal drugs and did not abuse alcohol. There was some history of mental illness is [REDACTED] had bipolar disorder, some [REDACTED] with addition issues, and some Alzheimer's disease. THOMAS was not seeing a counselor or therapist.

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THOMAS was never diagnosed with any mental health disorders as a child, but did have impulsivity issues. [REDACTED] never followed up on these issues as THOMAS was a straight A student. THOMAS not known to write, and no writings or manifestos were found by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] saved medical kits, survival gear, and freeze dried meals, describing himself as having a "prepper" mentality. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] started collecting survival gear when COVID happened and has continued to collect gear in case anything else happened that locked down the country.

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THOMAS was never into explosives, the family never even had fireworks. [REDACTED] never saw THOMAS with nitrate. [REDACTED] did confront THOMAS about a gallon jug of something that he said was used to clean the bed of his 3D printer. [REDACTED] did not believe THOMAS was lying as THOMAS' ears would flame red when he lied.

[REDACTED] did not know a Trump rally was happening in Butler on Saturday July 13, 2024. [REDACTED] doesn't watch the news, he only uses his Roku to watch movies.

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[REDACTED] had no ties to Butler county, and [REDACTED] was not aware of THOMAS having friends or other ties to Butler county otherwise.