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Gunman kills 4 then himself in Manhattan



Police officers and emergency vehicles are seen in a street as police respond to a shooting incident in the Midtown Manhattan neighborhood of New York City on July 28. JOHN LAMPARSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Man appeared to blame NFL for his brain injury

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Homicide detectives were trying to determine why a gunman armed with an M4 rifle charged into a Park Avenue skyscraper in New York City and fatally shot at least four people, including a police officer, before killing himself. Five people were shot in the rampage

July 28 inside the 44-floor Midtown Manhattan building that houses the NFL headquarters and offices of major financial firms. New York City Mayor Eric Adams said July 29 that preliminary investigations show the gunman, after a shooting in building's lobby, may have intended to target the NFL offices but took the wrong elevator.

It was the offices of the building's owner, Rudin Management, "where he carried out additional shootings and took the lives of additional employees," Adams said in an interview with CBS.

New York City Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said that, in addition to the shooting victims, four people were

treated for injuries they sustained while attempting to flee the scene.

The NYPD officer was identified as Didarul Islam, 36, a member of the force for 3½ years. Islam leaves behind a wife who is eight months pregnant and two young sons. Adams ordered all flags on city buildings and stationary flagstuffs throughout the five boroughs to be lowered to half-staff until further notice in homage to Islam.

"Officer Didarul Islam died as he lived, a hero and protector of New York City," Adams said in a social media post July 29. "We will never forget

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Judge wants reason to keep Haiti evacuation case alive

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After a Texas-based company that helped evacuate people from war-torn Haiti in 2024 sued the state of Florida for nonpayment, a federal judge in Tallahassee wants to know why the case shouldn't be thrown out.

TAD Recovery Services, LLC, filed the lawsuit July 24 in the Northern District of Florida, court dockets show. It's owed more than \$7.5 million, its complaint says.

On July 26, U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle issued an order to the plaintiff to show cause why the case shouldn't be dismissed because of a lack of federal jurisdiction.

Grounds to sue in federal court include a question of federal law or a case in which the parties are from different states, known as diversity jurisdiction.

But "the complaint asserts a state-law claim against a state agency," the Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Hinkle wrote. "... (F)or diversity purposes, a state – or state agency that is jurisdictionally equivalent to the state – is not a citizen of any state, so diversity jurisdiction does not exist over an action by or against such an entity."

He gave TAD Recovery till Aug. 11 to respond. A request for comment is pending.

The company said it moves "materials, supplies and personnel in and out of various locations around the USA and elsewhere in the world, often on an emergency basis due to catastrophic weather situations and/or rapidly developing geopolitical conflicts."

Its complaint said DEM contacted

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HEALTH MATTERS

Should we expect to see President Trump in compression socks?

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Other than glowing reports after annual physicals, rarely does the public hear much these days about a president's overall health or specific chronic conditions.

So it was notable when the White House released a memo dated July 17

from President Donald Trump's physician, Dr. Sean Barbabella, that said Trump, 79, had recently been diagnosed with chronic venous insufficiency, a "benign" condition common in people over the age of 70.

Barbabella said Trump underwent a comprehensive health examination after he noticed mild swelling in his legs, and it revealed no evidence of a more serious condition like deep vein thrombosis or

arterial disease.

Public speculation about the condition of Trump's legs surfaced a few days before the White House memo when he was photographed at the Club World Cup soccer final in New Jersey with his ankles appearing noticeably swollen.

Barbabella's memo also touched on public speculation about apparent bruising on one of Trump's hands. Barbabella noted that the bruising was "consistent

with minor soft tissue irritation from frequent handshaking and the use of aspirin, which is taken as part of a standard cardiovascular prevention regimen. This is a well-known and benign side effect of aspirin therapy."

In summary, Barbabella concluded "President Trump remains in excellent health."

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