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Man killed by police had mental health issues

Family details victim's struggles, calls for release of bodycam footage

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The man shot and killed by Boston police in Roxbury last month was experiencing a mental health crisis in the hours leading up to the deadly encounter, according to his family and their attorneys.

The shooting is one of several recent high-profile mental health episodes that have escalated into violence. The circumstances prompted the family of Stephenson King Jr. on Thursday to call for the immediate release of police body camera footage.

"Just because you're having a mental health crisis doesn't mean you should be sentenced to death," attorney Ben Crump said at a news conference, the first time King's family has appeared publicly in connection with the case. "And that police officer, on the side of that street, was the judge, the jury, and the executioner."

The 39-year-old King had allegedly committed an unarmed carjacking the night of March 11 and was fleeing a traffic stop when Boston police Officer Nicholas O'Malley fired his service weapon, killing King.

Suffolk prosecutors quickly charged O'Malley with manslaughter, saying he wasn't justified in shooting at the moving vehicle.

Several Boston city councilors and community leaders have also called on police to release the bodycam footage. But prosecutors and police

SHOOTING, Page A7

Rollins keeps 'em guessing on comeback

Taking out papers may mean she'll run for her old job. Or it may not.

By Sean Cotter and Kelly Garrity
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It started with a social media post. A coy one, punctuated with eye-ball emojis.

Rachael Rollins, once Suffolk County's top prosecutor and a former Massachusetts US attorney who'd fallen from grace three years ago, on Tuesday teased a "Major announce-

ment coming tomorrow." Given how she'd been rumored to be eyeing the increasingly turbulent district attorney's race, she seemed to be floating a comeback.

But then Wednesday, she unveiled altogether different news: a new podcast, "Ball and Order," that she will host with Dana Barros, a 1990s-era Celtics guard. It seemed to be what

many in Boston political circles had suspected of the politically canny but controversial former district attorney: a ploy to capitalize on the attention on this year's political contest to drum up attention for herself.

But just a short time before close of business Wednesday, Rollins sent everyone back to their original talking points when she took out nomi-

nation papers to run for her old Suffolk County position.

The comeback, it seemed, was on — though she would not comment Wednesday or Thursday on whether she actually was running.

Rollins's sudden return is, in a way, not dissimilar to the five years the brash but calculating former progressive star prosecutor spent in the limelight.

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West Point's loss turns out to be Red Sox' win

Connelly Early had it all planned out — an Army career, just like his military family. Then baseball came calling.

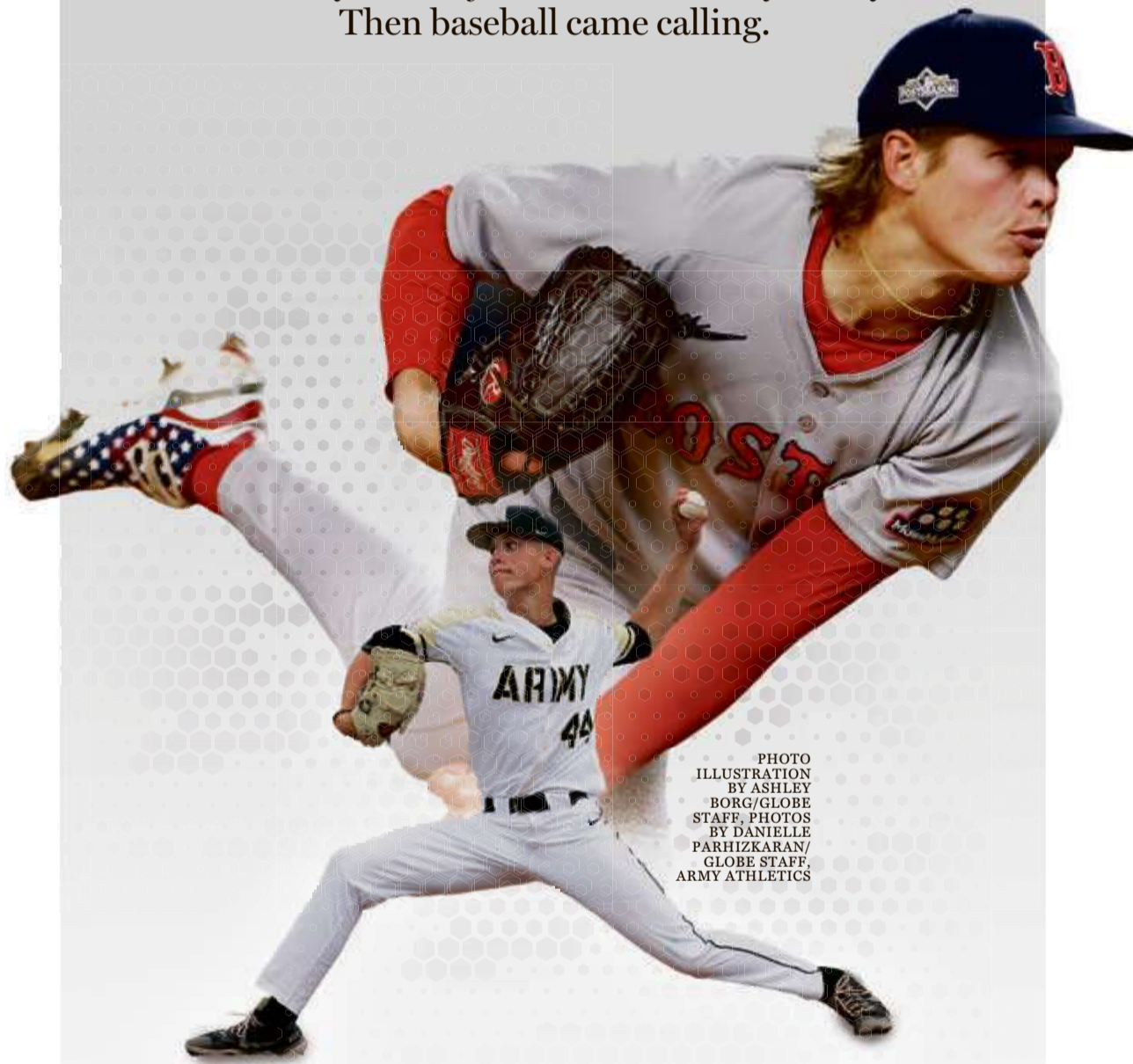


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Connelly Early, Red Sox rookie, was 8 years old when a family trip to upstate New York offered glimpses into his twin passions and potential life paths.

The Earlys are baseball people, which inspired the visit from their native Virginia: Connelly's brother's tournament in Cooperstown, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

But the Earlys are military people, too, so while they were in that corner of the country, their matriarch, mother Anne, decided they may as well see the sights — including the United States Military Academy, a mere three hours away in West Point. Young Connelly, enamored by the campus (majestic) and cost to cadets (zero dollars), had seen enough. He asked his parents to buy him a hat from the gift shop.

"My parents say," Early recalled, "I was all in on going there."

Nearly a decade later, as the concepts of college and adulthood grew more concrete, Early made moves to turn his boyhood dream into reality. He had it all planned out: He would attend West Point, join the Army, and serve his country, continuing the proud tradition of many generations of Earlys.

And yet, here he is: in the major leagues, a bright spot amid an ugly start to the season for the Red Sox, pitching Friday night against the Cardinals in St. Louis.

How did that happen?

"It was probably the hardest decision of my life, the biggest decision of my life," Early said. "I thought my parents were going to be more on me: 'You should stay here. It's a really good opportunity.' But they knew that in the end, I was a 'grown-up' and needed to make the decision on my own."

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Big houses, big staffs, big security problems

Heist shows how many people can have access

By Spencer Buell
GLOBE STAFF

It was a brazen heist: A housekeeper was led around a seaside mansion at gunpoint as a thief made off with precious valuables, and then was tied up in the garage as the suspect made off in a stolen Porsche.

Fittingly, the investigation into the high-profile case, which police this week said is intensifying, has played out like a detective novel.

From the outset, experts — even the home's owner — have said that the violent theft had the hallmarks of an inside job, and that the person who pulled it off was likely familiar with the house and where its high-value items were stored.

So how many people would have been familiar with a home as grand as this one, a 17-room estate perched on a cliff, with a broad lawn and a private beach?

Quite a few, say experts in household staffing for the ultra-wealthy, who manage the unseen employees who keep the region's largest homes running from one season to the next.

"It really depends on the size of the home. You could have a staff of one, or you could have a staff of 15 or 20," said Sarah Washburn, owner and founder of The Washburn Agency, based in Boston. "I think people that are buying a home of that size, they're buying it knowing it will be staffed. It's just too much. One person just physically can't do it."

Up the gated driveways and behind the double doors in Prides Crossing, the tony coastal neighborhood in Beverly where the burglarized property sits, a small army of staffers and vendors of all kinds might be needed, the experts said.

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Business looking up in Downtown Crossing

Trendy retailers fill long-vacant spots

By Dana Gerber
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In Downtown Crossing, two trendy retailers are poised to breathe new life into a pair of long-vacant eyesores — and, business leaders and residents hope, into the neighborhood along with it.

A new flagship of clothing store Uniqlo and the first New England location of Asian lifestyle store Teso Life are both preparing for their debuts this month, within a block of each other on Washington Street.

At 399 Washington, in a space that has sat empty for two decades, passersby this week peeked into Uniqlo's shop windows at the displays of denims, linen button-downs, and graphic T's ahead of the grand opening Friday. Across Winter Street, at 459 Washington, a bright-orange "Coming Soon" sign heralds the arrival of Teso Life, a Queens-based purveyor of Asian toys, home goods, beauty products, and snacks.

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Clothing store Uniqlo is set for its grand opening today.

Pollen around

Friday: Sunny, pleasant. High 61-66. Low 46-51.

Saturday: More of the same. High 56-61. Low 38-43.

Weather and Comics, G6-7.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel will start direct talks with Lebanon on disarming Hezbollah. **A4.**

America First helped put President Trump back in office but it has failed to deliver many

of the wins he promised, writes Larry Edelman. **B5.**

The Artemis II astronauts drew closer to Earth, with splashdown expected today amid some concerns about the heat shield. **A2.**

Emperor penguins have joined the list of wildlife endangered by global warming. **A3.**

An investigator found a New Bedford judge and a state prosecutor did not have an inappropriate relationship. **B1.**



First lady denies any ties to Epstein

Melania Trump said the "stories are completely false" and called the accusations "smears about me." Reading an extraordinary statement at the White House, she said she and her lawyers are fighting back. **A2.**

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