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Teenage shooter kills 4 at elementary school



Emergency personnel work at the scene following a shooting at Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon. REUTERS

Unclear if suspect had ties to school, victims

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Authorities are investigating a deadly shooting at an Oregon elementary school where police say a teenage suspect killed three children and a teacher before being fatally shot by a witness. Police officials say the 16-year-old suspect shot his way into Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon, on Oct. 15 before an armed bystander, later identified as Kaylub Giamanco, 36, followed him inside and fatally shot him. At the scene, authorities found a 54-

year-old teacher and three children, ages 5, 8 and 11, dead, according to Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz. A 7-year-old child and another teacher were rushed to the hospital with critical injuries. Authorities have not released the names of the suspect or the victims, and the motive for the attack remains unknown. Police said they didn't know whether the shooter had any connection to the school or the victims. At a news conference, officials praised the first responders and the bystander who confronted the shooter. "My heart is absolutely broken today, and our hearts will stay broken in the days and weeks ahead," Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek said. She said the bystander "heroically intervened to stop further loss of life."

The shooting is the 28th mass killing of the year in the United States, of which 21 were shootings, according to James Alan Fox of the Associated Press/USA TODAY/Northeastern University Mass Killing Database. Thousands attended a vigil held after the shooting, where church leaders and officials spoke of the shock and pain gripping the community. The local school district canceled classes and all extracurricular events for Oct. 16. Authorities say the first 911 call came in at 12:59 p.m. and reported that someone had shot into a car near the school. At 1 p.m., dispatchers alerted officers to respond to a critical incident, Krantz said. Police arrived by 1:02 p.m., and

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Gaetz accused of sex trafficking in lawsuit

Ex-lawmaker denies new allegations

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Two women have filed a lawsuit accusing former Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, of participating in a sex trafficking scheme from 2017 to 2019. The women, who are identified in the civil complaint filed Oct. 15 as Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2, allege Gaetz and two coconspirators coerced the young women into sex trafficking and supplied them with drugs, trips and money. Gaetz denied the new allegations in a statement to USA TODAY, saying in an email, "I look forward to taking the plaintiffs' depositions because much of the conduct alleged against me is false. The lawsuit relies almost exclusively on a Congressional Committee Report that didn't allow me to confront my accusers. Now I will finally have that chance." The 38-page lawsuit is the latest chapter in a scandal that erupted just as President Donald Trump nominated Gaetz to be his attorney general in 2024. In November 2024, Gaetz stepped down from Congress after the then-president-elect tapped him for the role. Just a week later, Gaetz withdrew his nomination after a lawyer said two women told the House Ethics Committee that Gaetz paid them for sex. He was never criminally charged. The lawsuit largely follows the contours of the House Ethics Committee complaint. The women allege Gaetz paid victims with drugs, and Jane Doe 1 said she witnessed Gaetz having sex with a

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Zelenskyy blasts Russia diesel deal

Leader calls Moscow's peace moves a 'parody'

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BRUSSELS – Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy took aim on Oct. 16 at President Donald Trump's diesel deal with Russia and welcomed the prospect of European allies stepping up their role in talks, calling Moscow's stance a "parody" of peace negotiations. At a European Union summit in Brussels, Zelenskyy said Russia did not want peace. He added that Ukraine was still

experiencing disruptions to the SpaceX Starshield satellite system used for battlefield operations and to down Russian drones attacking cities far from the front line. EU leaders rallied around Zelenskyy after Trump again criticized Ukraine, calling its strikes on Russian refineries a "disgrace." On arriving at the summit, Zelenskyy pointedly referred to his counterparts there as "real leaders." The EU is hosting Zelenskyy at one of the most difficult moments for Ukraine, with missiles and drones raining down on Ukrainian cities and fears that the United States could pull back intelligence

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets with European Union leaders Oct. 16 in Brussels. EU heads of state and government are meeting with Zelenskyy as they focus on continued support for Ukraine, European defense and security. OLIVIER HOSLET/POOL VIA REUTERS

