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## Mangione expected to plead guilty

Source: Accused killer of UnitedHealthcare CEO will admit guilt in federal case

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Luigi Mangione is expected to plead guilty as early as Friday in the federal case accusing him of stalking and killing



Mangione

UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person, who was not authorized to talk publicly about the case and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity, cautioned that Mangione could change his mind. If he follows

through, it would be a stunning development in a case that rattled business leaders while galvanizing their critics. Mangione's lawyers, and spokespeople for the Justice Department and Manhattan federal prosecutors, declined to comment. Mangione is accused of traveling to New York City to ambush Thompson, 50, then shooting him outside a Manhattan hotel on Dec. 4, 2024, as the executive

walked to UnitedHealth Group's annual investor conference. Mangione is due in court on Friday for a hastily scheduled hearing in the federal case, which involves two counts of stalking. It wasn't clear what charge or charges Mangione is expected to plead guilty to. The hearing, in Manhattan federal court, comes as his lawyers have been talking with federal prosecutors about a possible resolution to one of two

criminal cases against Mangione in Thompson's death. Previous talks in June broke down. Mangione, 28, has been charged in both federal and state court in New York and still faces the possibility of a trial in his unresolved state case. Mangione's state murder trial is set to begin Sept. 8. Both sets of charges carried the possibility of a life sentence.

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## Logan police chief put on leave

Moran suspended after being charged with tampering with files at previous job

By MATT CHURELLA

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Logan Township Police Chief Devon Moran was suspended without pay Thursday after he was arraigned on a misdemeanor charge of tampering with public records in Centre County.

The charge was filed in relation to actions allegedly taken by Moran while employed by the Ferguson Township Police Department shortly before he was named chief of the Logan Township Police Department.

Moran said the incident is a "misunderstanding." During the Logan Township supervisors meeting Thursday, Chairman Jim Patterson said the board has "the utmost confidence" in Moran, despite the ongoing litigation.

Moran, 41, is facing a misdemeanor or count of tampering with public records after he allegedly deleted a significant amount of important data from the Ferguson Township police department while under the department's employment as a police sergeant in April 2025.

According to the criminal affidavit, police said more than 13 gigabytes of data was deleted as Moran was in the process of leaving Ferguson Township for a job at Logan Township.

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## JUST A TRIM



Mirror photo by Patrick Waksmundski

**M**arshall Foust trims the hedge of his Allegheny Street home in Hollidaysburg on Wednesday afternoon.

## ABCD president blasts mall owners

McKnight critical of building's ongoing deterioration

By MATT CHURELLA

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Altoona Blair County Development Corp. President/CEO Steve McKnight addressed the Logan Township supervisors with concerns about the Logan Valley Mall's conditions during their meeting Thursday.

For decades, the mall has served as an important commercial center, employment base and



McKnight

community asset for Logan Township and the region, McKnight said, adding its visible disrepair, loss of tenants and uncertain future now threaten property values, local employment, tax revenues and the broader commercial viability of the area.

"We all know that retail establishments, even in the best of times, have struggled to adapt to shifting consumer tastes driven by competition between products and brands," McKnight said, adding malls have especially

suffered in the face of changing retail patterns and online shopping.

"We can all see the trajectory of our mall; it has not been good," McKnight said.

Along with issues locally, a quick Google search will find similar experiences across the country with other Namdar Realty-owned malls, like the Nittany Mall in College Township, McKnight said.

Given concerns associated with Namdar's management history, ABCD believes the situation requires sustained attention and a proactive response from the township, McKnight said.

"We encourage Logan Township to continue its effort to communicate with the current ownership group and consider appropriate enforcement tools when applicable to ensure obligations are met to prevent further deterioration," McKnight said.

While the deterioration, loss of jobs and business is a shame, Patterson said the township is "pretty much handcuffed" and can't do anything legally, since the township doesn't have an international property maintenance code to deal with the mall's property issues.

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## Blair to install more cameras at Central Court building

State grant will fund devices at facility where corrections officer shot in 2021

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HOLLIDAYSBURG — Blair

County is expected to secure a state grant of almost \$19,000 to put toward the installation of additional surveillance cameras in the Central Court building where a county prison corrections officer was fatally shot in 2021.

Court Administrator Sam Dunkle told commissioners Thursday that plans call for installing cameras in areas used for holding

inmates awaiting court proceedings at 615 Fourth St.

There are no cameras in the holding area where corrections officer Rhonda Russell was shot on Nov. 17, 2021, before being transported to UPMC Altoona, where she was pronounced dead.

While Central Court has surveillance cameras in other locations including hallways, Dunkle

said the grant will put the county in a position to install more hallway cameras to increase the amount of surveillance.

"This will definitely enhance our security," Dunkle said.

Commissioners Dave Kessling, Amy Webster and Laura Burke approved Dunkle's request to submit the grant application through the Administrative Office of

Pennsylvania Courts.

If the review process moves forward as anticipated, Dunkle estimated that the installation should be completed before the end of the year.

The hallway cameras in use at Central Court on the day Russell died captured video of inmate Christopher Aikens taking Russell hostage after he exited a restroom.

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