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# DNA matches suspect, FBI says

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OREM, Utah — DNA on a towel wrapped around a rifle found near where conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated matched that of the 22-year-old accused in the killing, FBI Director Kash Patel said Monday.

Investigators also used DNA evidence to link the suspect, Tyler Robinson, with a screwdriver recovered from the rooftop where the fatal shot was fired, Patel told Fox News Channel on Monday.

Authorities in Utah are preparing to file capital murder

charges against Robinson as early as Tuesday in the killing of Kirk, a dominant figure in conservative politics who became a confidant of President Donald Trump after founding Arizona-based Turning Point USA, one of the nation's largest political organizations.

Kirk, who brought young, conservative evangelical Christians into politics, was shot Wednesday while speaking at Utah Valley



Robinson

University during one of his many campus stops.

Officials said Robinson carried a hatred for Kirk and claimed he had a "leftist ideology" that grew in recent years. Robinson's family and friends said he spent large amounts of time scrolling the "dark corners of the internet," Utah Gov. Spencer Cox said Sunday.

Patel told Fox News that Robinson wrote in a note before the shooting that he had an opportunity to take out Kirk and was going to do it. Investigators were able to recover the note's contents after

it was destroyed, the FBI director said, paraphrasing from the note without revealing more details.

Authorities said Robinson isn't cooperating with law enforcement. They say that he may have been "radicalized" online and that ammunition found in the gun used to kill Kirk included anti-fascist and meme-culture language engravings.

Robinson was arrested late Thursday near where he grew up around St. George, in the southwestern corner of Utah between Las Vegas and Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. It's unclear

whether he has an attorney who could speak on his behalf, and his family has declined to comment to The Associated Press.

Tributes to Kirk continue across the country. A line of mourners wrapped around the Kennedy Center in Washington for a vigil on Sunday, and there were moments of silence at several professional sporting events.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader John Thune invited security officials to brief senators at their private lunch Tuesday.

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Joyous Junque volunteers Gail Urban (left) and Helen Culton prepare multiple Christmas decorations for this weekend's Joyous Junque yard sale at Resurrection Catholic Church.

## Roanoke bans wolf hybrids

City council acts after outcry from Deyerle neighborhood

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The Roanoke Times

Wolf-dog hybrids are now outlawed from Roanoke's city limits, to the relief of residents in one southwest neighborhood, after the city council took action Monday night.

The seven-member city council voted unanimously to amend rules regarding public nuisance animals, dangerous dogs, and other related code sections.

Residents of Greater Deyerle said a pack of escaped hybrid canines scared the neighborhood to death this summer when the animals hunted down and killed a deer, then turned toward family pets.

Councilwoman Evelyn Powers said she is sorry the neighborhood had to go through that.

"I keep asking myself, why would the people that own these dogs want to be in this situation?" Powers said. "Why would they want to keep these dogs and scare to death their neighbors?"

Powers said she would hate to see anything happen. Vice Mayor Terry McGuire said he thinks there are a lot of irresponsible dog owners in Roanoke.

"I call on all pet owners to be responsible and good neighbors," McGuire said. "That's part of what living in a city requires of us, to be conscious of how our actions impact others around us."

Seven citizens, all from Greater Deyerle, spoke in support of the code amendments. City Attorney Tim Spencer said now that the ordinance is approved, any wolf-dog hybrid owners must register the animal with the police department.

"If you violate having the ownership of a hybrid canine, it is a class one misdemeanor," Spencer said. "If you have a permitted canine that is found to be running at large, that also is a class one misdemeanor."

If the dog bites another human, that's a separate class one misdemeanor. It's the highest degree of misdemeanor that the city can enforce, he said.

"We've taken those things seriously," Spencer said. "We strengthened the running at-large portion of our ordinance,

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## Joyous Junque gathers again

All money raised from the annual Smith Mountain Lake sale goes to local nonprofits

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The Roanoke Times

MONETA — The members of Resurrection Catholic Church are making final preparations for this Friday and Saturday's Joyous Junque yard sale featuring countless donated items sold at low prices to raise money for local charities.

Traditionally held in June, this year's Joyous Junque was delayed

due to renovations at Resurrection Catholic Church. With the work now complete, crews have spent the past few weeks setting up and pricing items for this weekend's sale.

This will be the 39th year the church has held the popular yard sale. The event usually brings out large crowds looking to find

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Joyous Junque organizer Terry Culton removes furniture from a storage trailer packed with items ready to sell this weekend.

## UK readies tiara diplomacy for Trump state visit

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Associated Press

LONDON — Windsor Castle staff are setting the 164-foot-long mahogany table. Grooms are buffing the hooves of the horses that will pull the royal carriages. And the military honor guard is drilling to ensure every step lands with precision.

Throughout the halls and grounds of the almost 1,000-year-old castle west of

London, hundreds of people are working to make sure King Charles III puts on the best show possible when he welcomes U.S. President Donald Trump for his historic second state visit this week.

The visit, featuring glittering tiaras, brass bands and a sumptuous banquet served on 200-year-old silver, is a display of the pomp and ceremony that Britain does like no one else. But

it's a spectacle with a purpose: to bolster ties with one of the world's most powerful men at a time when his America First policies are roiling longstanding trade and security relationships.

"We're buttering up to him," said Robert Lacey, a royal historian and consultant on the Netflix series "The Crown."

"He wouldn't come to Britain if he wouldn't have the chance to stay at Windsor Castle, probably

pay homage to the (late) queen he admires so much, and to meet the king."

Three centuries after Britain's kings and queens gave up political power and settled for the role of ceremonial head of state, the royals remain a robust instrument of "soft power," which the elected government uses to reward friends and wring

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