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Payton grendon live stream

ByEyewitness News Governor Kathy Hochul delivers remarks from Buffalo following mass shooting at supermarket.BUFFALO, New York – Wearing a hospital gown, accused New York supermarket shooter Payton Grendon, 18, of Conklin, New York, was arraigned in court Saturday evening on first-degree murder charges and ordered detained without bail.Police officials said Grendon who is white, was wearing body armor and military-style clothing when he pulled up and opened fire at people at a Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, the shooting streamed via a camera affixed to his helmet.In a press conference, Governor Hochul strongly criticized "social media platforms" for manifesting hate and not immediately taking down Grendon's live stream.While she did not name any one site, an administration official confirms that she was referring to Twitch, a live streaming site owned by Amazon and popular with gamers."The social media platforms that profit from their existence need to be responsible for monitoring and having surveillance, knowing that they can be, in a sense, an accomplice to a crime like this. Perhaps not legally, but morally. They've created the platform for this hate to be spewed," said Hochul.Hochul also said there is "a feeding frenzy on social media platforms, where hate festers more hate.""That has to stop. These outlets must be more vigilant in monitoring social media content. And certainly, the fact that this act of barbarism, this execution of innocent human beings, could be livestreamed on social media platforms and not taken down within a second, says to me there is a responsibility out there," the governor added.Twitch claims it took Grendon's channel offline within two minutes of the shooting and issued a statement saying, "We are devastated to hear about the shooting that took place this afternoon in Buffalo, New York. Our hearts go out to the community impacted by the tragedy. Twitch has a zero tolerance policy against violence of any kind and works swiftly to respond to all incidents. The user has been indefinitely suspended from our service, and we are taking all appropriate action, including monitoring for any accounts rebroadcasting this content."A 2019 shooting at a Jewish synagogue in Halle, Germany was also live-streamed on Twitch.Law enforcement is also looking at the messaging platform Discord, where the gunman may have made a list of instructions for himself.Discord was used by white supremacists to plan the Charlottesville, Va rally in 2017.
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A white supremacist mass murderer, whose sentencing hearing was disrupted by an audience member rushing towards him, has been jailed for life without parole.Payton Grendon, 19, admitted killing 10 black people in a racially motivated attack at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, in May 2022, as well as domestic terrorism charges. Grendon was briefly removed from court earlier in the hearing, after a victim's family member charged towards him and had to be restrained.He lunged at Grendon, who was sitting at a table with his lawyers, as Barbara Massey, whose sister was one of those killed in the racist attack, delivered a victim impact statement.
Image: Payton Grendon in court. Pic: AP As Ms Massey screamed at Grendon, the man stood up and went behind her, then pushed her aside and took several running steps toward Grendon before police and lawyers caught him. Officers grabbed Grendon and rushed him out of the courtroom as the man who ran at him was surrounded by police and led out.Prosecutors later said the man would not be charged. It came after a day of emotional testimony in the court, with several of the relatives of those killed giving impact statements.Grendon followed up with an apology to those impacted by his actions, telling the court: "I am very sorry for all of the pain I forced all of the victims and their families to suffer through. "I cannot express how much I regret all the decisions I made leading up to my actions on May 14. I did a terrible thing that day. I shot and killed people because they were black." Please use Chrome browser for a more accessible video player 1:39 May 2022: Buffalo victim would 'forgive' killer Read more: What is the 'great replacement theory' mentioned in Payton Grendon's manifesto?A woman's scream could be heard at the conclusion of his statement.The attack last May was live-streamed on Twitch, a social media platform, after Grendon posted a racist manifesto online, which outlined his inspirations from other racially motivated attacks.The court said he targeted a supermarket in a black neighbourhood of Buffalo, which was 200 miles away from his home, with the intention to kill as many black people as possible with an assault weapon.The victims were aged between 20 and 86, and included staff and customers.He still faces 27 federal charges, of which lawyers are seeking a plea deal to avoid a possible death sentence.Grendon's sentencing comes days after the latest high-profile mass shooting in the US in Michigan, which saw three people killed and five others injured. All times eastern
FOX News Radio Live Channel Coverage
Mass shooting in Buffalo, New York 2022
Buffalo shootingThe Tops supermarket in February 2022Location1275 Jefferson Avenue,Buffalo, New York, U.S.Coordinates42°54′35″N 78°51′10″W﻿ / ﻿42.90972°N 78.85278°W﻿ / 42.90972; -78.85278DateMay 14, 2022; 3 years ago (2022-05-14) c.2:30 - 2:36 p.m. (EDT; UTC−04:00)TargetAfrican AmericansAttack typeMass shooting, mass murder, domestic terrorism, right-wing terrorism, hate crimeWeapons Bushmaster XM-15 E2S Target AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle (used)[1][2][3] Savage Axis XP bolt-action rifle (left in car) Mossberg 500 pump-action shotgun (left in car) Deaths10[4]Injured3[4]PerpetratorPayton S. Grendon[5]DefenderAaron Salter Jr.Motive Anti-black racism White supremacy Belief in the Great Replacement and white genocide conspiracy theories[6][7][8] VerdictState charges:Pleaded guiltyConvictionsState charges: Domestic act of terrorism motivated by hate[9][10] First-degree murder (10 counts) [11][12] Second-degree murder as a hate crime (10 counts) Attempted first-degree murder (3 counts)[10] Second-degree criminal possession of a weapon ChargesFederal charges: 26 federal hate crimes[13] Other firearm offenses[13]SentenceState sentence:11 concurrent life sentences without the possibility of parole plus 90 years to run consecutively On May 14, 2022, a mass shooting occurred[14][15] in Buffalo, New York, United States, at a Tops Friendly Markets supermarket in the East Side neighborhood. Ten people, all of whom were black, were murdered and three, one of whom was black, were injured.[16][17][18] The shooter, identified as 18-year-old Payton S. Grendon,[5] livestreamed part of the attack on Twitch, but the livestream was shut down by the service in under two minutes. [19] Grendon was taken into custody and charged with first-degree murder. He formally entered a plea of "not guilty" on May 19, 2022.[20] On November 28, 2022, Grendon pleaded guilty to all state charges in the shooting, including murder, domestic terrorism, and hate crimes.[8] On February 15, 2023, Grendon was sentenced to 11 concurrent life sentences without the possibility of parole; as of that date[update], federal charges are still ongoing.[21] and the federal prosecution also expressed their intention to seek the death penalty.[22] Joe Biden and Jill Biden visit the memorial Grendon is reported to have written a manifesto describing himself as an ethno-nationalist and a supporter of White supremacy who is motivated to commit acts of political violence. He voiced support for the far-right Great Replacement conspiracy theory in the context of a White genocide. The attack has been described as an act of domestic terrorism, and it is also being investigated as a hate crime which was motivated by racism.[6][7][23][24] Governor Kathy Hochul promised policy changes in the state as a result of the attack while condemning the shooter;[23] shortly afterwards, New York state banned most semi-automatic sales to people under 21 and certain types of body armor.[21] Around March 19, 2024, a New York state judge ruled Reddit and YouTube must face lawsuits in connection with the mass shooting over accusations that they played a role in the radicalization of the shooter.[25] At around 2:30 p.m. EDT (UTC−04:00), 18-year-old Payton S. Grendon arrived at the Tops supermarket on Jefferson Avenue, in a predominantly black neighborhood in Buffalo, New York.[26][27] He was armed with a Bushmaster XM-15 AR-15-style rifle, illegally modified to accept high-capacity magazines,[1][2][3] and multiple 30-round ammunition magazines.[28] In his car, he had a Savage Arms Axis XP hunting rifle and a Mossberg 500 shotgun.[1] He was wearing body armor, a military helmet, and a head-mounted camera, through which he livestreamed the attack on the online service Twitch.[17][29] As he approached the scene, he was recorded on his livestream saying "just got to go for it".[30] Grendon first shot four people in the parking lot, killing three.[31] He then entered the store, shooting eight more people and killing six.[12][32] At 2:31 p.m., Buffalo police received a call reporting shots fired at the store. The first responding officers and firefighters arrived a minute later and reported bodies lying outside the building. At 2:34 p.m., a dispatcher started informing responding officers of an active shooter situation at the store.[33] According to a law enforcement source, Gendri yelled racial slurs during the incident.[7] Many employees and customers used the store's break room to hide from Grendon and barricaded the door with a heavy desk. Other customers were hidden by employees in the milk cooler and said Grendon shot through the coolers, but the milk cartons stopped the bullets.[34] At some point, an armed security guard, former Buffalo Police Department officer Aaron Salter Jr., shot at him. Due to Grendon's body armor, Salter's bullet did not stop him. Grendon returned fire at Salter, who died at the scene.[35] At another point, he aimed his gun at a white person behind a checkout counter, but he apologized and did not shoot.[36] By 2:36 p.m., Grendon had gone to the front of the building, where patrol officers were able to talk him into dropping his gun after he reportedly aimed it at his neck.[33][32] A total of 60 shots were fired during the shooting.[37] After his arrest, Grendon made disturbing statements regarding his motive and state of mind.[20] Thirteen people—eleven of them black and two white—were shot, ten fatally.[5][27] One of them, 55-year-old Aaron Salter Jr., was a former Buffalo Police lieutenant who was working as a security guard when he confronted Grendon.[38] In addition to Salter, the people fatally shot were Celestine Chaney, 65; Roberta A. Drury, 32; Andre Mackneil, 53; Katherine Massey, 72; Margus D. Morrison, 52; Heyward Patterson, 67; Geraldine Talley, 62; Ruth Whitfield, 86; and Pearl Young, 77.[39] Four victims were employees of the store, including Salter; the other three survived.[35][40][41] All ten who died were black.[20][42][43] Dozens of residents held a vigil at the supermarket the day after the shooting. True Bethel Baptist Church held a mourning service nearby, which was attended by families of the victims and some of those who survived the attack.[44] A moment of silence was held at game one of the 2022 National Lacrosse League playoffs eastern semifinals being held in Buffalo, between the Toronto Rock and Buffalo Bandits, and the proceeds were donated to the Toronto Raptors and Buffalo Bills, and the proceeds of the proceeds to victims' families.[46] The Tops' closure after the shooting slowed food access in the East Side, where it was the only supermarket since it opened in 2003.[47][48] Organizations inside and outside the community started programs to fill its absence, distributing and delivering food and clothing to residents. Tops provided free shuttle service to another location and pledged to send refrigerated food trucks daily.[48][49] The company later stated that it would reopen the store on July 15, with a memorial honoring the victims.[50] Erie County Sheriff John Garcia said the shooting was a "straight up racially motivated hate crime from somebody outside of our community".[51] Stephen Belongia, the head of the local FBI office, told reporters that the agency was investigating the shooting as both a hate crime and an act of racially motivated violent extremism.[41] Police arrested Grendon and transported him to Buffalo Police Headquarters, with police reporting him to be in custody by about 2:36 p.m.[33][32] Grendon's parents were interviewed by federal agents.[52] According to the Buffalo police commissioner, they uncovered information that if he escaped the supermarket, he had plans to continue his attack.[53][54] The county's district attorney said he had evidence that Grendon was motivated by racial animosity.[55] According to law enforcement sources who spoke to The Buffalo News, they were investigating Grendon's alleged contact with a number of people online, including a retired federal agent, and whether these individuals had thirty minutes of advance notice of the attack yet did not notify the authorities.[56] A separate investigation into the conduct of a 911 operator during the shooting began on May 15. An assistant manager at the Tops store reportedly called 911 and spoke to the dispatcher in a whisper, in order to avoid detection by Grendon. The employee was then reportedly shouted at by the dispatcher, who wondered aloud why the woman was whispering and then allegedly hung up on her. The Office of the Erie County Executive announced the dispatcher was placed on administrative leave and was then fired after a disciplinary hearing.[57][58][59] Payton S. Grendon[5] is a white male and was 18 years old (born June 20, 2003)[60] at the time of the shooting.[61] He had traveled three and a half hours to the supermarket from his hometown of Conklin, New York,[29] about 200 miles (320 km) away.[20][61][62] Grendon graduated from Susquehanna Valley High School[63] and was previously enrolled at SUNY Broome Community College in Binghamton for an engineering science program.[61][64] His parents are civil engineers and, according to his neighbors, Grendon had previously stated an intention to become one as well.[65] Former classmates of Grendon who were interviewed by The New York Times claimed that Grendon was quiet, had rarely attended in-person classes, and exhibited a range of idiosyncratic behaviors, including wearing a hazmat suit to class.[66][63] The police said that Grendon had been in Buffalo in early March,[67] and was also there the day before the shooting, having carried out reconnaissance at the Tops supermarket.[20] According to police, he had researched previous hate-motivated attacks and shootings.[20] According to a childhood friend of Grendon's, Grendon came to the friend's house the day before the shooting and left five boxes of ammunition at the house. Supposedly, Grendon told the friend he needed to leave the ammunition because Grendon needed to rearrange his own house, and that Grendon would need to retrieve the ammunition later.[54][67] In June 2021, Grendon had been investigated for making a "generalized threat" or "a threatening statement" at his high school by the police in Broome County.[20][61][68] Accounts of the nature of the threat vary: one government official told The Buffalo News that Grendon had threatened to commit a mass shooting at a graduation ceremony,[61] while NBC News states that a teacher had asked him about his plans after the school year, to which Grendon responded, "I want to murder and commit suicide." [69] Contradicting these accounts, in an online chat log from December 9, 2021, Grendon describes staying in the emergency room of a hospital for 20 hours on May 28, 2021, as a result of stating his intention to commit murder-suicide in an online assignment for his economics class, in which Grendon was asked what he wished to do when he retired.[65][64] He was referred to a hospital for mental health evaluation and counseling but was released after being held for a day and a half.[20][68][70] Grendon described the hospital stay as a very negative experience from which he gained encouragement to take action.[65] Grendon told police that he was merely joking; however, Grendon later wrote online that this was actually a well-executed bluff.[67][71] He was not charged in connection with the incident since, according to investigators, he had not made a specific enough threat to warrant further action.[68][71] The New York State Police did not seek an order from a state court to remove guns from Grendon's possession.[71][72] The mental health evaluation was not an involuntary commitment, which would have prohibited him from buying guns under federal law.[71] Grendon cleared the background check by filling in Form 4473, as is typically required under U.S. federal law. During the purchase of the Bushmaster XM-15 AR-15-style rifle used in the shooting, the seller said that Grendon passed the background check and that the seller did not remember Grendon.[73][3] Grendon cleared another check while purchasing a shotgun at a store in the neighboring town of Great Bend, Pennsylvania, located 8.7 miles (14.0 km) away from his Conklin house, saying that he would use it for target practice; this shotgun was later recovered by police from Grendon's car.[71] Since New York state prohibits the purchase and/or possession of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition, Grendon traveled to Pennsylvania from his home in New York state to purchase a 30-round ammunition magazine.[74] Before the shooting, Grendon wrote that he had purchased a rifle and illegally modified it in order to enable it to hold 30-round magazines.[75][1] Grendon also wrote that he selected an AR-15-style rifle for its effectiveness, and that he specifically selected the Bushmaster XM-15 for its notoriety.[76] On one of his rifles, Grendon had reportedly written the word nigger along with references to reparations.[77] Grendon's gun also reportedly was covered with references to White supremacist mass murderers Dylann Roof, Robert Bowers, Brenton Tarrant, and John Earnest, the acronym SYGOWN (Stop Your Genocide Against Our White Nations),[78] far-right slang "Buck status: broken", [79] the year 2083—a reference to the manifesto of Anders Behring Breivik[80]—and a depiction of the Archangel Michael's Cross of the fascist Romanian Iron Guard.[80][81][82] A law enforcement source told The Daily Beast that Grendon had also written on his rifle the names of one or more victims of the Waukesha Christmas parade attack.[83] On the weapons in his car which had not been used during the shooting, he reportedly had written "White Lives Matter" and, according to CNN, "what appears to be the name of a victim of a crime committed by a Black suspect." [84] Prior to the shooting, Grendon supposedly wrote and released online a 180-page manifesto that primarily references the topic of mass immigration. The manifesto was originally posted on Google Docs on the evening of May 12, two days before the attack, and according to file data, it has not been modified since.[85] Federal law enforcement sources told CNN that they were reviewing the document[12][86] along with Grendon's 673-page online diary.[65] The manifesto contains biographical information of the author identical to that of Grendon, such as the author sharing Grendon's birth date.[85] The author describes himself as someone who initially identified as being left-wing,[87] but later developed white supremacist, anti-Semitic,[12] populist, and ecofascist views.[88] He claims to have adopted these ideological stances after he visited the discussion board /pol/ on 4chan, an imageboard, as well as the website The Daily Stormer beginning in May 2020,[5] on which he saw "infographics, shitposts, and memes" around the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.[85][89][90] The manifesto primarily promotes the white nationalist and far-right Great Replacement conspiracy theory of Renaud Camus, which claims that elites are promoting immigration and decreasing white birth rates in an attempt to subject whites to a genocide.[5][91] The manifesto also says that Jews and societal elites are responsible for transgender inclusivity and non-white immigration, that black people disproportionately kill white people, and that non-whites will overwhelm and wipe out the white race.[92][93] The manifesto's author also expressed support for far-right mass shooters Dylann Roof, Anders Behring Breivik, and Brenton Tarrant.[5][94][95] About 28% of the document is plagiarized from other sources, especially Tarrant's manifesto.[96][89] As much as 57% of the text-based ideological sections were plagiarized in this manner; this was measured by excluding the sections which consisted of internet meme images, other pictures taken from online, and logistical discussion about the equipment for the attack.[97] The planning for the attack commenced in January 2022. Buffalo was targeted because it was the city closest to the author's home that had the most black residents. He then proceeded to select the Z.I.P. code area within Buffalo with the highest percentage of black residents.[12][29] The manifesto includes extensive details about preparations for the supermarket attack itself and a plan, following the initial shooting, to travel to a majority-black neighborhood in Buffalo to conduct further attacks.[85][95][98] It characterizes the attack as having been "intended to terrorize all nonwhite, non-Christian people and get them to leave the country." [99] Grendon is also reported to have had an account on the chat platform Discord, with the same username as the Twitch user who livestreamed the attack.[67] Thousands of chat logs were retrieved from the account's postings in a private chatroom, which were written in the form of an online diary and range from November 2021 to May 13, 2022. The logs include photos of Grendon, and the author claimed to be Grendon.[65][67][100] Police said that they believed the messages are genuine.[101] The chat logs reference a speeding ticket that is consistent with one received by Grendon.[102] The logs also include to-do list items seemingly indicating that the author was preparing for the attack.[103] The chat logs indicated that the attack was originally planned to occur on March 15 so that the author could commemorate the anniversary of the Christchurch mosque shootings.[67][104] However, the attack was delayed due to the author developing a case of COVID-19.[105][106] The logs contained indications from as early as November 2021 that the author planned to livestream a mass shooting targeting black people.[99] He claimed authorship of a post on 4chan from November 9, 2021, that said, "a brenton tarrant event [sic] will happen again soon." [102] The online diary also had sketches of the layout of the inside of the Tops supermarket.[99] The diary mentions visits to the supermarket on March 8,[94][99] During these visits, the author notes being challenged by the security guard, which the author described as a close call. He also noted the numbers of black people and white people in the supermarket during his visits.[102][107] The author considered attacking various locations, including a Walmart in Rochester, New York, and institutions with predominantly black attendees such as churches, malls and elementary schools.[65][102][108] He also considered attacking synagogues but decided against it because March 15 would not fall on a Saturday (the Jewish sabbath), thus synagogues were not likely to have many attendees at the author's desired time to attack.[108] He wrote that he used data available through Google to determine when the busiest times in the supermarket would be.[109][105] The author of the online diary described himself as being socially isolated. He said, "I would like to [be able to] say I had quite a normal childhood (