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# Postal worker opens fire on crowd Antinued from

postal worker opened fire today in a crowded post office, critically wounding two women before shooting himself to death as terrified customers fled, authorities and witnesses said.

The man came in the office about 1 p.m., walked out from behind the counter and shot the two women in the lobby, said Bobby Hernandez, a police spokesman.

"He came around the counter and shot each victim once," said Hernandez. "He exited the post office, went to a tree, looked up in the air and shot himself in the

Hernandez said the women were believed to be customers but police had no information on whether the gunman knew the women. He couldn't confirm the account

by one witness that a woman's complaint about mail service preceded the shooting.

"A lady in line was complaining that the post office workers were too slow, she was protesting loudly," said Judy Rivas, a store worker from across the street who said she was there to check her mail.

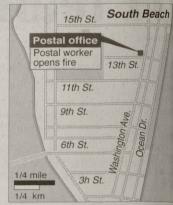
Amy Reed, another witness who works nearby, said she saw people fleeing the post office.

"I heard a lot of commotion," she said. "Dogs were barking, people were screaming and running towards me.'

Lorraine Nelson, spokesperson at Jackson Memorial Hospital, said the two women who were shot "are in the operating room in critical condition. They are from the Post Office shooting, that's all we know.

"My understanding is that the third one is at the scene," she said. An hour or so after the shootings, a body lay in the parking lot, covered with a tarp.

The scene is only a few blocks from the oceanside mansion where designer Gianni Versace was shot to death in July. The suspect, Andrew Cunanan, was later found dead of a self-inflicted wound.



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### Russia blames cosmonauts for collision

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia may fine two of its own cosmonauts for history's worst space collision, rejecting the veteran crew members' claim that Mir's worn-out equipment was to blame, an overseer of the space sta-

A space commission concluded "beyond any doubt" that Vasily Tsibliyev and Alexander Lazutkin caused the damaging June 25 crash, according to Valery Ryumin, the Russian coordinator of the Mir-NASA program. The collision occurred during the practice docking of an unmanned robot spacecraft to the aging space station.

'Personally, we felt pity for the boys, but the facts remain," Ryumin told the ITAR-Tass news agency. "Most likely we will have to fine them.'

Russia has a history of rewarding and punishing its cosmonauts financially, with cosmonaut Gennady Strekalov saying he was stripped of some benefits for refusing to make an extra spacewalk from Mir in 1995.

The space program has an elaborate bonus system that includes not only hazardous-duty pay, but specific payments for such tasks as spacewalks and manual dockings. For example, Russians earn an extra \$1,000 for each spacewalk.

American astronaut Michael Foale, who rema aboard Mir, was the third member of the crew at time of this summer's accident. However, he - like o er visiting astronauts - is not usually involved in ope ating or maintaining Mir.

Lazutkin and Tsibliyev returned to Earth after the cras

which tore open the hull of one of Mir's modules and a the space station about half of its power for weeks. The conclusions of the commission, which Ryu said signed off on its report Tuesday, are unlikely to

all questions about the collision to rest. Skeptics could argue that Russia has a vested inte est in finding that technical problems aboard Mir-

cash cow for their struggling space program - didn "It has been a longtime tradition here in Russia

look for scapegoats," Tsibliyev, the Mir command said after returning to Earth on Aug. 14.

A news anchor for Russian Television noted that th Mir was plagued by breakdowns throughout the crew six-month mission. "Such a categorical conclusion th the crew is to blame sounds rather strange," he said a brief commentary Tuesday.

## Paparazzi officially named as suspects studen

clared seven paparazzi to be manslaughter suspects Tuesday in the death of Princess Diana, including one aggressive photographer said to have felt the dying princess's pulse while snapping shots of the car wreck.

A lawyer for one photographer dismissed the investigation as "theater justice," a sop to public outrage over the fact Diana, her millionaire boyfriend and their driver were killed while being chased by paparazzi.

But an attorney for boyfriend Dodi Fayed's father, Mohammed Al Fayed, said there was "causality" between the photographers' pursuit and the fatal crash, and the elder Fayed was joining the case as a civil party to prove it.

Fresh disclosures, however, pointed anew at a combination of deadly factors in Sunday's accident, including the apparently drunken condition of the driver, a Fayed employee.

A Paris newspaper reported chauffeur Henri Paul's blood alcohol level may have been almost four times the legal limit at the time of the crash higher than originally believed.

The photographers who went before the judge Tuesday, one by one, all had been in custody since being arrested at the crash scene

Judge Herve Stephan placedthe under formal investigation for "ir voluntary homicide" - the Fren equivalent of manslaughter. It do not mean they will necessarily before mally charged with any crimes.

They also will be investigated failing to aid people in danger crime under the French "Go Samaritan" law requiring onlook to assist victims of road accidents

All were freed, two on bond. Bot involuntary homicide and Goo Samaritan violations can be pun ished by up to five years in prison and fines of almost \$100,000.

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