

# Second office shooting this week claims 2 lives in Seattle

## Police search for disguised, unidentified gunman

SEATTLE (AP) — A gunman wearing a dark overcoat over camouflage clothing opened fire yesterday in the office of a ship repair company, killing two people and wounding two others. A search was under way for the attacker, police said.

Police used dogs in the hunt through the largely residential Wallingford neighborhood. At least a dozen schools in the area north of downtown Seattle were locked down with the children inside while the search continued, police said.

The shooting happened about 10:30 a.m. in an office of Northlake Shipyard on the north shore of Lake Union, police said.

"He walked in and started shooting. That's all we know," Pam McCammon, a police spokesperson, said.

One man died at the scene, and three others were wounded. The second victim died at Harborview Medical Center, police at the hospital said.

Hospital spokesperson Larry Zalin said one man remained in critical condition. The other victim, a 19-year-old man, was in satisfactory condition with a gunshot wound in the right arm.

One victim told detectives that the four who were injured — all employees of Northlake Shipyard — were in the office when the shooter came in, and that none knew him, said police spokesperson Christie-Lynne Bonner.

The suspect, described as possibly in his 30s, was wearing the overcoat and camouflage clothing along with a brown hat when he walked in a back door of the business and started firing, police said.

Jeannie Parr, who was in a different office across the hallway from the scene, said she was about 6 feet from where the shootings took place.

"He came in calmly," she told Northwest

Cable News. "I didn't hear any sounds of a confrontation or argument. ... All I heard was gunshots."

Christian Weber, president of a Web page design company, said he came back from lunch to find police all around his office building near the scene.

"I hope my friends and employees are all right," he said. "I hope they find him, and he's not still here when they leave."

Scottie Pierce of Seattle Boat, across the street from the shipyard building, said he was sending his employees home early.

"It's almost a surreal type situation, faced with what the nation went through in Hawaii yesterday," he told Northwest Cable News. "I'm quite concerned that there's someone running around with a gun."

Seven people were shot to death Tuesday at a Xerox Corp. building in Honolulu.

The suspected gunman, Bryan Uyesugi, a Xerox employee, fled after the slayings and surrendered hours later.

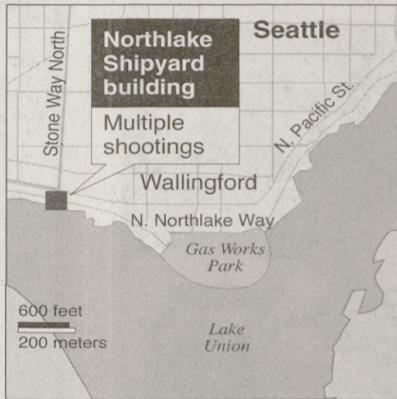
President Clinton expressed his sorrow about the shootings from the White House.

"Let me begin by saying that I join with all Americans in expressing shock and profound sorrow at the shootings which have occurred over the last two days in Honolulu and Seattle," he said.

"The federal government has offered all appropriate assistance to local officials. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and with their families."

Barbara Gravelle, a receptionist at a business near the Northlake Shipyard office, said she knows three of the people who were shot.

"They're all kids. They don't deserve this," she said. "It's not right. They're good kids — good-natured and happy."



## Honolulu man accused of killing offers police no clues on motivation

HONOLULU (AP) — Police had few clues yesterday to why Xerox copier repairman Bryan Uyesugi allegedly opened fire on his co-workers, killing seven a day earlier.

Uyesugi, in police custody since his arrest Tuesday afternoon, has offered no explanation, police said.

"He was under no threat of losing his job. There was no thought of it," Xerox president and CEO G. Richard Thoman said yesterday.

He and other company officials would not comment on the Uyesugi family's comments that he had threatened a supervisor and had gotten anger counseling in 1993.

Thoman and other officials refused to provide details about Uyesugi's work history, citing employee confidentiality rules.

Xerox's vice president for Hawaii, Glenn Sexton, said he had no information to indicate that Uyesugi had been anything but a good worker in his 15 years with the company.

Co-workers knew him as "a very quiet, reserved and probably shy individual," he said.

"Maybe it was the last straw. I don't know," Uyesugi's brother Dennis, who helped talk him into surrendering, said. He said he did not ask his brother why.

Police said Uyesugi, a 40-year-old gun collector, calmly walked into his two-story office building Tuesday morning, said "hello" to a co-worker and then allegedly fired 20 rounds at his fellow technicians. One of the victims was his supervisor.

Uyesugi surrendered to police

SWAT teams after a five-day standoff near the Hawaii Center, which was full of children taking hikes. A search of his home found 11 handguns, rifles and two shotguns.

"You would never think this would happen at your work. You hear it all around," said Leon, a Xerox employee, said this is too close, way too close.

The shooting was the tragedy in a company's history and the mass murder in Hawaii's history.

It was a "blow state with murders and an excellent reputation. America's pride."

Uyesugi will face a degree charge, possibly a mandatory sentence in prison without the possibility of parole. Hawaii has a death penalty.

Uyesugi's father, Hiro, said son had undergone anger management counseling after opening a supervisor and damaging an elevator door in 1993.

Uyesugi was named in a criminal property damage complaint later was dropped.

At the scene of the shooting, the offices remained closed yesterday and flower leis draped over a wall at the entrance.

Thoman said Xerox has set a \$50,000 fund to help the families of the victims.

The company also will pay funeral expenses of the victims and help with future expenses such as college costs for the victims' 12 children.

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— Richard Thoman  
Xerox president and CEO

## Cable news networks take precautions, try not to hinder manhunt

NEW YORK (AP) — As police searched for a gunman in Seattle yesterday, two cable news networks gave their audience a bird's-eye view.

But while CNN and MSNBC carried extended "chopper cam" sequences, they took measures not to hamper the effort to find the man who just hours earlier had opened fire, killing one person and wounding three others.

Meanwhile, newscasters made the audience aware of the need for restraint.

"Police are very leery of instant communication," CNN's Seattle correspondent Jim Hill told viewers, "and the ability of the media ... to simply give away the whereabouts of police during a critical part of a search."

"I've noticed that the helicopter pilots are taking very, very tight shots

or very, very long shots" during the house-to-house investigation, replied CNN anchor Lou Waters.

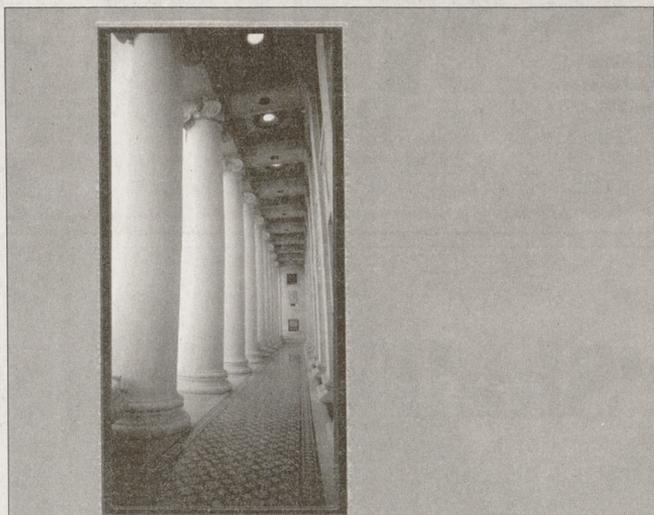
"We're following our standards and practices guide," CNN spokesperson David Bittler said. "We're being mindful of how we describe or show law enforcement actions, in the event that the suspect is watching our air."

Like CNN, MSNBC relied on "chopper cam" video from Seattle

affiliate stations. But MSNBC opted to broadcast only recorded footage of the search, which it reviewed for any telling details before airing, according to MSNBC spokesperson Cameron Blanchard.

"You're NOT looking at a live picture of where the police are focusing the search," viewers were told in a typical reminder from an MSNBC correspondent.

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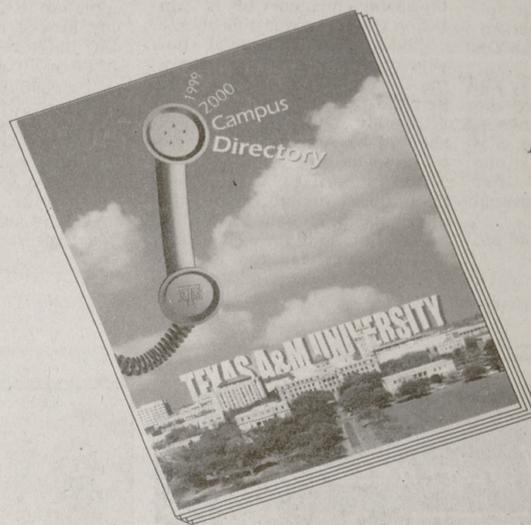
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