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Virginia Beach gunman who killed 12 was disgruntled city engineer

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (Reuters) - The gunman who killed 12 people at a Virginia Beach municipal building before dying in a shootout with police was identified on Saturday as a disgruntled city engineer and co-worker of most of the victims.

All but one of the victims from Friday's mass shooting in the coastal resort community were employed by the city, officials said, while the other was a contractor seeking a permit. Four people were wounded.

The gunman, DeWayne Craddock, had worked for the city's public utilities department for about 15 years, Virginia Beach Police Chief James Cervera said at a news conference. He declined to comment on any possible motive.

Factbox: Victims slain in Virginia Beach rampage mostly city employees
"These are 12 individuals who came to work ... thinking they would go home in the evening, and they didn't return and it left a tremendous void in their families and in our community," Virginia Governor Ralph Northam said at a news conference.

It was the worst mass shooting in the United States since November 2018, when a dozen people were slain at a Los Angeles-area bar and grill by a gunman who then killed himself.

Bodies were found on all three floors of the Virginia Beach building and in a car parked outside, according to authorities.

Cervera described the crime scene as "horrific" and said that investigators who spent the night inside the building endured a "physical, emotional and psychological toll."

Police said the gunman was armed with two .45 caliber pistols and used an employee pass to enter secure areas before firing "immediately and indiscriminately" on victims while reloading with multiple extended ammunition magazines. At least one of the pistols was fitted with a "sound suppressor," police said. Both handguns were bought legally by the shooter within the last three years, Ashan Benedict, a special agent at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told the news conference.

Two more firearms were found at the home where Craddock lived alone, he said. Vic Wirhowski, a local municipal worker, bows his head as he pays his respects at a makeshift memorial outside a municipal government building where a shooting incident occurred in Virginia Beach, Virginia, U.S. June 1, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Drake

After the attack began, two police supervisors from a building across the street arrived within minutes, Cervera said, and they were quickly joined by two police dog-handlers. The suspect was killed after a lengthy gun battle.

The victims who worked for Virginia Beach had been employed for between 11 months and 41 years. Six worked in the public utilities department and five were employed in the public works department.

A number of vigils and commemorations are planned, including a memorial service the city is organizing for Thursday evening.

The bloodshed unfolded at Building Two of the municipal center complex on Friday afternoon as workers prepared to leave for the weekend. Some survivors recounted how they cowered in fear after stacking desks against office doors as makeshift barricades.

Three of the wounded victims were in critical condition and a fourth was in fair condition at local hospitals, said Julie Hill, a spokeswoman for Virginia Beach. A police officer who was shot but saved by his ballistic vest has been treated and released, she said.

Cervera said he would only name the gunman once, and hereafter refer to him just as "the suspect."

According to local media, Craddock was 40 years old and had no serious criminal record.

He served in the Virginia National Guard from 1996 to 2002, and was assigned to a Norfolk-based battalion as a cannon crew member, a guard spokesman said, adding that Craddock's records do not indicate any overseas deployments.

Cervera said 40 agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation are recovering evidence at the crime scene, which lies in a complex of office buildings several miles inland from the town's popular seashore, situated on the Atlantic coast at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.



A card lists the names of the victims at a makeshift memorial outside a municipal government building where a shooting incident occurred in Virginia Beach, Virginia



Local resident Rich Lindgren places flags at a makeshift memorial outside a municipal government building where a shooting incident occurred in Virginia Beach, Virginia

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Warren Buffett charity lunch fetches record \$4.57 million winning bid

(Reuters) - An anonymous bidder has agreed to pay a record \$4,567,888 at an annual charity auction to have a private lunch with Warren Buffett, the billionaire chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. The winning bid, which was submitted during a five-day online auction on eBay that ended Friday night, was nearly one-third higher than the previous record \$3,456,789 bids in both the 2012 and 2016 auctions.

Proceeds benefit the Glide Foundation, a charity in San Francisco's Tenderloin district that serves the poor, homeless or those battling substance abuse.

Buffett, 88, has raised about \$34.2 million for Glide in 20 annual auctions, which began in 2000 and moved to eBay in 2003. His first wife Susan, who died in 2004, introduced him to Glide after volunteering for the charity.

"Mr. Buffett is thrilled. We just spoke with him," Glide President Karen Hanrahan told Reuters after the auction ended. "Mr. Buffett is committed to continuing the auction as long as he's able. He has been a thought partner in thinking through Glide's future, and how to set it up for the next 50 years."

The winning bidder and up to seven friends can dine at the Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in Manhattan with Buffett, who says he will discuss anything apart from his next investments.

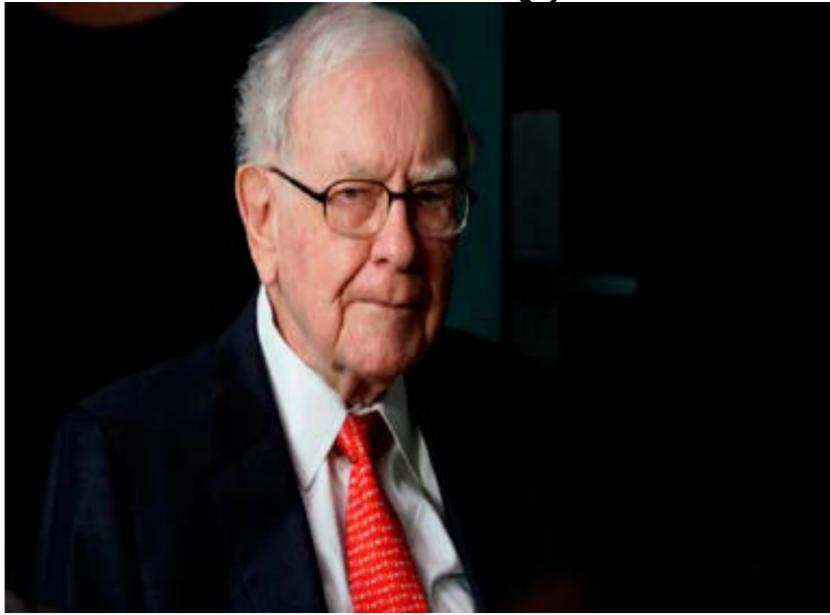
This year's auction drew 18 bids from five bidders.

The top bid would also be enough to buy 15 Class A or 23,137 Class B shares of Omaha, Nebraska-based Berkshire, whose more than 90 businesses include auto insurer Geico and BNSF railroad.

Past auction winners have included hedge fund manager David Einhorn of Greenlight Capital in 2003, and Ted Weschler, now one of Buffett's portfolio managers at Berkshire, in 2010 and 2011

Glide's budget goes toward providing roughly 2,000 free meals a day, shelter, HIV and Hepatitis C tests, job training, and children's daycare and after-school programs.

"What it means to us as an organization: It's huge," Hanrahan said, referring to the auction. "It's going to help many many thousands of people in this city."



Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc, pauses while playing bridge as part of the company annual meeting weekend in Omaha, Nebraska U.S. May 6, 2018. REUTERS/Rick Wilking



FILE PHOTO: Berkshire Hathaway chairman and CEO Warren Buffett enjoys an ice cream treat from Dairy Queen before the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, U.S. May 6, 2017. REUTERS/Rick Wilking/ File Photo



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Editor's Choice



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2020 Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren gestures during a town hall event at Laney College prior to the California Democratic Convention in Oakland, California



Soccer Football - Champions League Final - Fans gather in Madrid ahead of Final - Madrid, Spain - June 1, 2019 A Tottenham fan lets off a smoke bomb in a fan zone REUTERS/Javier Barbancho TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A street performer walks past the London Eye in hot weather on Westminster bridge in London, Britain, June 1, 2019. REUTERS/Clodagh Kilcoyne TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A man jumps off the Tower Bridge in London, Britain, June 1, 2019. REUTERS/Alkis Konstantinidis TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Participants attend an annual carnival to celebrate the International Children's Day, in Krasnoyarsk, Russia June 1, 2019. REUTERS/Ilya Naymushin TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



May 31, 2019; St. Louis, MO, USA; St. Louis Cardinals third baseman Matt Carpenter (13) is doused with water by left fielder Marcell Ozuna (23) after hitting a walk off one run single off of Chicago Cubs relief pitcher Steve Cishek (not pictured) during the tenth inning at Busch Stadium. Mandatory Credit: Jeff Curry-USA TODAY Sports TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Attendees walk on the illuminated runway following Alexander Wang's "AW Collection 1" presentation at the Rockefeller Center in New York

If you ever thought the meals at a nursing home were bland and dull, the team of culinary experts at Houston Transitional Care are shattering that perception with every meal they prepare. Cooks Bryce Barbabosa and Erick Arevalo are not your typical dietary team for a skilled nursing facility. They represent a "Rare find: Avant-Garde Cuisine At Skilled Nursing Facility" for the guests while in rehabilitation. They offer the most palatable meals for all, as well as those with special diets. Debuting now is the Springtime menu which includes items such as Spinach Salad with almonds and strawberries, fresh Gazpacho, Tex-Mex taco bowls, and Peruvian chicken just to name a few.



When Barbabosa and Arevalo were asked what makes them most happy about the work they do at Houston Transitional Care, they both agreed it was the "free style" aspect of their work and their ability to apply their skills to a variety of meal preparations on a daily basis. Linda Woltman, dietary director, gives these young men the freedom to create delicious food combining their talents. Both Barbabosa and Arevalo share a sense of humor, even sarcasm at times, which lends to the chemistry they have in the kitchen even though their backgrounds are quite different. Bryce received training at the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Austin. There he was taught the "hands on"

"Baby Boomers" Are Seeking Out Medical Care In Settings That Offer Medical And Lifestyle Benefits

Avant-Garde Fine Dining Cuisine At A Skilled Nursing Facility? Yes-Right Here In Houston



Cooks Bryce Barbabosa and Erick Arevalo present avant-garde cuisine at Houston Transitional Care. Front entry 8550 Jason St., Houston, TX 77074 in the Sharpstown area.

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French style of cooking. Meanwhile Arevalo stated his experi-



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Three-quarters of American companies in China said the latest tit-for-tat tariffs have had a negative impact on their business, with more than 80% of manufacturers saying they were suffering, according to a new survey conducted jointly by the Beijing- and Shanghai-based American Chambers of Commerce.

Just under half of the nearly 250 survey respondents said they faced some sort of non-tariff retaliatory measures since tariffs were first implemented in July 2018. To cope with the clash, around 41% of respondents said they are considering moving or have already relocated some manufacturing outside of China while a third said they were delaying or canceling investment decisions.



The US trade war has prompted some overseas companies to rethink whether they should invest in new plants and equipment in China, despite the temporary pause in hostilities.

Foreign direct investment inflows into China fell in the first 11 months of this year, according to the latest government data, and concerns are mounting among corporate leaders and investors about how long trade tensions between the world's two biggest economies will last.

Economists are predicting that China's gross domestic product growth could slip below 6 per cent next year if the trade dispute escalates further and continues to filter down to the private sector. Beijing has a 6.5

Fears Dispute Will Drag On Indefinitely
Looming U.S.-China Trade War Forces Businesses To Rethink Chinese Investments



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Overview
Foreign direct investment inflows to China drop in first 11 months of year as concerns grow there will not be a swift resolution to the tensions
One survey found that around a third of companies are considering cancelling investments

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per cent GDP growth target for this year.



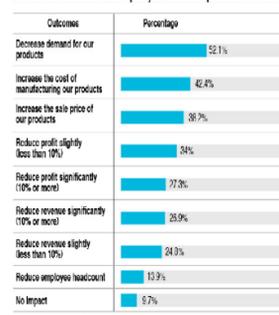
Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed a temporary suspension of hostilities over dinner in Argentina. Photo: Reuters
“We’re hearing that a lot of investors are just keeping their powder dry,” said Wil-

liam Zarit, the chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China.
“They’re waiting to see what happens.”
A recent survey by AmCham China and its sister organisation AmCham Shanghai found that 31.1 per cent of businesses who responded were already considering delaying or cancelling investments in China as a result of the ongoing trade tensions.

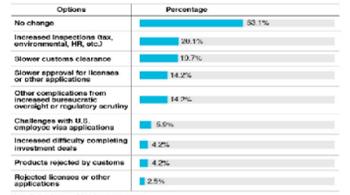


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How will the combined tariffs impact your business operations in China?



Have you experienced any nontariff retaliatory measures since tariffs were first implemented in July 2018?



American businesses in China are hurting, if the American Chamber of Commerce in China's recent survey is anything to go by, much of it is from tariffs, but a surprising amount, due to other factors. (Courtesy https://www.scmp.com)

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