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Walmart gunman railed at co-workers in ‘death note’ before Virginia store shooting

Nov 25 (Reuters) - A Walmart supervisor who killed six co-workers at a store in Virginia on Tuesday bought a handgun the day of the shooting and left a rambling note on his cellphone in which he railed against other employees who he felt had mocked and betrayed him.

Information on the firearm purchase and note was released by the city of Chesapeake on Friday in an update on its investigation into the shooting, in which 31-year-old Andre Bing opened fire on other workers before turning the gun on himself.

In a separate shooting on Friday, Walmart said it had evacuated a Supercenter in Lumberton, North Carolina. One person was shot at the store and police were searching for a suspect, according to a local CBS affiliate. The Lumberton police did not respond to a request for comment.

Bing, an overnight shift team leader, was armed with a handgun when he shot some but not all of the employees assembled in a break room prior to their shift on Tuesday, witnesses and police said, raising the prospect he targeted individuals.

In a search of his home, investigators found ammunition and various items related to the 9mm handgun, including a receipt, according to the update from Chesapeake, a city of 251,000 people about 200 miles (320 km) south of Washington.

“The gun was legally purchased from a local store on the morning of Tuesday Nov. 22. He had no criminal history,” the city said in a statement on Friday.

In his note, Bing made reference to an unspecified work failure on his part and perceived slights from co-workers, who he felt were mocking him. He said he believed his phone had been hacked and “was giving the worst feeling imaginable.”

“The associates gave me evil twisted grins, mocked me and celebrated my down fall the last day,” he wrote. “That’s why they suffer the same fate as me.”

The Chesapeake shooting came on the heels of last weekend’s



massacre in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where a gunman killed five at an LGBTQ nightclub, and marks the latest episode of gun violence in the

Asked to comment on Bing’s note, Walmart said in a statement: “There is nothing that can justify taking innocent lives. Our focus continues to be on the families who are grieving and supporting our associates through this difficult time.”

In addition to the seven dead, including Bing, two people are being treated in area hospitals. One is in critical condition and one’s condition is improving, the city said.

The victims ranged in age from a teenage boy to a 70-year-old man. A vigil was held for the 16-year-old victim, Fernando Chavez-Barron, outside the Chesapeake Walmart on Thursday, with friends and family describing him as humble and intelligent, according to the Virginian-Pilot newspaper.

On Friday, Chesapeake Mayor Rick West invited the community to a vigil on Monday evening to remember all the victims. The event will be held at a city park about three miles south of the cavernous Walmart Supercenter where the shooting occurred.



United States, which averages two mass shootings per day, when defined as an incident killing or injuring four or more people, according to GunViolenceArchive.org.

Bing also wrote in the document titled “death note” that he planned to spare a person, whose name was redacted, because she had a special place in his heart, citing his own mother’s death from cancer.

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Amazon pauses work on six new U.S. office buildings to weigh hybrid work needs



July 15 (Reuters) - Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) is pausing the construction of six new office buildings in Bellevue and Nashville to reevaluate the designs to suit hybrid work, the tech giant said on Friday.

The pausing and delay of construction will not affect Amazon's hiring plans, a company spokesperson said, reiterating the firm's proposal to create 25,000 jobs in Bellevue and another 5,000 in Nashville.

"The pandemic has significantly changed the way people work ... Our offices are long-term investments and we want to make sure that we design them in a way that meets our employees' needs in the future," said John Schoettler, vice president of Global Real Estate and Facilities at Amazon.

Separately, Bloomberg News reported on

Friday that Facebook parent Meta Platforms (META.O) and Amazon have pulled back on their office expansion plans in New York City. (<https://bit.ly/3PvFMeD>)

Meta has decided not to take an additional 300,000 square feet of space at 770 Broadway, a building near Astor Place where it is already located and Amazon has cut down the amount of space it intended to lease from JPMorgan Chase & Co at Hudson Yards, the report said.
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"There are often a number of reasons why we wouldn't proceed with a particular deal, including office utilization. The past few years have brought new possibilities around the

ways we connect and work," a Meta spokesperson told Reuters without confirming or denying the report.

"We remain firmly committed to New York and look forward to opening the Farley in the coming months," the spokesperson added.

Amazon declined to comment on the report. "Case investigation, contact tracing, isolation at home will be your best bets," said Rosamund Lewis, WHO head of the smallpox secretariat which is part of the WHO Emergencies Programme.

Oil rises 2% as no immediate Saudi output boost expected

NEW YORK, July 15 (Reuters) - Oil gained 2.5% on Friday after a U.S. official told Reuters

that an immediate Saudi oil output boost was not expected, and as investors question whether OPEC has the room to significantly ramp up crude production.

The comment during U.S. President Joe Biden's Middle East visit comes at a time when spare capacity at members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is running low.

"Part of the support is that everybody and their brother who digs down into the Saudi situation see that they don't have a lot of capacity left," said

John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital LLC in New York.

Brent crude futures settled at \$101.16 a barrel, rising \$2.06, or 2.1%, while West Texas Intermediate crude settled at \$97.59 a barrel, gaining \$1.81, or 1.9%.

Both benchmarks saw their biggest weekly percentage drops in about a month, largely on fears earlier in the week that a nearing recession would chop away at demand. Brent lost 5.5% in its third weekly drop, while WTI was down 6.9% in its second weekly decline. Biden, prompted by energy and security interests, arrived in Jeddah on Friday and had been expected to call for Saudi

Editor's Choice



Women from Ukraine dressed up as angels pose as they collect donations for Ukrainian children at the Christmas market in front of Charlottenburg Palace in Berlin, Germany. REUTERS/Lisi Niesner



Workers dismantle the Nissan logo sign near the assembly plant, after the Japanese automaker completed the sale of its Russian legal entity to state-owned NAMI, in Saint Petersburg, Russia. REUTERS/Igor Russak



Workers in protective suits stand on a truck as the city prepares to end the lockdown placed to curb the coronavirus outbreak in Shanghai, China. REUTERS/Aly Song



A person films himself doing kick-ups with a football during sunrise on Primrose Hill in London, Britain. REUTERS/Henry Nicholls



Brazil's Neymar reacts after a challenge from Serbia's Sasa Lukic during the FIFA World Cup. REUTERS/Amanda Perobelli



Wales' Gareth Bale looks dejected after Iran's second goal. REUTERS/Carl Recine

Hundreds Of Russian Troops And Equipment Are Being Pounded

Elon Musk’s Starlink Internet Connection Dominates The Ukraine Skies Allowing Zelinsky’s Drone Warriors To Rule The Digital War



Artist Depiction Of Elon Musk (Left) And Ukraine President Zelinsky (Right) Showing Their Partnership With The Starlink Satellite System And Drone Initiative. (Artist/Alex Andro/Donna, Texas)

Key Points

- *Aerorozvidka (Aerial Reconnaissance) is being used to attack Russian drones and target Vladimir Putin’s army of tanks with the help of the newly available Starlink system which improves internet and connection speeds.*
- *US billionaire Elon Musk’s new technology helps to keep Ukrainian drones connected with their bases.*
- *It comes as the country has continued to suffer through internet and power outages throughout the invasion.*
- *The Starlink app is the most downloaded in Ukraine with global downloads tripling in the last two weeks.*

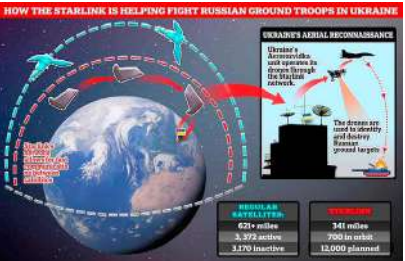
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Elon Musk’s Starlink satellite system is giving Ukrainian forces the edge in winning the drone war as the nation fights back with technology to track down invading Russians. Aerorozvidka (Aerial Reconnaissance) is being used to attack Russian drones and target Vladimir Putin’s army of tanks and track down their positions in the conflict, which has been ongoing since February 24, according to The Telegraph. Drones used in the field are able to use the newly available Starlink to keep connected and provide intelligence as internet and power outages plague Ukraine.

With the technology, the drones can be directed to drop anti-tank munitions to help ward off the Russian attack.

The so-far-successful implementation of the satellites into the defense of the war-torn nation makes good on a promise outspoken mogul Musk - who

challenged Putin to a fist fight for the future of Ukraine earlier this week - made to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky earlier in the month, that SpaceX will send more Starlink satellite stations to provide internet to some of the country’s stricken cities.



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er outages plague Ukraine. The president of the embattled country took to Twitter to thank the Tesla CEO, 50, for the support, and invited the tech mogul to visit Ukraine once the war is over. ‘Talked to @elonmusk. I’m grateful to him for supporting Ukraine with words and deeds. Next week we will receive another batch of Starlink systems for destroyed cities,’ Zelensky wrote at the time. Meanwhile, more Musk satellites are still coming. Early Saturday morning, a further 53 Starlink internet satellites were launched into space via rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, further bolstering the burgeoning surveillance network. SpaceX said Saturday that the 230-foot rocket, dubbed the Falcon 9, launched the satellites into low orbit without a hitch. The Ukrainians are also enlisting the help of PD-1 unmanned aerial vehicles fitted with infrared sensors. With a wingspan of 10 feet, the vehicles are being used to collect vital information on the movements of Russian troops.



Musk (pictured above) delivered the terminals for satellite-based internet following a request by Ukraine’s minister of digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov. The Ukrainian drone unit uses a ‘Delta’ system, which has been perfected in recent years with the help of Western advisers. It can be accessed by basic laptops, and has a ‘situational awareness’ software installed, which creates an interactive map using images from drones, satellites, human intelligence and sensors to build a physical picture to help in tracking the enemy. The system, which is said to be on par with similar NATO technology, is believed to have been tested in the Sea Breeze military exercise held in the Black Sea in 2021, which involved the USA, Ukraine and 30 other countries. The Ukrainians have perfected the system with

the help of Western countries, who have provided radio communications superior to Soviet-era technology. The US is said to have spent millions of dollars on the system to protect against Russian hacking. Over the past week, the US has contributed roughly \$1 billion in new assistance to Ukraine. **The Most Downloaded App In Ukraine** More than 100,000 people have now downloaded the Starlink app, with global downloads more than tripling in the last two weeks. Sensor Tower, a firm that provides App Store and Google Play data, said the app was downloaded 21,000 times globally across the two stores on Sunday. That is the most global installs in a single day, the company added, with the majority of the downloads coming from Ukraine.



The US has opted to send Switchblades - known as kamikaze drones - to Ukraine, which were initially designed for US special forces, and have the ability to take down a tank. US President Joe Biden on Wednesday detailed how much military aid the US is already providing - and will provide - to the country, after President Zelensky recorded an impassioned plea for aid from the superpower, asking Biden to back a no-fly zone his administration has repeatedly rejected. In the remotely held address to the US senate, Zelensky urged Americans to remember Pearl Harbor and the 9/11 attacks when looking at the recent events in Ukraine, and firmly asked the president, by name, in English, to step in. ‘It’s not enough to be the leader of the nation. Today it takes to be the leader of the world,’ Zelensky said. ‘Being the leader of the world means to be the leader of peace. Peace in your country doesn’t depend anymore only on you and your people. It depends on those next to you and those who are strong.’ Following Zelensky’s speech, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell also criticized the Biden administration for what he’s seen as a lackadaisical response to the conflict in Ukraine.



Early Saturday morning, a further 53 Starlink satellites were launched into space by rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, further bolstering the relatively new surveillance network. Biden Wednesday called Zelensky’s speech ‘convincing and significant,’ as he announced an additional \$800 million in military assistance on top of an already \$13.6 billion aid package for the country, in a spending bill signed into law Tuesday, which includes weapons sought-after by Ukrainian forces to quell the Russian onslaught, such as anti-armor and anti-air systems. Speaking from the White House, Biden said the new package will consist of 9,000 anti-armor systems, 7,000 small arms, 800 Stinger anti-aircraft systems, 20 million rounds of ammunition, and 100 drones, ‘so [Ukrainians] can continue to defend their space.’ During the speech, Biden asserted that the US is ‘fully committed’ to getting those weapons to Ukraine in the coming days.



SpaceX said Saturday the 230-foot rocket, called the Falcon 9, successfully launched the satellites into orbit without a hitch. Watch Full Starlink Rocket/Satellites Liftoff Video Here:

https://videos.dailymail.co.uk/video/mol/2022/01/07/7861132804827099738/640x360_MP4_7861132804827099738.mp4 With that said, there are still fears that the system could be impacted by internet disruption as Russia continues its assault, leading to power outages and internet connectivity issues. Starlink, however - now the most popular app in Ukraine, with more than 100,000 downloads in the few weeks since it went live - uses terminals that resemble TV dishes equipped with antennas that have so far addressed those concerns, with the satellites mounted on roofs to allow Ukraine citizens to access the Internet via satellite in rural or disconnected areas. (Article Continues Below)

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Ukraine has so far received thousands of antennas from Musk’s companies and European allies, which the country’s minister of digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov, saying the tech has already proved ‘very effective,’ in an interview with The Washington Post Friday. ‘The quality of the link is excellent,’ Fedorov, 31, told the paper from an undisclosed location in , the country, in remote interview made possible by a Starlink connection. ‘We are using thousands, in the area of thousands, of terminals with new shipments arriving every other day’ the official revealed, speaking on how the satellites have proved instrumental in helping citizens and leaders communicate as the Kremlin continues its large-scale attacks in cities across Ukraine.



Shortly after the invasion, Fedorov, who also serves as the country’s vice-prime minister, had sent a tweet to Musk, asking to be given access to Starlink stations. Musk, currently valued at \$232 billion according to the

Bloomberg Billionaire’s Index, responded just hours later: ‘Starlink service is now active in Ukraine. More terminals en route.’ Within days, trucks arrived at Ukraine hauling Starlink terminals, as well as adapters providing power via cigarette lighters in cars, or battery packs, and a roaming feature to ensure people are connected while they travel to safety. Starlink uses thousands of small satellites around 340 miles above the earth’s surface. Base stations on earth send radio waves up to the satellites, which beam those down to a satellite dish terminal back on the planet. The aim of the system is to bring internet access to rural and poorly connected parts of the world. It has allowed internet connections to travel quickly, with more speed provided due to travelling through space.



A Russian tank destroyed by Ukrainian forces. The lower orbit of Starlink also allows signals to trav-

el even faster. Over 2,000 satellites have been sent up to space so far, and there are plans to launch around 12,000 in total. The usefulness of the system has now reached into military operations, with the Ukrainian drone armies of ‘Aerorozvidka’ being able to use it to continue communicating with their bases by sending signals from Starlink terminals and using ground stations in neighboring countries, including Poland. The Aerorozvidka unit was formed by a group of civilian model airplane enthusiasts and those with a background in engineering in 2014 following the outbreak of war in eastern Ukraine. The group helped to build drones and sensors for the military to monitor the border, and helped to adapt commercially available drones to gather intelligence and even drop homemade explosives. Eventually, the system was integrated into the Ukrainian armed forces. It is proving so effective that the US feels supplying the Ukrainians with aircraft is unnecessary, and have opted to send Switchblades - known as kamikaze drones - which were initially designed for US special forces, and have the ability to take down a tank. General James Dickinson, commander of US Space Command, told the Senate armed services committee: ‘What we’re seeing with Elon Musk and the Starlink capabilities is really showing us what a megaconstellation, or a proliferated architecture, can provide in terms of redundancy and capability.’



Prior To Deployment Of Satellite-Guided Drones, Russian Forces Made Steady Gains The US however, has remained adamant about not deploying actual troops into Ukraine, out of fears for its own national security - or as Biden has put it, to avoid a possible ‘World War III.’ White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki reiterated Tuesday that the administration does not and will not support Zelensky’s no-fly zone request for those reasons. ‘We have the responsibility to do here is to assess what the impact is on the United States and our own national security,’ the White House spokesperson said. But Russians have so far reacted angrily to the US’ - and particularly Starlink’s - support for Ukraine. Dmitry Rogozin, director general of Roscosmos, the Russian space agency, said: ‘This is the West that we should never trust. ‘When Russia implements its highest national interests on the territory of Ukraine, Elon Musk appears with his Starlink which was previously declared as purely civilian. ‘I warned about it, but our ‘muskophiles’ said he is the light of world cosmonautics. Here, look, he has chosen

the side.’ The use of Starlink as a method for citizens and the government to stay connected during the invasion serves a major test of the relatively new technology, experts say, and could have lasting implications for the future of conflict. Aside from powering weapons and aiding the military, Musk’s satellites have so far allowed citizens to stay informed against an enemy known for their misinformation efforts. Britain’s Ministry of Defense warned last week that Moscow is ‘probably’ targeting Ukraine’s communications infrastructure. With that said, despite repeated attempts by Putin’s forces to disconnect Ukrainians from the web, Russia has threatened its own independent journalists with jail time if they report ‘fake’ news about the war. The Russian forces have been using their fair share of hypersonic weapons, unleashing its ‘unstoppable’ Kinzhal hypersonic missiles for the first time in Ukraine this week. Russia has never before admitted using the high-precision weapon in combat, and state news agency RIA Novosti said it was the first use of the Kinzhal hypersonic weapons during the conflict in pro-Western Ukraine. Moscow claims the ‘Kinzhal’ - Dagger - is ‘unstoppable’ by current Western weapons. The missile, which has a range of 1,250 miles, is nuclear capable. This was a conventional strike. Aerial footage released by the Russian military claimed to show the missile strike. Large, long buildings are shown in the footage in a snowy region, before one is obliterated by a huge explosion - sending flames, earth and debris high into the air. People can be seen on the ground fleeing as smoke pours from the site. **A Virtual Graveyard Of ‘Totally Destroyed Russian Tanks And Armored Vehicles Is Left After Direct Hits From Rockets Deployed By Drones Guided By Ukraine Forces**



Photos of destroyed or captured Russian BM-21 Uragan MLRS 9P140 launcher, Tigr-M, and a T-72B3 tank near Pryluky in Chernihiv Oblast, Ukraine. With the technology, the drones can be directed to drop anti-tank munitions to help ward off the Russian attack. Drones have been instrumental in targeting Russian equipment as it travels into Ukraine. Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuri Ignat confirmed that a storage site had been targeted, but added that Kyiv had no information regarding the type of missile that was used. Russia reportedly first used the weapon during its military campaign in Syria in 2016 to support the Assad regime, although it was unclear if this was the same model.

Some of the most intense bombing came in 2016 during the battle for Aleppo, resulting in hundreds of civilian deaths. Russian President Vladimir Putin has termed the missile ‘an ideal weapon’ that flies at 10 times the speed of sound and can overcome air-defence systems. Hypersonic missiles can be used to deliver conventional warheads, more rapidly and precisely than other missiles. But their capacity to deliver nuclear weapons could add to a country’s threat, increasing the danger of a nuclear conflict. Russia’s announcement of the missile strike came as Kyiv’s army high command claimed to have killed a fifth Moscow general since the war in Ukraine began. Lieutenant General Andrey Mordvichev was one of Vladimir Putin’s most senior commanders, in charge of the 8th All-Military Army of the Kremlin’s vast Southern Military District. Moscow did not initially confirm his death in keeping with most previous claims of the ‘liquidation’ of Generals. Ukraine now claims to have killed five holding the rank of General. The Ukrainians also claimed that wounded Russian soldiers have filled all hospital facilities in Gomel city in Belarus.



Kiev’s Missiles Are All That Stand Between The Russian Air Force And Control Of Ukraine’s Skies Overnight, Zelensky said Russian forces are blockading his country’s largest cities to wear the population down into submission, but he warned Saturday that the strategy will fail and Moscow will lose in the long run if it doesn’t end its war. Zelenskyy accused the Kremlin of deliberately creating ‘a humanitarian catastrophe’ and appealed for Russian President Vladimir Putin to meet with him, using a huge Moscow stadium rally where Putin lavished praise on Russian forces Friday to illustrate what was at stake. ‘Just picture for yourself that in that stadium in Moscow there are 14,000 dead bodies and tens of thousands more injured and maimed. Those are the Russian costs throughout the invasion,’ Zelenskyy said in a nightly video address to the nation recorded outside the presidential office in Kyiv. The rally took place as Russia has faced heavier-than-expected losses on the battlefield and increasingly authoritarian rule at home. The event was surrounded by suspicions it was a Kremlin-manufactured display of patriotism. Russian police have detained thousands of people from protests of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Fighting continued on multiple fronts in Ukraine. In the besieged port city of Mariupol, the site of some of the war’s greatest suffering. (Courtesy <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/>)