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Nashville school shooter had 'emotional disorder' and small arsenal, police say

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, March 28 (Reuters) - The 28-year-old former student who killed three children and three adults at a Christian grade school in Nash-ville on Monday was under a doctor's care for an "emotional disorder" and had purchased seven guns ahead of the shooting, the city's police chief said on Tuesday.

New details about Audrey Elizabeth Hale emerged hours after police released harrowing video showing officers storming the Covenant School and conducting a room-to-room search before confronting and fatally shooting the assailant.

Hale employed two assault weapons and a handgun during the assault on the elementary school, the latest in a long string of U.S. mass shootings that have turned guns into a hot-button political issue.

Those three guns were among seven Hale bought legally from five area stores, Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief John Drake told reporters on Tuesday.

Hale's parents did not know that

Hale was in possession of seven guns, the chief said, adding that they were under the impression that the suspect had owned only one gun but had sold it.

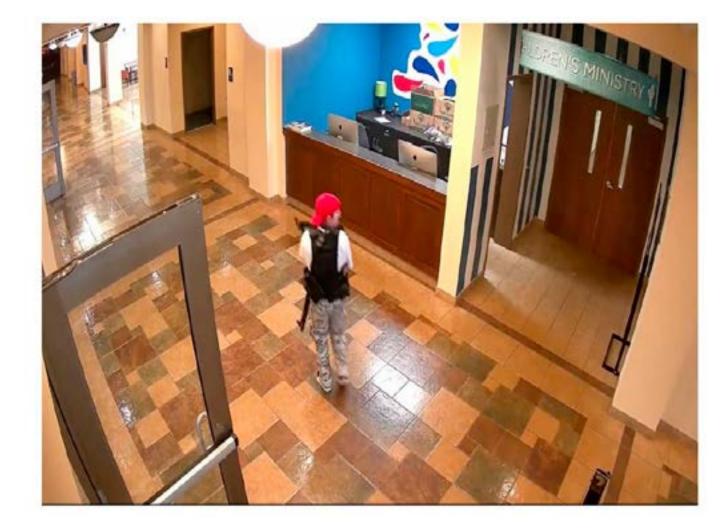
Drake said it appeared that the suspect had some sort of training with firearms. Hale fired on officers from the second floor as they arrived in patrol cars while standing back from large win-

Hale left behind a detailed map of the school showing entry points as well as what Drake described as a "manifesto" indicating that Hale may have planned to carry out shootings at other locations.

dows to avoid becoming an easy

target.

Drake previously said Hale self-identified as transgender. He referred to Hale using female pronouns on Tuesday, though Hale used male pronouns on a LinkedIn page that listed recent



A still image from surveillance video shows what the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department describe as mass shooting suspect Audrey Elizabeth Hale, 28, entering The Covenant School carrying weapons in Nashville, Tennessee, U.S. March 27, 2023. Metropolitan Nashville Police Department/Handout via **REUTERS**

jobs in graphic design and grocery delivery.

The chief said investigators still have not established a motive.

The newly released six minutes of footage, edited together from the body-worn cameras of two responding officers, starts with an officer retrieving a rifle from his trunk as a staff member tells him that the school is locked down but that two children are unaccounted for.

"Let's go! I need three!" the officer yells as he enters the building, where alarms can be heard ringing.

The video shows officers passing by bulletin boards and cubbies as they clear one room after another before heading upstairs, where one says, "We've got one down."

Amid the sound of gunfire, the officers race down the hallway - past what appears to be a victim lying on the ground - and into a

lounge area, where the suspect is seen dropping to the floor after being shot.

Deadly shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville

Officer Rex Engelbert and Officer Michael Collazo - whose body cameras provided the footage - both fire several rounds at the suspect. The video shows the assailant still moving on the ground as another officer repeatedly yells, "Get your hands away from the gun!"

'OUR COMMUNITY IS HEARTBROKEN'

Monday's violence marked the 90th school shooting – defined as any incident in which a gun is discharged on school property – in the United States this year, according to the K-12 School Shooting Database, a website founded by researcher David Riedman. Last year saw 303 such incidents, the highest of any year in the database, which goes back to 1970.

The three 9-year-old children who were killed were identified as Evelyn Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney. Also shot dead were Katherine Koonce, 60, the head of school; Mike Hill, 61, a school custodian; and Cynthia Peak, 61, a substitute teacher.

Scruggs' father, Chad, is a pastor at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, which is connected to the school. In a statement given to ABC News, he said the family was heartbroken.

"Through tears we trust that she is in the arms of Jesus who will raise her to life once again," the statement read.

The school in a statement said, "Our community is heartbroken. We are grieving tremendous loss and are in shock coming out of the terror that shattered our school and church."

Nashville police began receiving calls about a shooter at 10:13 a.m., spokesperson Don Aaron

told reporters on Monday. The suspect was pronounced dead by 10:27 a.m.

"The police department response was swift," Aaron said.

The body camera footage showed officers rapidly searching for the shooter, in contrast to videos showing officers in Uvalde, Texas, waiting inside Robb Elementary School for more than an hour in May as a gunman inside a classroom continued an attack that claimed the lives of 19 children and two adults.

A number of officers responding to a school shooting in Parkland, Florida, in 2018 remained outside the building rather than immediately pursuing the suspect, according to a state commission's investigation. Seventeen students and staff members died in that attack.

Both incidents prompted fresh scrutiny of police protocols for active shooters, which call for officers to engage the suspect at once to prevent loss of life.

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TikTok Is Another "Big" Issue

With the relationship between the U.S. and China deteriorating, the U.S. Congress, including both Democrat and Republican members, invited Tiktok CEO Shou Yi Chew to Congrees to testify about TikTok in the United States. The majority of the members of Congress believed, because of today's strained relationship with Beijing, that TikTok is a threat to America's national security.

The American TikTok, which is a different version than the Chinese version, currently has more than

half of our population using the TikTok app. That means that of the 150 million users of the app, most of them young people, are the company's active clients who are driving a projected 2023 record revenue income volume of more than \$7.8 billion dollars. TikTok is the largest social media app that people have uploaded in recent years.

Today many of our other social media platforms are also facing tough competition. In the growing and crowded market some of them are losing the battle and have laid off many their employees.

With the hot trade war going on between the U.S and China, science and technology products and services are playing increasingly major roles as they enter into the social media culture.

If more than half of our people are using TikTok, the Biden administration will need to be careful in handling any ban of TikTok because most of these people are voters.





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Editor's Choice



Debris litters a neighborhood after thunderstorms spawning high straight-line winds and tornadoes ripped across the state in Rolling Fork, Mississippi. REUTERS/Cheney Orr



A Buddhist monk throws salt on a large bonfire of wood and Japanese cypress leaves, at the fire-walking festival, called Hiwatari matsuri in Japanese, at Mt. Takao in Tokyo, Japan, March 12. REUTERS/Androniki Christodoulou



A woman reacts in the aftermath of deadly shelling of an army office building, amid Russia's attack, in Sloviansk, Ukraine. RE-UTERS/Violeta Santos Moura



An aerial view shows protesters attending a demonstration after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed the defense minister and his nationalist coalition government presses on with its judicial overhaul, in Jerusalem, REU-TERS/Stringer



Supporters of Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga of the Azimio La Umoja (Declaration of Unity) One Kenya Alliance, throw stones at riot police officers as they participate in a nationwide protest over cost of living and President William Ruto's government in Mathare settlement of Nairobi, Kenya. REUTERS/John Muchucha



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U.S. Extends Temporary Legal Status Of 337,000 Immigrants **Through 2024 Amid Court Battle**

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Activists and immigrants with temporary protected status march toward the White House on Feb. 23, 2021, in Washington, D.C., in a call for Congress and the Biden administration to pass immigration reform legislation.

The Biden administration on Thursday said it would June 30, 2024 — whichever date comes later. extend the deportation protections and work permits The June 30, 2024, extension also applies to cerof an estimated 337,000 immigrants from El Saltain Haitian and Sudanese immigrants, but they vador, Nicaragua, Nepal and Honduras through the are also eligible to apply for work permits and summer of 2024, preempting a court decision that deportation protections under expansions of TPS could have led to their legal status expiring next year. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said Biden administration that are not affected by the in a notice that it will allow immigrants from these litigation in federal court. countries to continue living and working in the U.S. legally under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) policy until at least June 2024. Created in 1990, TPS is a deportation relief program the U.S. can extend to said in a statement to CBS News on Thursday. nationals of countries beset by armed conflict, natu- As of the end of 2021, 241,699 Salvadorans, ral disasters or other humanitarian crises.

court negotiations between the Biden administration according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration and lawyers representing TPS holders broke down, paying the way for the Trump administration's decision to terminate the legal status of hundreds of country without fear of deportation, but it does not thousands of immigrants enrolled in the program to



But in its notice on Thursday, DHS said immigrants from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal and Honduras would get to keep their work permits and deportation protections at least 365 days after the department is

programs for Haiti and Sudan announced by the "DHS is well aware of the importance of Tem-

porary Protected Status (TPS) in providing stability to people's lives," a DHS spokesperson 76,737 Hondurans, 14,556 Nepalis and 4,250 Thursday's announcement comes two weeks after Nicaraguans were enrolled in the TPS program, Services (USCIS) data.

TPS allows beneficiaries to live and work in the provide them a path to permanent residency or citizenship. Those who lose their TPS protections could become eligible for deportation, unless they apply for, and are granted, another immigration



allowed to end the TPS programs in question, or until As part of its immigration crackdown, the Trump

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administration tried to terminate TPS programs for hundreds of thousands of immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras and Nepal. But those terminations were blocked in federal courts by lawsuits that argued the terminations were rooted in racial animus and not properly

In September 2020, however, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals gave the Trump administration the greenlight to end the TPS programs, saying courts could not review DHS decisions related to the policy. The ruling, however, did not take effect, because attorneys representing the TPS holders asked the court to consider rehearing the case "en banc," or with all active judges participating.

The Biden administration, which pledged to prevent the deportation of TPS holders to "unsafe" countries, entered into court negotiations to try to settle the litigation over the Trump-era termination decisions. It also formally extended the TPS programs for immigrants from Haiti and Sudan.

After a year of court negotiations, attorneys for TPS holders announced on Oct. 26 that they had failed to reach a settlement with the Biden administration. Both parties are now waiting for the 9th Circuit to decide whether it will grant or deny the request to rehear the case.

If the request is denied, the 9th Circuit's ruling from September 2020 will become binding, unless the Supreme Court intervenes.



Ahilan Arulanantham, one of the attorneys representing TPS holders in the litigation, said Thursday's announcement was an "important victory." But he called it an "interim one."

"Despite today's extension, the Biden administration is still defending Trump's racist TPS termination decisions in court, which unless the Biden administration acts, will remain on the books," said Arulanantham, the co-director of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy at the UCLA School

Arulanantham called on the Biden administration to create new TPS programs for El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal and Honduras, just like it has done for Haiti and Sudan.

Democratic lawmakers have advocated for TPS holders to be allowed to apply for permanent residency as part of a proposal to legalize unauthorized immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for years. Many TPS holders have lived in the country for over two decades. The TPS program for El Salvador, for example, began in 2001.

But congressional Democrats and Republicans have not been able to forge an agreement on immigration for decades, and GOP lawmakers have increasingly opposed creating legalization programs, absent changes to U.S. border policy. (Courtesy https://www.cbsnews.com/news/)

Venezuelan Migration To The U.S. Border Decreased In October, But Overall Migrant Arrivals Remained High

Washington, DC — Recently announced U.S. immigration policies led to a significant reduction in Venezuelan migration to the U.S.-Mexico border in Oct., but overall migrant apprehensions remained high, propelled by the arrival of tens of thousands of Cubans and Nicaraguans, federal statistics released late Monday show.

U.S. immigration officials encountered migrants 230,678 times along the southern border last month, a 1.9% increase from September, according to the Customs and Border Protection data. Roughly 19% of those encounters involved repeat crossings by migrants who had been previously processed by U.S. border agents.

Border Patrol recorded 204,273 apprehensions of migrants who entered the U.S. illegally, a slight decrease from Sept., while the Office of Field Operations, another CBP agency, processed 26,405 migrants at official ports of entry, where the Biden administration has been admitting certain asylum-seekers.



Venezuelan migrants were processed 22,044 times in Oct., a 35% decrease from the record high of 33,804 reported the previous month. The drop comes after the U.S. on Oct. 12 began expelling Venezuelans to Mexico under a public health order known as Title 42. The Biden administration also launched a program to allow up to 24,000 Venezuelans to enter the U.S. legally if they have U.S.based financial sponsors.

But the drop in Venezuelan migration was offset by the arrival of 28,848 Cubans and 20,917 Nicaraguans, a monthly record for the latter nationality. Mexico has generally not allowed the U.S. to expel Cubans or Nicaraguans to its territory, prompting U.S. officials to allow most of them to seek asylum inside the country, since Cuba and Nicaragua do not accept regular U.S. expulsion flights.

Troy Miller, who was named acting CBP commissioner last weekend following the resignation of Chris Magnus, said migration from Cuba and Nicaragua continued to be at a "historic high" due to political and economic turmoil in both countries, which are ruled by repressive regimes "This reflects the challenge that is gripping the

hemisphere, as displaced populations flee authori-

tarianism, corruption, violence, and poverty," Mill-

er said in his statement.



The tally of unique migrants from Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela in Oct. collectively exceeded the number of migrants from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador taken into U.S. border custody, continuing an unprecedented demographic shift that the U.S. has struggled to respond to, according to CBP calculations.

sions in Oct. — including 5,855 expulsions of Venezuleans. Those expelled under Title 42 are barred from seeking asylum, which U.S. law allows migrants to request if they are on U.S. soil, regardless of whether they entered the country unlawfully. Migrants who are not expelled under Title 42 are

The U.S. carried out over 78,000 migrant expul-

processed under U.S. immigration law. Generally, that means they are transferred by Border Patrol to another agency, released with instructions to see a judge or an immigration office or processed under a fast-track deportation process known as expedited removal.

While the U.S. struggles to expel many migrants who are not from Mexico or Central America because of diplomatic and logistical reasons, the Biden administration has exempted several groups from Title 42, including unaccompanied children and asylum-seekers identified as vulnerable.



The numbers released Monday show the migration wave to the U.S.-Mexico border during President Biden's administration continues to defy pre-pandemic seasonal patterns, during which migrant arrivals peaked in the spring and declined in the hot summer months and the fall. The statistics also suggest that migrant encounters

along the southern border will continue to resemble, or perhaps surpass, the record levels reported in fiscal year 2022, when U.S. immigration officials encountered migrants nearly 2.4 million times, an all-time high. (Courtesy https://www. cbsnews.com/news/)



Photo Essay Of A Human Tragedy~ Refugees Of War Are Now Our Neighbors

Ukraine Refugees Wait In Tijuana For Permission To Enter The U.S.

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The Uktainian Flag hung on the side of a building offers



Volunteers with signs welcome Ukrainian refugees as they arrive at the Tijuana airport to help them on their journey to the United States after fleeing the war in Ukraine, in Tijuana, Baja California state, Mexico on on April 8, 2022. (PHTO/PATRICK T. FALLON, AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES)



Ukrainians who are seeking asylum in the United States gather in a city government shelter for Ukrainians, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico. Authorities opened the nearby El Chaparral port of entry today solely for the processing of Ukrainian asylum-seekers. U.S. authorities are allowing Ukrainian refugees to enter the U.S. at the Southern border in Tijuana with permission to remain in the country on humanitarian parole for one year. (MARIO TAMA. GETTY IMAGES)



Two Ukrainian women sit and wait for U.S. Customs TIMES/USATODAY NETWORK)

and Border Protection to allow them to enter the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TODAY NETWORK)



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Vsidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022.(OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USATODAY NETWORK)



U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers take photos of Ukrainian refugees as they await to be allowed to enter the U.S. by Customs and Border Protection at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO



U.S. Customs and Border Protection stop a Russian citizen from entering the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California on April 5, 2022. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TO-



A volunteer (L) bids farewell to Ukrainians who are seeking asylum as they gather on a bus on their way to the El Chaparral port of entry, before entering the United States amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico. (MARIO TAMA, GETTY IMAGES)



Ukrainians who are seeking asylum walk at the El Chaparral port of entry on their way to enter the United States, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico, MARIO TAMA, **GETTY IMAGES**



Ukrainians who are seeking asylum in the United States gather in a city government shelter for Ukrainians, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on April 6, 2022 in Tijuana, Mexico. (MARIO TAMA, GETTY



Ukrainian refugees wait for Customs and Border Protection authorities to allow them to enter the USA at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California, on April 5.(OMAR ORNELAS/USATODAY



U.S. Customs and Border Protection allow Ukrainian refugees to enter the U.S. at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in Tijuana, Baja California as two Russian citizens watch on April 5, 2022. (OMAR ORNELAS, EL PASO TIMES/USA TODAY NETWORK)



Elderly woman being transported by a relative.



Ukrainians families gather their belongings hoping to cross the border into the US



Ukrainians wait for processing by US authorities at the Texas-Mexico border.



Family members offer each other comfort in the un



A Ukrainian family contemplates the future in a new



A father holds his son up to see the massive group of his fellow countrymen scattered together in a foreign