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Attempted Assassination Suspect's Manifesto Targeted Admin Officials, Ridiculed Lax Security at Hilton

The leftist authorities allege attempted the assassination of President Donald Trump and other administration officials claimed in a manifesto that he could not stand by while a “pedophile, rapist, and traitor” ran the country.

Cole Tomas Allen, a biracial, 31-year-old teacher from Torrance, California, was arrested Saturday after breaching security at the Washington Hilton Hotel during the White House Correspondents' Association dinner. He claimed the hotel had “no damn security,” although Secret Service agents stopped him before he could storm the ballroom and start shooting.



Times Now/X

Cole Tomas Allen being detained after Hilton Hotel shooting

Along with publishing the manifesto, the *New York Post* also reported that Allen claimed membership in a far-left outfit called the Wide Awakes.

Federal prosecutors charged Allen today with attempting to assassinate Trump, as well as other federal felonies.



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Authorities allege that Allen [charged through security](#) armed with knives, a 12-gauge shotgun, and a .38-caliber semiautomatic pistol in a failed attempt to reach the ballroom. Some 2,500 journalists, politicians, and others were at the dinner. Secret Service agents subdued and arrested him.

Allen registered as a guest at the hotel on Friday. He “was seen leaving his 10th-floor room inside the hotel,” and then “used an interior stairwell to bypass heavily monitored areas of the hotel,” [CBS News reported](#), citing “senior law enforcement sources”:

[He] exited onto the same level as the foyer leading to the dinner’s red carpet. That was just yards from an access point to the ballroom where the dinner was taking place. Secret Service Uniformed Division officers confronted and tackled the suspect moments later.

Allen and agents exchanged gunfire, but he wasn’t hit. A Secret Service agent was hit.



The Manifesto

Allen's manifesto opens like a postcard from summer camp. "Hello everybody!" he wrote to relatives, explaining that he surprised them and apologizing for lying about his whereabouts.

"I apologize to my parents for saying I had an interview without specifying it was for 'Most Wanted,'" he wrote. The [manifesto continues](#):

I apologize to my colleagues and students for saying I had a personal emergency (by the time anyone reads this, I probably most certainly DO need to go to the ER, but can hardly call that not a self-inflicted status.)

I apologize to all of the people I traveled next to, all the workers who handled my luggage, and all the other non-targeted people at the hotel who I put in danger simply by being near.

I apologize to everyone who was abused and/or murdered before this, to all those who suffered before I was able to attempt this, to all who may still suffer after, regardless of my success or failure.

[Allen wrote](#) that he doesn't "expect forgiveness," but that he saw no other way to right the many wrongs that drove him over the edge.

"I am no longer willing to permit a pedophile, rapist, and traitor to coat my hands with his crimes," he wrote, apparently referring to Trump:

(Well, to be completely honest, I was no longer willing a long time ago, but this is the first real opportunity I've had to do something about it.)

While I'm discussing this, I'll also go over my expected rules of engagement (probably in a terrible format, but I'm not military so too bad.)

Administration officials — excluding FBI chief Kash Patel — were the targets, "prioritized from highest-ranking to lowest." Secret Service agents would be targets "only if necessary," and he would incapacitate them "non-lethally if possible." He hoped the agents were wearing body armor because "center mass with shotguns messes up people who *aren't*."

Hotel security and employees, Capitol police, and National Guardsmen were not targets, he wrote. Nor were guests. Allen said he would use buckshot as opposed to slugs to "minimize casualties."

Despite his apparent concern for collateral casualties, "I would still go through most everyone here to get to the targets if it were absolutely necessary (on the basis that most people *chose* to attend a speech by a pedophile, rapist, and traitor, and are thus complicit) but I really hope it doesn't come to that," he wrote.

Raising and Rebutting Possible Objections

Allen also raised and rebutted objections, starting with the Christian injunction to "turn the other cheek."

"Turning the other cheek is for when you yourself are oppressed," he wrote, but



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I'm not the person raped in a detention camp. I'm not the fisherman executed without trial. I'm not a schoolkid blown up or a child starved or a teenage girl abused by the many criminals in this administration.

Another putative objection, he continued, might be that "as a half-black, half-white person," he "shouldn't be the one doing this."

The rebuttal: "I don't see anyone else picking up the slack."

Apparently thinking he would be shot dead, Allen thanked his family, friends, and work colleagues. He also thanked his students.

He signed the manifesto "Cole 'coldForce' 'Friendly Federal Assassin' Allen."

Ridiculing the Secret Service

Having dispensed with the "sappy stuff," Allen ridiculed the Secret Service.

"What the hell is the Secret Service doing?" [he asked](#):

Sorry, gonna rant a bit here and drop the formal tone.

Like, I expected security cameras at every bend, bugged hotel rooms, armed agents every 10 feet, metal detectors out the wazoo.

What I got (who knows, maybe they're pranking me!) is nothing.

No damn security.

Not in transport.

Not in the hotel.

Not in the event.

Like, the one thing that I immediately noticed walking into the hotel is the sense of arrogance.

I walk in with multiple weapons and not a single person there considers the possibility that I could be a threat.

The security at the event is all outside, focused on protestors and current arrivals, because apparently no one thought about what happens if someone checks in the day before.

Allen labeled the incompetence "insane" and said he hopes "it's corrected" before "competent" leaders replace Trump and his administration. He added that an "Iranian agent" could have easily smuggled "a damn Ma Deuce in here." (A [Ma Deuce](#) is a tripod-mounted Browning .50-caliber machine gun.)

Allen's evaluation of security at the hotel [mirrors that](#) of two journalists. *The Washington Post* reported that the administration "provided a lower level of security" at the dinner.

Life in Prison a Possibility

The *New York Post* explained today that Allen was part of a modern reincarnation of the [Wide Awakes](#), a youth organization that marched in the streets to support Abraham Lincoln for president in 1860.



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However, the [Post reported](#), it isn't clear how Allen is linked to the group. "Officials only revealed that he considered himself to be a member":

The shooting suspect participated in the nationwide anti-Trump "No Kings" marches in March, though it's unknown if he did so with any affiliation to The Wide Awakes.

Allen's sister also told investigators that he frequently espoused radical political ideas and talked about wanting to do "something" to fix the world.

He was also an avid user of Blue Sky — a liberal iteration of X — where he'd made more than 1,000 posts, many of which railed at President Trump and Republicans.

[Federal prosecutors have charged](#) Allen with attempting to assassinate Trump, using a firearm during a crime of violence, and transportation of a firearm in interstate commerce with intent to commit a felony.

The assassination charge carries a life sentence. The second charge carries a 10-year mandatory minimum, with a maximum of life. The third carries a 10-year sentence.



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