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Female TSA Officers Panicked During Assassination Try. Critics: Why Were Unarmed, Untrained Women Involved in Presidential Security?

Three federal agents, all women, panicked and ran for cover when the shooting started during assassination suspect Cole Tomas Allen's dash through a security checkpoint during his failed attempt to murder President Donald Trump and other top officials.

While the women were not Secret Service agents, the video raises more questions about putting women in security positions because diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) ideology demands it.

The Secret Service agents who panicked and didn't know what to do when Thomas Matthew Crooks nearly assassinated Trump in July 2024 at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, were also women.

Appearing on CNN's *State of the Union* yesterday, Jeanine Pirro, U.S. Attorney for Washington, D.C., confirmed that the agent who was shot in the latest attempt on Trump's life was hit with a pellet from Allen's shotgun.



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Female TSA officers (right) run for cover during assassination attempt



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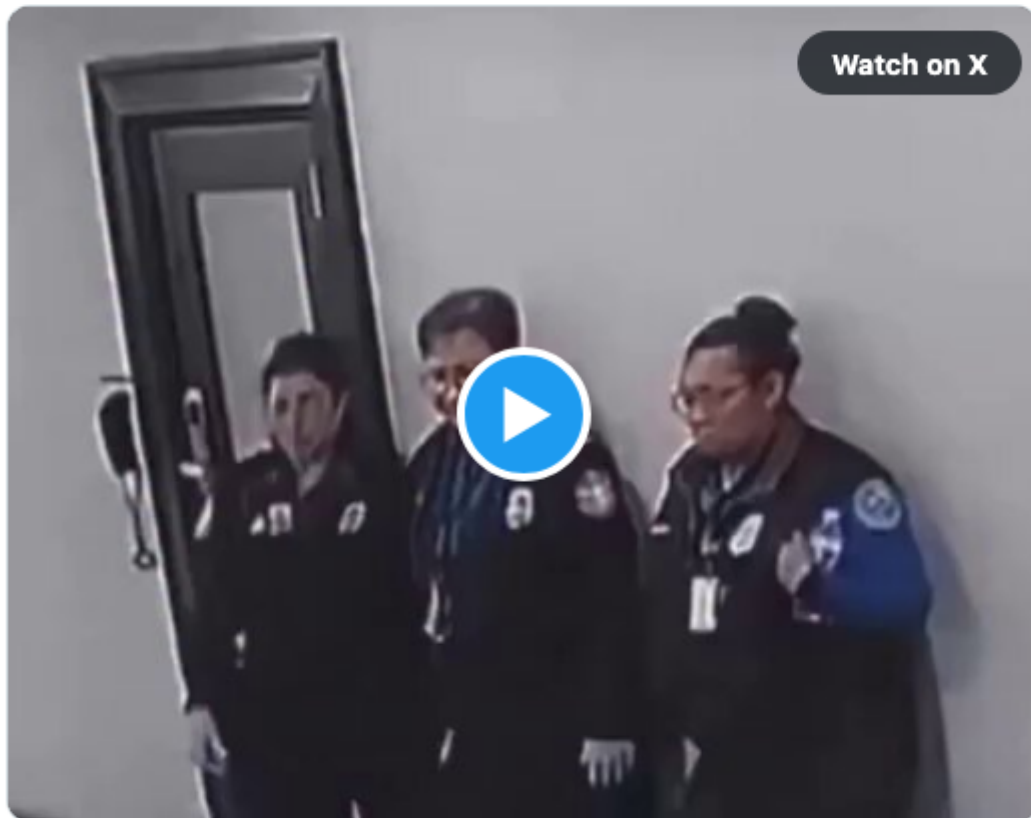
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Footage released from the THIRD Presidential assassination attempt has reignited the debate over women protecting the President.

When shots were fired, the female agents IMMEDIATELY ran away.

Should female officers be protecting the leader of the free world?



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The Video

Trump and many top administration officials were at the Washington Hilton to attend the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner when Allen, authorities allege, [attempted to storm](#) the ballroom



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and shoot as many people as possible, notably Trump.

The video from the assassination attempt depicts the women, none of whom looked to be physically fit, standing against the wall near the magnetometer near the checkpoint. When the shooting starts and agents draw their guns, the women panic and flee to a room.

As [RealClearPolitics \(RCP\) reported](#) in its story disputing whether the security was “set up perfectly,” as Secret Service Director Sean Curran told Fox News, “The video has revived concerns about the night’s security and whether the Secret Service was up to the task of preventing an attack.”

“Critics maintain that the agency was simply lucky that Allen was working alone and that the security team seemed unprepared for a more professional organized threat with multiple assailants,” RCP continued.

And indeed, the setup raises another concern, as RCP noted.

“Three federal officers lined up against the back wall appear to be Transportation Security Administration employees who likely helped with bag screening, according to federal law enforcement sources,” [RCP reported](#):

When they saw Allen running with a shotgun, the trio crunched down and crawled around the corner.

That’s because three out-of-shape women without sidearms can do nothing about a situation akin to the one they were in, which invites the observation that if TSA agents are to be used to check bags, they should be men trained to use firearms.

“These are TSA,” [an X critic wrote](#) in one of many such comments:

But likely same response if they were police. No wonder women want to be police. They don’t do anything useful – just watch the men do the work required and put themselves in danger. Like watching a soap opera for them.

Other Female Agents

That aside, the scene harks back to the near-assassination of Trump on July 13, 2024 in Butler, Pennsylvania. [As The New American reported](#), video suggested that the Keystone Cops were running the show.

The female agents [didn’t know what to do](#). One woman couldn’t holster her gun. Another danced about, seemingly clueless, while a third fiddled with her sunglasses and adjusted her coat.

The performance of the women highlights the efforts of disgraced former Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle’s dopey “30×30” to make 30 percent of the agency women by 2030. A further embarrassment for the agency was [Cheatle’s claim](#) that the rooftop from which Crooks shot at Trump was not secured because it was too steep. After Cheatle resigned, her DEI obsession bore fruit: An agent [was caught](#) breastfeeding a baby at a Trump campaign event.

More dangerously, two years ago, a DEI agent on former Vice President Kamala Harris’ protective detail suffered a mental breakdown at Joint Base Andrews, attacking her superior and hurling menstrual pads at a fellow agent. The lady agent had failed a key test during training, but Cheatle, then



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head of the Secret Service's Rowley Training Center, passed her anyway.

Suspect Shot Secret Service Agent

Inferior security for the president aside, Pirro told *State of the Union's* Jake Tapper that the authorities had proven that a pellet of buckshot from Allen's shotgun hit an agent in the chest.

"Well, we have been able to determine which gun it was," [Pirro said](#):

First of all, there is video of the defendant shooting at the Secret Service agent. There is also the agent who will tell you himself that he was shot at and then he returned the fire.

But, more importantly, Jake, is the fact that we now can establish that a pellet that came from the buckshot from the defendant's Mossberg pump-action shotgun was intertwined with the fiber of the vest of the Secret Service officer. ...

It is definitively his bullet. ...

He was — had every intention to kill him and anyone who got in his way on his way to killing the president of the United States. This was a premeditated, violent act calculated to take down the president and anyone who was in the line of fire. And you and I were both in that combat zone.



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JEANINE PIRRO: "We now can establish that a pellet that came from the buckshot, from the defendant's Mossberg pump-action shotgun, was intertwined with the fiber of the vest of the Secret Service officer."

TAPPER: "So it's definitively his bullet?"

PIRRO: "It is definitively [Show more](#)

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Allen charged through the security checkpoint not only with the Mossberg, but also with a Rock Island Armory .38 special and multiple knives. Though several agents fired at Allen, they missed. They subdued him after he tripped and fell.

The agent whom Allen shot [fired at him](#) at point-blank range five times and missed.



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BRO WTF 🤡

The dog clocks the gunman right away and follows the shooter into another room twice.

The dumb ass guard just walks away.

1/2 a second later the shooter runs out of the same room with a rifle in his hand.



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Video also shows that Allen ran past a K-9 officer whose dog [was apparently alarmed](#) by Allen. Allen entered a room to doff the coat that hid his shotgun. The dog followed the suspect into the room, then came out, after which the officer began walking away as Allen charged out. The officer's role at the event is unclear, [USA Today reported](#), and Pirro said the canine is a bomb-sniffing dog.

"It's a fluid situation," she said. "More will come out."



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Pirro, also a dinner attendee, told Tapper she did not have to recuse herself from prosecuting Allen despite being a possible victim and witness.



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