

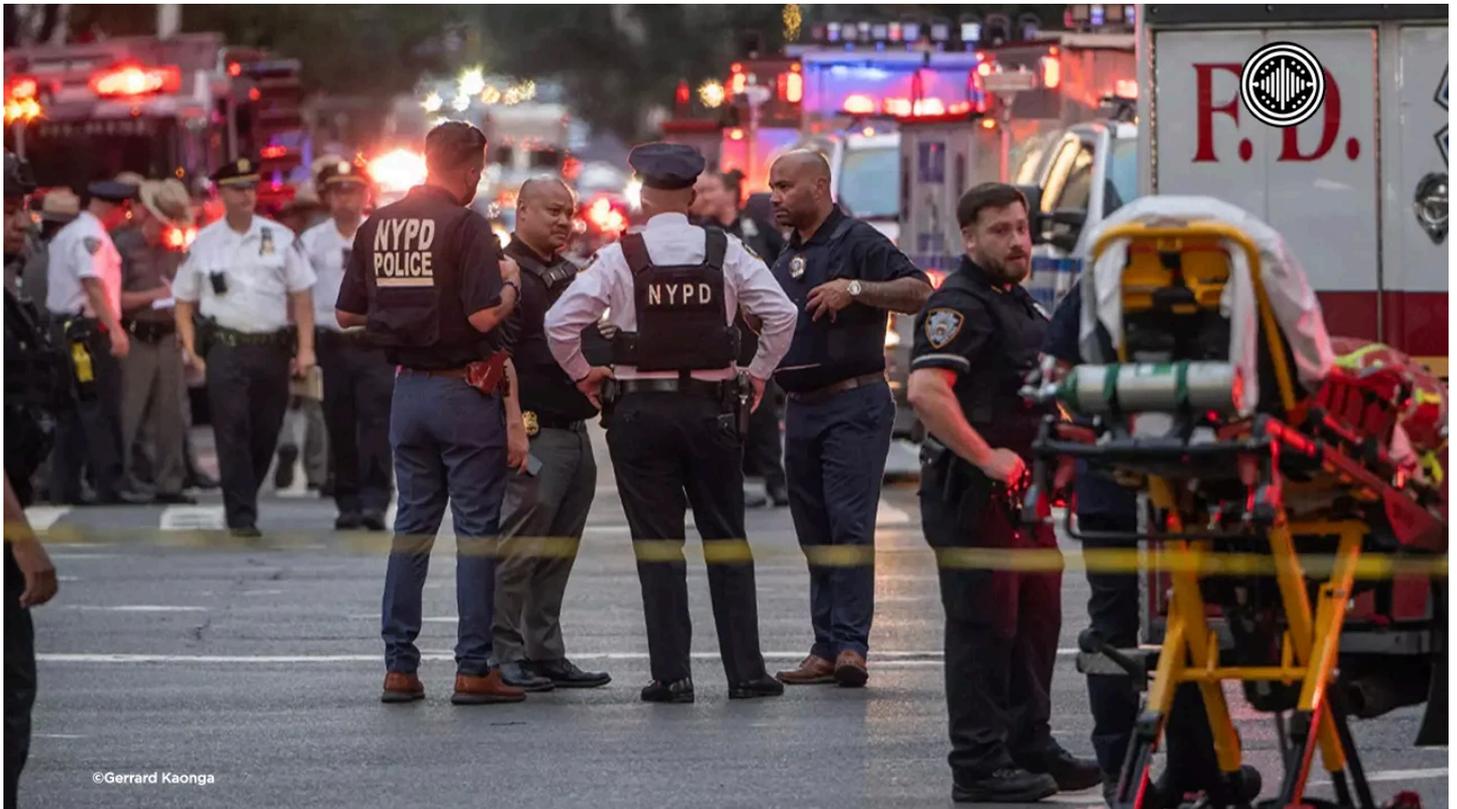
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Gunman's Deadly Rampage at Manhattan Skyscraper Misses Intended NFL Target, Kills Four Including NYPD Officer

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A gunman who opened fire at a Manhattan office tower on Monday evening, killing four people including a New York City police officer, had reportedly intended to target the National Football League (NFL) headquarters but mistakenly entered the wrong elevator, according to Mayor Eric Adams. The shooter, identified as Shane Tamura of Las Vegas, later took his own life on the 33rd floor of the building. Authorities say the incident underscores growing concerns around public safety, mental health accountability, and the vulnerability of major corporate centers in the heart of New York City.

According to preliminary findings, Tamura entered the lobby of 345 Park Avenue, one of Manhattan's most prominent commercial addresses, shortly before 6:30 p.m.

Surveillance footage shows him exiting a double-parked BMW armed with an M4 rifle. After gunning down an off-duty NYPD officer working security, he opened fire in the lobby, fatally striking several people before riding an elevator to a floor not associated with the NFL, where he killed another person and then himself.

Mayor Adams stated in interviews Tuesday that Tamura appeared to be seeking out the NFL's offices but ended up at a different location in the same building due to an elevator mix-up. "The NFL headquarters was located in the building, and he mistakenly went up the wrong elevator bank," Adams told WPIX-TV.

A note found on Tamura's body referenced chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a degenerative brain condition linked to repeated head trauma. Although Tamura had no professional football background and only played in high school nearly two decades ago, he blamed the NFL for his deteriorating mental state. According to officials speaking with The Associated Press, the note included requests for his brain to be studied after death and directly criticized the league.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell acknowledged that one of the league's employees was injured during the incident and is currently hospitalized in stable condition. "We are deeply grateful to the law enforcement officers who responded to this threat quickly and decisively and to Officer Islam, who gave his life to protect others," Goodell wrote in a memo to NFL staff.

Among the victims was Wesley LePatner, a prominent real estate executive at the private equity firm Blackstone, which also occupies offices in the building. In a statement, Blackstone described LePatner as "brilliant, passionate, and deeply respected." LePatner had previously worked at Goldman Sachs and was a graduate of Yale University.

New York Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch offered a detailed timeline of the incident. The shooter walked past Officer Didarul Islam before turning and firing multiple rounds. Tamura continued firing as he moved toward the elevators, targeting individuals indiscriminately, including building staff and visitors. After reaching the 33rd floor, where Rudin Management's offices are located, he killed one more person before fatally shooting himself.

Officer Islam, a 36-year-old with over three years on the force, was working a private security detail when he was killed. His fellow officers honored him with a ceremonial

transfer from the hospital, draped in an NYPD flag. “He put himself in harm’s way. He made the ultimate sacrifice,” Commissioner Tisch said at a press briefing.

The high-profile nature of the attack, which occurred just blocks from Grand Central Terminal and Rockefeller Center, has reignited debate over urban security. Though Adams lamented the flow of firearms from states with weaker regulations into New York, critics argue that the city’s own policies, focused more on restricting law-abiding citizens than deterring violent actors, leave civilians and businesses exposed.

Former President Donald Trump addressed the tragedy via social media, writing: “I trust our Law Enforcement Agencies to get to the bottom of why this crazed lunatic committed such a senseless act of violence. My heart is with the families of the four people who were killed, including the NYPD Officer, who made the ultimate sacrifice.”

While the NFL was not physically targeted in the final outcome, the shooting raises significant questions about preparedness and access in high-security commercial zones. In addition to the NFL, the building houses global firms such as KPMG, Blackstone, and Rudin Management. The incident follows a December shooting nearby, in which UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was gunned down, allegedly by a man protesting corporate malfeasance.

Authorities continue to investigate Tamura’s short time in the city and the origin of the weapon used. His arrival in New York only days before the attack left few digital footprints and limited actionable intelligence.

As investigations proceed, the broader issue of security readiness across American urban centers will likely receive renewed scrutiny. With violent outbursts becoming less predictable, and motivations increasingly ideological or delusional in nature, private and public sector leaders face mounting pressure to reinforce preventive frameworks that put protection and common sense ahead of political narratives.