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Fort Lauderdale Airport Shooting

Army veteran arrested in attack that kills 5, hurts 8



People hide behind a pole at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on Friday after a gunman opened fire in the baggage claim area. (Julie Brown/Associated Press)

He'd complained to FBI that the government was controlling his mind

By David Fischer
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE | An Army veteran who complained that the government was controlling his mind drew a gun from his checked luggage on arrival at the Fort Lauderdale airport and opened fire in the baggage claim area Friday, killing five people and wounding eight, authorities said.

He was taken into custody after throwing his empty weapon down and lying spread-eagle on the ground, one witness said.

"People started kind of screaming and trying to get out of any door they could or hide under the chairs," the witness, Mark Lea, told MSNBC. "He just kind of continued coming in, just randomly shooting at people, no rhyme or reason to it."

The gunman was identified as 26-year-old Esteban Santiago of Anchorage, Alaska, who served in Iraq with the National Guard but was demoted and discharged last year for unsatisfactory performance. His brother said he had been receiving psychological treatment recently.

A law enforcement official told The As-

sociated Press that Santiago had walked into the FBI office in Anchorage in November to say that the U.S. government was controlling his mind and making him watch Islamic State videos.

Agents questioned an agitated and disjointed-sounding Santiago and then called police, who took him for a mental health evaluation, according to the official, who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on condition of anonymity. The official said Santiago did not appear intent

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People stand on the tarmac at the Fort Lauderdale airport after a gunman opened fire inside the terminal. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

Winter storm has South bracing for snow, sleet, freezing rain

Cities shut down early, residents scramble to stock up on supplies

By Jeff Martin & Tom Foreman Jr.
Associated Press

ATLANTA | A winter storm stalking the South disrupted a new governor's inaugu-

gural ceremonies in North Carolina, triggered hundreds of fender benders in Tennessee and led shoppers to empty out shelves of bread and milk.

Road workers manning 12-hour shifts rushed to pre-treat roads as states of emergency were declared in Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas as the storm

closed in amid threats of snow, sleet, freezing rain and gusting winds.

Winter storm warnings were issued for parts of Alabama and Georgia, including Atlanta, and into the Carolinas and part of Virginia. Schools canceled classes in several states. Officials warned that their Southern cities, with far

fewer snowplows than up north, could grind to a halt with even a thin coat of ice or snow.

The winter mess was blamed for hundreds of fender benders and other non-injury crashes, some involving school buses, on Nashville roads coated by 1 to 2 inches of snow early Friday. Nashville's city

school district ordered classes to start as scheduled but had to hastily call early dismissals as police reports of non-injury crashes multiplied. All students were later transported safely home.

"We apologize," Nashville Schools Chief Oper-

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City taking proposals for 70 acres on riverfront

March 8 deadline set for plans to develop Metro Park, Shipyards

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A two-month countdown has started for developers to submit proposals for 70 acres of city-owned, riverfront land comprising both The Shipyards and Metropolitan Park in downtown.

The Jacksonville Jaguars and owner Shad Khan have already expressed interest in the property.

Met Park is across the street from Daily's Place, which is the amphitheater and indoor flex field the Jaguars and the city are building beside EverBank Field.

Based on the notice for the property issued this week, the city will know by a March 8 deadline whether any other developers are interested in putting their mark on the parcel, which is the largest tract of riverfront land downtown.

"The city envisions a mix of residential and non-residential uses that have a focus on river and riverfront activation," the notice says. "Preservation of public open space and public access to the St. Johns

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Analysis

Will Trump's wall become fence funded by taxpayers?

By Erica Werner & Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | It was the signature promise of his campaign: Donald Trump vowed to build an impenetrable, concrete wall along the southern border. And Mexico was going to pay for it.

Now as he nears inauguration, that wall is sounding increasingly like it could end up a fence. And his team and congressional Republicans are hatching a plan in which taxpayers — at least initially — would foot the bill.

Trump and his aides insisted Friday the president-elect wasn't breaking with his campaign vow.

"Nothing has changed from our perspective," said top Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway in an interview with CBS. She said Congress was "taking it on themselves to explore different options to pay for the wall," and voiced no objections.

Trump was more direct:

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People run for safety on the tarmac of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on Friday after the gunman opened fire inside the baggage claim area. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

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on hurting anyone.

Authorities said the motive for the attack was under investigation. Shortly after the shooting, and before details of Santiago's mental health became public, Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said that it remained to be seen whether it was terrorism or the work of "someone who is mentally deranged."

One witness said the attacker gunned down his victims without a word and kept shooting until he ran out of ammunition for his handgun, sending panicked travelers running out of the terminal and spilling onto the tarmac, baggage in hand.

Others hid in bathroom stalls or crouched behind cars or anything else they could find as police and paramedics rushed in to help the wounded and establish whether there were any other gunmen.

Bruce Hugon, who had flown in from Indianapolis for a vacation, was at the baggage carousel when he heard four or five pops and saw everyone drop down on the ground. He said a woman next to him tried to get up and was shot in the head.

"The guy must have been standing over me at one point. I could smell the gunpowder," he said. "I thought I was about to feel a piercing pain or nothing at all because I would have been dead."

It is legal for airline passengers to travel with guns and ammunition as long as the firearms are put in a checked bag — not a carry-on — and are unloaded and locked in a hard-sided container. Guns must be declared to the airline at check-in.

Santiago arrived in Fort Lauderdale after taking off from Anchorage aboard a Delta flight Thursday night, checking only one piece of luggage — his gun, said Jesse Davis, police chief at the Anchorage airport.

At Fort Lauderdale, "after he claimed his bag, he went into the bathroom and loaded the gun and started shooting. We don't know why," said Chip LaMarca, a Broward County commissioner who was briefed by investigators.

The bloodshed is likely



People inside the airport were evacuated outside after a shooter opened fire. The gunman, an Army veteran, was arrested. (Al Diaz/Miami Herald)



Police evacuate a civilian after the shooting inside the airport. (Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press)

to raise questions of whether aviation safety officials need to change the rules.

The attack also exposed another weak point in airport security: While travelers have to take off their shoes, put their carry-on luggage through X-ray machines and pass through metal detectors to reach the gates, many other sections of airports, such as ticket counters and baggage claim areas, are more lightly secured and more vulnerable to attack.

"While we have authorized doubling the number of TSA canine teams to try to prevent tragedies like this, the fact is that wherever there are crowds, such as at our airports, we remain vulnerable to these types of attacks," Nelson said.

The Fort Lauderdale gunman said nothing as he "went up and down the carousels of the baggage

claim, shooting through luggage to get at people that were hiding," according to Lea. The killer went through about three magazines before running out of ammunition, Lea said.

"He threw the gun down and laid spread-eagle on the ground until the officer came up to him," Lea said.

The gunman was arrested unharmed, with no shots fired by law enforcement officers, and was being questioned by the FBI, Sheriff Scott Israel said.

The condition of the wounded was not disclosed. At least one of the victims was seen lying in a pool of blood with what appeared to be a head wound.

The airport was shut down, with incoming flights diverted and outgoing flights held on the ground.

President Barack Obama was briefed by his Homeland Security adviser, the

IMPACT AT JIA

Officials with Jacksonville International Airport reported few disruptions because of the shootings in Fort Lauderdale. One flight to there was canceled. One flight from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, bound for Fort Lauderdale, was diverted to JIA. JetBlue reported two flight delays out of JIA.

White House said. President-elect Donald Trump said that it is a "disgraceful situation that's happening in our country and throughout the world" and that it was too soon to say whether it was a terrorist attack.

Santiago's brother, Bryan, told the AP that his brother had been receiving psychological treatment in Alaska. He said Santiago's girlfriend alerted the family to the situation in recent months. Bryan Santiago said that he didn't know what his brother was being treated for and that they never talked about it.

He said Esteban Santiago was born in New Jersey and moved to Puerto Rico when he was 2. He was sent to Iraq in 2010 and spent a year there with the 130th Engineer Battalion, according to Puerto Rico National Guard spokesman Maj. Paul Dahlen. He later joined the Alaska National Guard.

The Pentagon said Santiago had gone AWOL several times during his stint with the Alaska National Guard and was demoted — from specialist to private first class — and given a general discharge, which is lower than an honorable discharge.

STORM

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ating Officer Chris Henson said. "We realize that it's been very frustrating for everyone. And the timing was very unfortunate, as far as the weather change."

In North Carolina, the storm threat sent incoming Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and his invitees scrambling to the Executive Mansion ballroom for an abridged swearing-in ceremony Friday. A larger outdoor ceremony Saturday organized for thousands had to be scrapped.

"Consider yourselves the chosen few," Cooper jokingly told family, friends and well-wishers after his 20-minute oath-taking.

Lauren Rathbone, manager of a Public Hardware store in Durham, N.C., estimated the store sold nearly 7 tons of ice melt in 50- and 10-pound bags, along with hundreds of sleds and shovels. Describing the mood of customers, she said: "Up until about 10 o'clock: Happy, excited, and 'at least I got my stuff.' After 10 o'clock: 'Why the hell ain't you got anything?'"

In Atlanta, where memories of a catastrophic snow and ice storm in 2014 are still fresh, city leaders pleaded with motorists not to venture out onto slick highways. The earlier storm brought traffic to a standstill on metro Atlanta freeways, and office workers were forced to spend the night in their cars in gridlock. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed organized early dismissals Friday to avoid a repeat of the 2014 traffic jam.

At Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport, Delta Air Lines on Friday announced that 350 flights had been canceled ahead of the storm. "We never close," airport spokesman Reese McCranie said. "This is something we train for throughout the entire year."

A mix of rain and sleet was expected across parts of Georgia Friday. Two to 4 inches of snow could cover much of the state by Saturday morning, forecasters said. Snow-removal trucks and



Tobie Shramek spreads salt on an icy sidewalk Friday in Jackson, Miss., as a winter storm swept across the South. (Elijah Baylis/The Clarion-Ledger)

dozens of road workers from South Georgia were moved north to help clear roads.

Freezing rain was expected in Alabama, the National Weather Service said.

Shoppers were out in force seeking staples like milk, bread and eggs.

By the time Justin Fetty, 31, of Hampton, Va., made it to a Food Lion, every brand of bread that he was familiar with was gone. "You had to buy like weird stuff," he said, at a loss describe exactly what kind of bread he purchased. "But my daughter needs her PB&Js. You can't make them with tortillas."

Nancy Nusbaum, 54, of Norfolk, Va., stocked up at the grocery store and then a wine store, getting two cases of wine for all the friends she expected to help her weather it out.

"Right now, it's just me," she said with a laugh, noting her husband was in Florida. "But I'm stocking up for all my friends who are going to come and check on me."

The storm was blamed for one death Thursday in Kentucky when a motorist drove off a curve on a snow-slickened road.

Winter weather was also slamming parts of the West. In Colorado, heavy snow and strong winds raised the danger of avalanches. Snow in Boise, Idaho, reached 15 inches Thursday.

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River and Hogans Creek are essential to the successful redevelopment of the site."

Other factors will be how the developer's vision for the 70-acre tract ties in with the Sports and Entertainment District and other parts of downtown.

The city would sell or lease the land to the developer that comes out on top.

Downtown Investment Authority CEO Aundra Wallace touted the notice as part of continued efforts to "transform downtown Jacksonville and its waterfront."

A federal grant in the early 1980s for Met Park requires it to be a public park, but the National Park Service could lift that restriction if the city

can show it will provide comparable property elsewhere for preservation as public park space.

To that end, the city is asking developers to show the "amount and types of public greenspace" that would be in their concepts.

On a 100-point grading scale, the proposer's redevelopment vision will count for a maximum of 45 points.

The developer's financial capacity to turn its plan into reality along with the financial benefits to the city will count for 35 points. The qualifications and experience of the development team will be worth 20 points.

The top-ranked developer would enter into negotiations with the Downtown Investment Authority for a development agreement.

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"The dishonest media does not report that any money spent on building the Great Wall (for sake of speed), will be paid back by Mexico later!" he tweeted.

Under the plan being discussed, the new construction would be pushed through without any new border legislation, relying on a 2006 law that authorized more fencing along the southern border. Congress would pay for it in its annual spending bills.

Trump told the New York Times in an interview Friday that the spending plan would help "speed up the process," and insisted that even if taxpayers pay upfront, "We're going to get reimbursed."

The money, he told the paper, would likely be recouped through a

renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which he had criticized often in the past.

Trump's vow to build an impenetrable, concrete wall along the southern border was the signature issue of his campaign.

Trump often described a wall made of hardened concrete, rebar and steel that would stand as tall as his rally venues' ceilings. "Build the wall!" supporters would chant at his rallies. "Who's going to pay for it?" Trump would ask them. "Mexico!"

Mexican officials repeatedly said the plan was a no-go. But Trump said he knew better.

"Mexico will pay for the wall, 100 percent," he insisted during a major immigration speech. "They don't know it yet, but they're going to pay for the wall."

Trump never settled on a mechanism for how that would come about. He

floated various options, including compelling the country to cover the cost with higher visa and border crossing fees and threatening to target billions of dollars in remittances sent home by immigrants living in the U.S.

The approach under discussion could stave off a legislative fight the president-elect might lose if he tried to get Congress to pass a measure authorizing the kind of border wall he promised during the campaign.

"We have a funding vehicle coming up in April and that could be a way to get started, and I don't see anything particularly partisan or controversial about funding an existing law," said GOP Rep. Luke Messer of Indiana. "I think it will be difficult to stand against funding existing law."

"Some people have sort of talked about the question of whether it's backtracking if Mexico

somehow doesn't fill out a giant check and mail it to the U.S. Treasury," Messer added. "There are multiple ways to fund this where, in effect, Mexico is paying for it."

Some lawmakers and others argued Congress has wide latitude to fund additional construction along the 2,000-mile border even without new authorizing legislation. The Secure Fence Act of 2006 allowed 700 miles, most of which has already been built, but some areas are in much better shape than others and long stretches are made up of fencing that stops vehicles but not pedestrians.

But that legislation also describes layers of "reinforced fencing" — not the kind of wall Trump had described.

Trump aides did not respond to questions about whether building a fence instead of a wall would represent a broken cam-

paign promise.

During a post-election interview on "60 Minutes," Trump said he would be open to a fence, at least along some stretches.

"For certain areas I would, but certain areas, a wall is more appropriate," he said then. "I'm very good at this, it's called construction."

Current government funding expires in April, setting the stage for a skirmish then over spending on the border, and a potential showdown if the administration does try to include major new funding for a wall. If Senate Democrats try to block the move, it could threaten a government shutdown.

Leon Fresco, a former top aide to Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, said that while Congress could have wide latitude in funding border construction through the appropriations process, GOP attempts to do so could

run into trouble.

"They're trying to use the April funding deadline to jam the funding of the border," Fresco said, arguing that it amounts to a GOP gambit to get the 60 votes they need in the Senate by forcing a government shutdown showdown.

If Mexico were really going to pay for the wall, he added, a funding fight on Capitol Hill would be unnecessary.

"You can't shut down the government because you lied in your campaign promise," Fresco said. "There is no way to get Mexico to pay for the wall."

Former Mexican President Vicente Fox also weighed in on Twitter, insisting his country would never pay for what he dubbed a "racist monument."

"Be clear with US taxpayers," he wrote. "They will pay for it."