

## Dr. Goldschmidt- Opening Statement

Good morning. My name is Dr. Ariel Goldschmidt and I'm the Chief Medical Examiner for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. On July 13, 2024, after the attempted assassination of former President Donald J Trump, I, through my staff, reached out to the Butler County coroner, Bill Young, to offer our assistance if needed. Later that night, our assistance was accepted by Butler County, and arrangements were made to transport the bodies of Thomas Crooks and victim Corey Comperatore to our office. Our office was not involved in the transportation of the decedents, however, once they were transported to our office, the required chain of custody paperwork was processed.

The next morning, July 14 at 9:15 AM, I began Mr. Crooks' autopsy with the assistance of the other technicians named in my report. Prior to the autopsy, the body was X-rayed, major handprints were obtained by the FBI Major Incident Program Manager, Brian Johnson, and gunshot residue test samples were collected by autopsy technician Lauren Karran.

My involvement in the case was limited to the autopsy, in which I determined that Thomas Crooks died as a result of a high velocity gunshot wound to head, with an entrance wound of the left upper lip. I had no reports from or involvement in the investigation into Mr. Crooks' motives and actions, crime scene evidence or other outside evidence as part of my work. Items of evidentiary value collected during the autopsy were transferred to the custody of the FBI. Once I received the results of Toxicology testing, which was performed by our Laboratory, I completed a written autopsy report, which was signed and delivered to Butler County. Our office's involvement in the case concluded on July 22, 2024, when Mr. Crook's body was released to a funeral home, pursuant to the directives of the Bulter County Coroner.