

Sidebar Analysis – The Rangefinder

A Two-Part Analysis

Rev 6

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Part 1: Did the patsy have a rangefinder?

Part 2: Where was the patsy spotted using the rangefinder?

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Introduction: The Available Evidence – On the Ground

CC – 4:26 pm, IronClad USA captured the patsy walking through Vendor Alley with something in his pocket.

WI - ~4:30 pm – “By 3 p.m. [time incorrect] on Saturday, roughly three hours before the shooting, Crooks was at the security screening area for the rally. He first aroused suspicion when he passed through the magnetometers carrying a **rangefinder**, which looks similar to a small pair of binoculars and is used by hunters and target shooters to measure distances when setting up a long-range shot, according to a senior law enforcement official briefed on the investigation.” (Source: [CNN](#))

DC – 5:04 pm, Jon Malis dashcam video captured the patsy walking onto AGR property with something in his pocket.

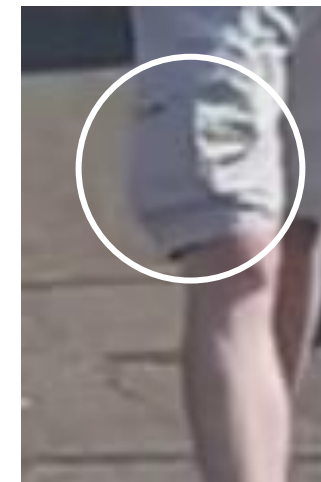
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Vendor Alley



AGR Entrance



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Introduction: [The Available Evidence – On the Roof](#)

18:52:09 (R. Gianvito) - “He has a range finder and cell phone, as well.” (BeC ESU BC-3, Video 2:58 Mark)

18:53:35 (R. Painter) - Inaudible question. (BeC ESU BC-3, Video 4:24 Mark)

18:53:36 (R. Gianvito) - “A rangefinder.” (BeC ESU BC-3, Video 4:26 Mark)

(R. Painter) - [Feeling around patsy’s cargo shorts.]

18:53:49 (R. Painter) - “Just a normal rangefinder?” (BeC ESU BC-3, Video 4:38 Mark)

18:53:47 (R. Gianvito) - “I think it’s in the cargo pocket.” (BeC ESU BC-3, Video 4:37 Mark)

(R. Painter) - [In the end, does not remove a rangefinder from the patsy’s cargo shorts.]

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[AP “He’s On The Roof”](#)



Part 1: Did the patsy have a rangefinder?

Why even bother asking this question? Some Peak Prosperity Citizen's Investigation contributors raised the question of the patsy really having a rangefinder because there is no video evidence confirming he had one. Here is the counter argument for the patsy having a rangefinder.

1. BeC Counter-Sniper Gregory Nicol was NOT the first to detect the patsy with a rangefinder, the USSS was when the patsy tried to go through the magnetometers. (Source: [CNN](#)) The corrected time for that sighting is ~4:30 pm, 4 minutes after the patsy was captured walking through Vendor Alley, with a bulge in his pocket, heading in the direction of the USSS security screening area.
2. Nicol spotted the patsy using the rangefinder at 17:32. However, it took a while to notify command, who in turn could alert troops on the ground capable of apprehending the patsy.
 - a. **AAR** - 17:32 – “Suspect spotted looking at phone, news feeds, and range finder confirmed through monoculars”
 - b. **AAR** - 17:34 (approx.) – Butler Co. Sniper texts Butler Team(assumed)
 - c. **AAR** - 17:38 – Nicol sends text to group text to Sniper Group about suspect
 - d. **AAR** - 17:40 – Response text to Nicol “Call into command”
 - e. **AAR** - 17:41 – Called into command by Nicol about suspect (Butler 4 Command Frequency) – 4 Sierra 2 to Command – communicated description and range finder lurking around AGR Building
 - a. **RC** – 5:42 pm - “Just an FYI, we had a younger white male, long hair, lurking around the AGR building,’ a local countersniper said at 5:42 p.m., according to a time-stamped transcript of encrypted radio communications obtained by The Washington Post. ‘He was viewed with a range finder sighting the stage. ... We lost sight of him.’” (Source: WP)




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What is the bulge in his cargo shorts?

It stands to reason that if the patsy had a rectangular bulge in his cargo shorts pocket, and was caught with a rangefinder approximately 4 minutes later, that the bulge was likely a rangefinder. That same bulge was present when the patsy entered the AGR complex at ~5:04 pm. So why would anyone doubt Nicol’s testimony about spotting the patsy using a rangefinder?

The argument was that the bulge looked too big to be a rangefinder, it must be packs of gum, cigarettes, or a deck of playing cards. (Seriously? A game of solitaire before you try to assassinate a former president?) The counter argument to that came in the form of a shopping trip, the first purchase being a rangefinder.



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SPECS	
✦ STRUCTURE	
Length:	4.5"
Width:	1.5"
Height:	3.0"
Weight:	8.0oz
Waterproof:	No

Dimensions
4.5” L x 1.5” W x 3.0” H



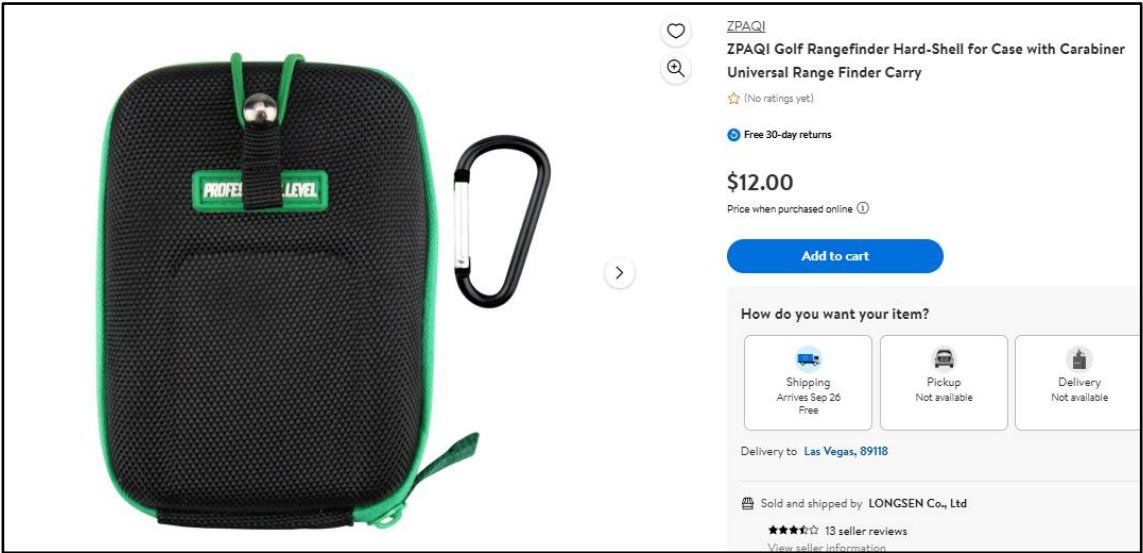
What is the bulge in his cargo shorts?

The next purchase was a case for our new rangefinder.

Dimensions

5.9” L x 1.97” W x 3.54” H

Plenty of room!



Product details

Features:

UNIVERSAL RANGEFINDER for CASE. This universal golf rangefinder for case size in 5.9x3.54x1.97 Inch, fits for most range finder of different brand.

SHOCK-PROOF, WATERPROOF. Made of quality EVA and oxford cloth materials, wear resistant, waterproof, shock-proof, pressure-resistant, moisture-proof. Velvet interior is smooth and wear-resistant, perfectly protecting your rangefinder or other accessories.

THOUGHTFUL DESIGN. This range finder carry bag is designed with carabiner; waistbelt loop, and elastic strap, providing you multiple protections. Easy to carry.

LIGHTWEIGHT, PORTABLE. With small hook strap and carabiner, can be easily hung on a golf cart (bag) or loop-on a belt.

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL. This Golf rangefinder for case can also be used to hold golf balls, making it more convenient for you to for play several round on the course.

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What is the bulge in his cargo shorts?

The final purchase was a typical pair of cargo shorts, and see if our new rangefinder and case would fit in the pocket.

LA Police Gear Men's Core Cargo Shorts



First Calibrate The Ruler using the size of a typical cell phone.

It fits!

Plenty of room for a pack of gum, too.

	iPhone 12 Mini	iPhone 12	iPhone 12 Pro	iPhone 12 Pro Max
				
Processor	A14 Bionic	A14 Bionic	A14 Bionic	A14 Bionic
Display	5.4-inch (diagonal) OLED	6.1-inch (diagonal) OLED	6.1-inch (diagonal) OLED	6.7-inch (diagonal) OLED
Size	5.18 in. x 2.53 in. x 0.29 in.	5.78 in. x 2.82 in. x 0.29 in.	5.78 in. x 2.82 in. x 0.29 in.	6.33 in. x 3.07 in. x 0.29 in.
Weight	4.76 ounces	5.78 ounces	6.66 ounces	8.03 ounces
Camera	Dual 12 MP Wide and Ultra Wide	Dual 12 MP Wide and Ultra Wide	Three 12 MP Wide, Ultra Wide, and Telephoto, LiDAR Sensor	Three 12 MP Wide, Ultra Wide, and Telephoto, LiDAR Sensor
Colors	Black, White, Red, Green, Blue	Black, White, Red, Green, Blue	Silver, Graphite, Gold, Pacific Blue	Silver, Graphite, Gold, Pacific Blue
Storage Options	64 GB, 128 GB, 256 GB	64 GB, 128 GB, 256 GB	128 GB, 256 GB, 512 GB	128 GB, 256 GB, 512 GB
Battery Life	15 hours of video playback	17 hours of video playback	17 hours of video playback	20 hours of video playback
Materials	Ceramic front, glass back, aluminum frame	Ceramic front, glass back, aluminum frame	Ceramic front, glass back, stainless steel frame	Ceramic front, glass back, stainless steel frame
Price	\$699	\$799	\$999	\$1,099

iPhone 12 Pro Dimensions
5.77" x 2.82"

Estimated Pocket Dimensions
7" W x 7.5" D

Range Finder Case Dimensions
5.9" L x 1.97" W x 3.54" H

Was there a binocular and rangefinder stare down?

CNN reported this account based on information provided by “the senior law enforcement official .”

“Around the same time witnesses alerted police that Crooks was crawling on the roof, one of the four counter-sniper teams observed Crooks looking at their position through the rangefinder, according to the senior law enforcement official.”

“They were looking at him while he was looking at them,” the official said.” (Source: [CNN](#))

Ben Shaffer, the WRSWAT counter sniper on the west grandstand, did not have a visual on Crooks per his [congressional forum testimony](#) (Times are from hearing video.)

6:15:03, Rep. Andy Biggs: And so he was not ever in your in your sector of responsibility?

6:15:08, Schaffer: “Uh nor in my uh visual uh nor sector nor visual. I never had visual.”

We haven’t heard anything from Matthew Wagner, the Butler County counter sniper assigned to the east grandstand, but likely did not have line-of-sight to Crooks, due to the media stand being in the way. Also, he would have likely texted and/or radioed that he spotted him.

That leaves U.S, Secret Service counter snipers Hercules 1 and Hercules 2.



Was there a binocular and rangefinder stare down?

Let's compare the time referenced, the patsy crawling on the roof and rally goers spotting him and warning police, to the Hercules 1 and Hercules 2 movements. See my [Sidebar Analysis – Counter Snipers](#) for counter sniper movements when shots were fired.

18:08 – “Someone’s on the roof,” a local officer radioed at 6:08 p.m. “I have someone on the roof with white shorts.” (Source: [WP](#))

18:10:13 - “He’s on the roof.” a spectator says in a video of that scene. ’ (Source: [AP](#)) [The patsy was seen crawling on the roof.]

While it appears possible that Hercules 1 could have had a stare down with Crooks, binocular to rangefinder, John Marciniak, USSS Lead CS, did not see the patsy until after his partner, D, King shot him.

We do not have transcripts from a D. King interview at this point, but he would likely not have had a stare down with the patsy since he was repositioning himself after shot 9 when King spotted and shot him. The range finder would have fallen on the roof had the patsy been using it then, but he wasn't because it was not seen laying on the roof.

Therefore, we have nothing that corroborates that statement at this point, and most likely won't. That CNN report was likely a misinterpretation by the law enforcement officer or the author. It was an early report (July 16th), which are prone to misinformation. Or, it was CAT #1 or QRF., not a CS.

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Sidebar Analysis – Counter Snipers

Part 1A: Hercules 1 Team Just Before Shots Fired

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Hercules 1 Prior to Shots Fired

- 6:09:31 – Turning to look north.
- 6:09:55 – Switching to south side of roof
- 6:10:08 – Seeing something with binoculars
- 6:10:16 – Turning rifles northward
- 6:11:33 – Shot 1 Fired (Not on video.)

(Source: YT [Gray Hughes Investigates](#), August 24, 2024)

Lead Counter Sniper John Marciniak's Testimony

"The way it occurred was- we both started scanning, looking for threats. [D, King] said, "I got him." I immediately gave him a wind call...So I gave him the wind call center, send it, basically don't make any corrections... From there I heard his round go off, and then I immediately -- I still couldn't find what he was shooting at, so I got off my gun and looked to see what angle he was looking at. I figure out he was looking at the roof, got on, and then I saw the target that he had shot at." ([HSGAC Interview Transcripts](#), Pg. 81-82)

6:09:31

6:09:55

6:10:08

6:10:16



Having enjoyed replaying my shopping trip with one of the rangefinder naysayers, an otherwise intelligent contributor to the Citizen's Investigation whose work impresses me, I have one final counterargument. Part of the reason one would doubt the existence of a rangefinder, is the belief that Nicol was likely complicit in the Let It Happen On Purpose (LIHOP) or Make It Happen On Purpose (MIHOP) plot to assassinate the former president. If that is the case, why would he make a false claim that he spotted the patsy using a rangefinder in the first place?

3. The rangefinder sighting by Nicol was the pivotal moment in the response efforts to find the patsy. Without it, he would have likely gone unnoticed up to the point of being spotted on the roof by rally goers, and there would not be local law enforcement on the ground scurrying around trying to find him, and all the radio communications that went with that. As a result, the BuC ESU member (Shot 9) and Hercules 1 team member (Shot 10) would not have had a reason to look in the direction of the AGR 6 roof. How many more shots would the patsy have likely gotten off if that were the case?

RC - "The radio transmission about the suspicious male with a range finder set off a flurry of messages between local officers on the ground and supervision in the Butler command center trailer." (Source: WP)

Having made the argument that Nicol did spot the patsy using a rangefinder, like he reported, the question becomes, "Where did he spot him using it?" Unlike all of the other sightings and locations, the AAR omitted that spot from their timeline maps. Or did it?

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Part 2: Where was the patsy spotted using the rangefinder?

Since the AAR apparently omitted the location that the patsy was spotted using the rangefinder, do we have enough information available to determine that location ourselves? I contend that there is.

1. **AAR** – “17:32 – Suspect spotted looking at phone, news feeds, and range finder confirmed through Monoculars”
2. **WI** – “At 5:32 p.m., **Nicol again looked down from a second-story window and saw the same kid.** This is when he zoomed in with his binoculars and noticed the range finder. Instantly, his assessment of the young man was elevated from simply odd to potential threat. (Source: CNN)
3. **TXT** – “17:38 – Nicol sends text to group text to Sniper Group about suspect”
“Kid learning around building we are in. AGR I believe it is. **I did see him with a range finder looking towards stage.** FYI. If you wanna notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him. Also a bike with backpack sitting next to it in rear of building that was not seen earlier.”
4. **RC** – 5:42 pm - “‘Just an FYI, we had a younger white male, long hair, lurking around the AGR building,’ a local countersniper said at 5:42 p.m., according to a time-stamped transcript of encrypted radio communications obtained by The Washington Post. **‘He was viewed with a range finder sighting the stage. ... We lost sight of him.’**” (Source: WP)
5. **AAR** – “18:00 – Priolo to Nicol asking for direction of travel for suspect”
6. **AAR** – “18:00 – Nicol to Priolo unsure of direction of travel”
TXT – “Not sure. He was up against the building. **If I had to guess towards the back. Away from the event.**”

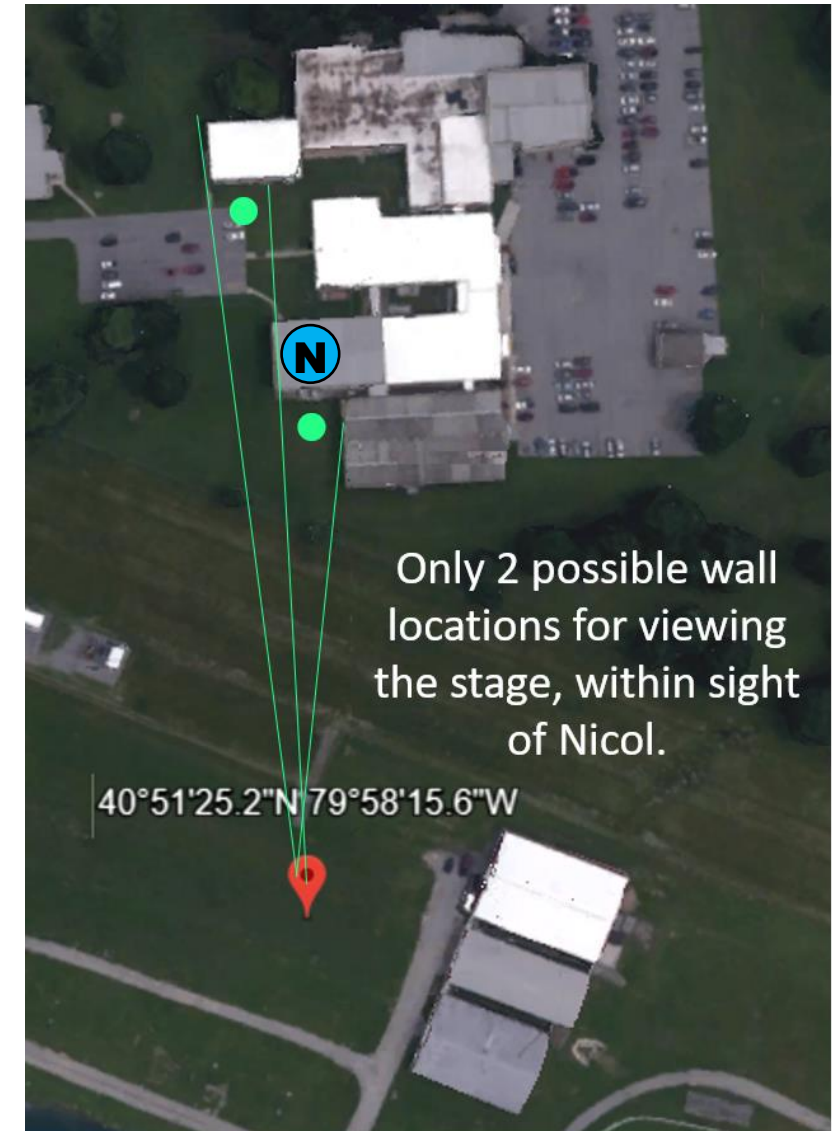
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Part 2: Where was he spotted using the rangefinder?

Based on the evidence, the parameters we have to work within include the following:

1. Nicol was on the 2nd floor
2. The patsy was on the ground
3. The patsy was against a building
4. The patsy was looking toward the stage
5. The patsy then headed away from the event
6. Nicol lost him lost sight of him

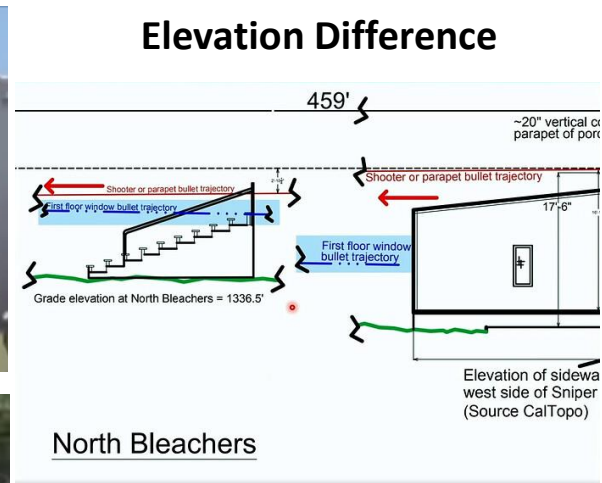
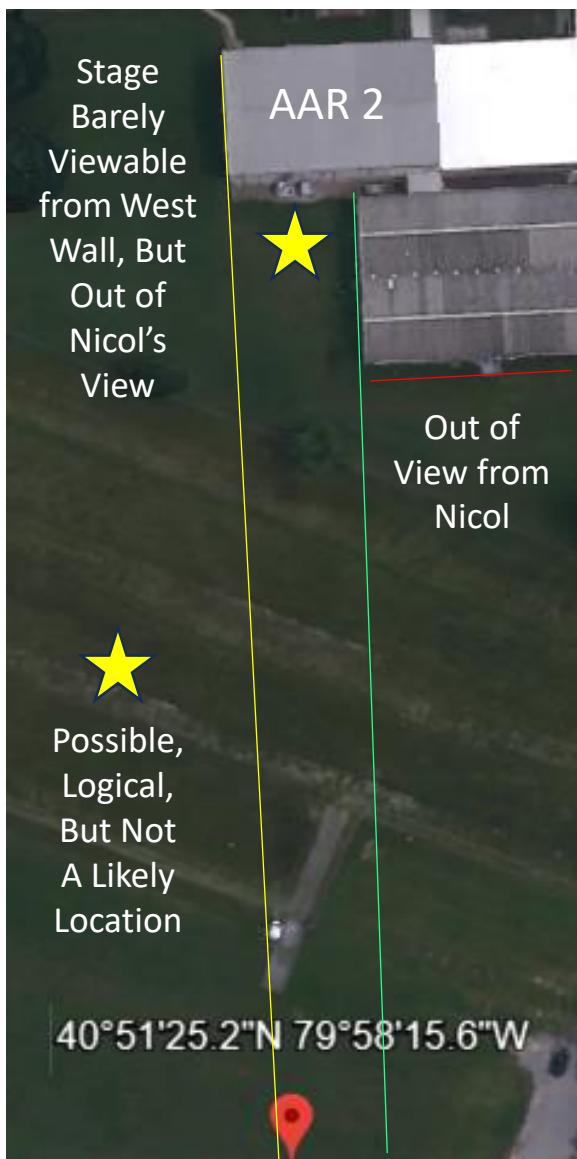
Right off the bat we can identify two walls within Nicol's sight from his second story perch where the patsy could view the stage. Now it's a matter of further examining those walls and reasoning which is the most likely one.



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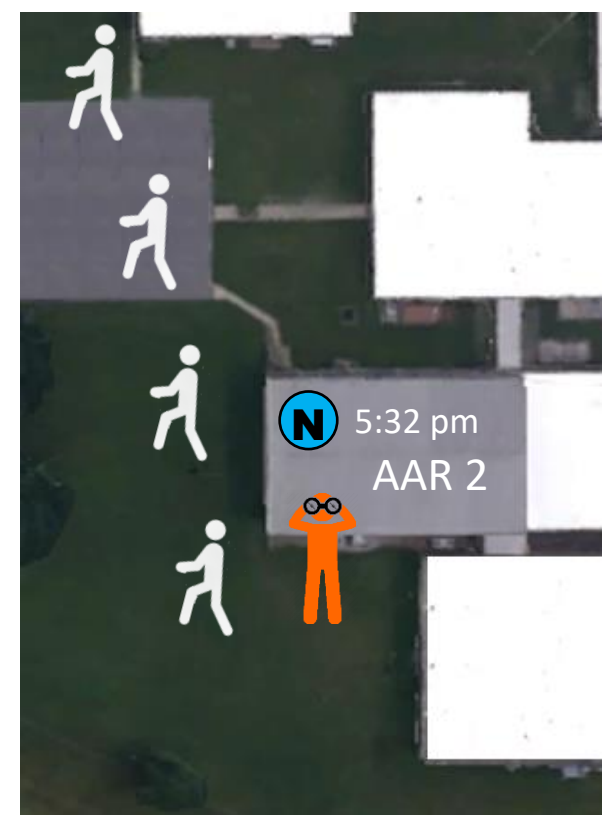
Does the AAR Building 2 south wall meet the parameters?

Video evidence (WTAE4) suggests he would likely have line of site to the podium. Elevations used for shot trajectory show the AGR Building 6 ground, a similar elevation to the 2-story building, is lower than the bleachers. President Trumps head was approximately one-half foot below the top of the bleachers. The patsy would therefore have a slight upward angle view, but he could see the stage.



The problem with this location is the Nicol would most likely not lose sight of him as he headed away from the event. That makes this location possible, but not likely.

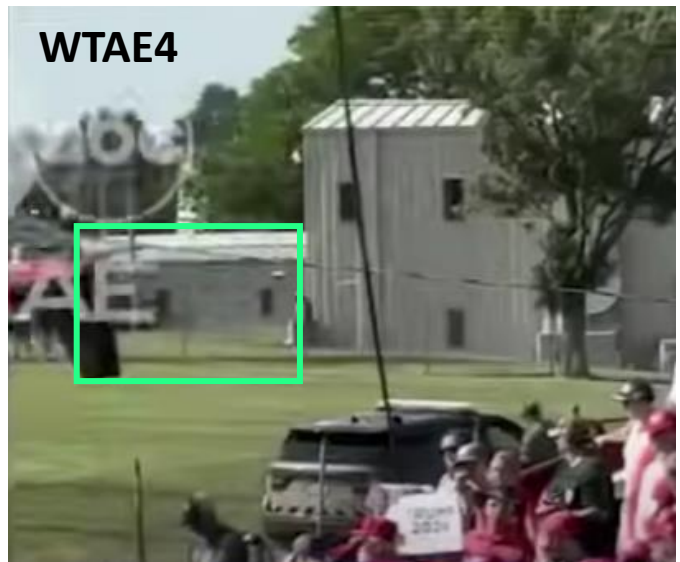
Would **NOT** Loose Sight of Him Heading Away



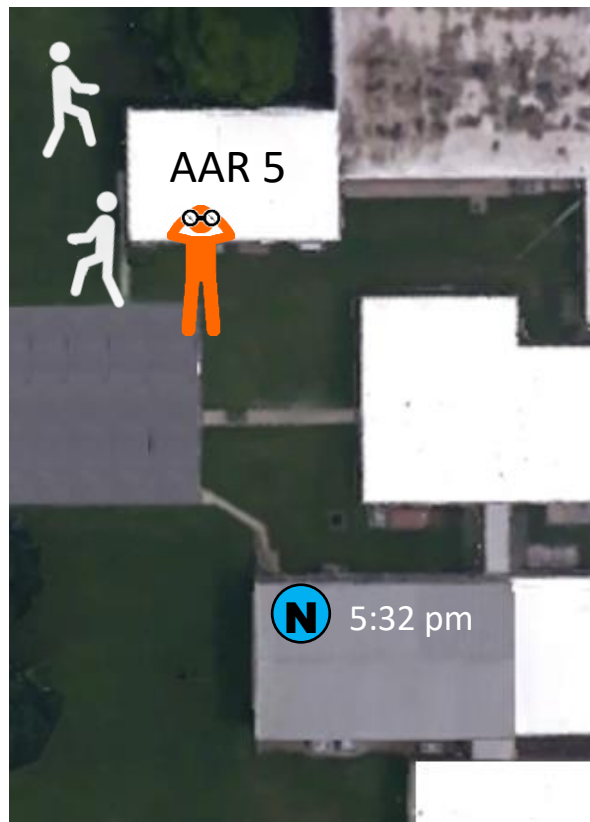
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Does the AAR Building 5 south wall meet the parameters?

Video evidence (WTAE4) also shows that the patsy would have line of site to the podium, being higher in elevation than the AGR 6 building. While the 2-story building would be closer to the patsy's final shooting location, the further location is more concealed from crowds and LEOs.



WOULD Loose Sight of Him
Heading Away From Rally



Nicol was in the NW room 4 minutes prior to spotting the patsy with his rangefinder, taking the bike photo.

Nicol's Known Locations (Window, Floor)	
5:10 pm	SW, 2 nd Floor
5:14 pm	SW, 2 nd Floor
5:28 pm	NW, 2 nd Floor
5:32 pm	NW, 2 nd Floor
6:02 pm	NW, 1 st Floor
6:13 pm	East, Door 9

© 2024 VegasPatriot All Rights Reserved **The patsy was most likely spotted along the AAR 5 south wall.**

Were there any obstruction to the stage?

It was pointed out by two other Citizen's Investigation contributors that both the AAR 5 and AAR 2 building walls have line of sight obstructions to the stage, the red Harvester, preventing the patsy from actually seeing the stage. In @sorey's image, there is also a tree that might be an obstruction from AAR Building 5 that does not appear to be in @Sherlock-Holmes'. Those obstructions warrant a closer look at the criteria. That criteria is the statement that the patsy was observed "looking towards the stage." The word "towards" describes direction, not ability. Using his rangefinder to confirm whether an obstruction existed is just as reasonable as using it to confirm range. Thus, obstructions do not contradict the evidence, and may even support why he used the rangefinder.

(Credit: @sorey)

Perhaps he used his rangefinder to determine if he could take his shots from the roof of AAR Building 5. Seeing the Harvester as an obstruction, he then realized he needed to take his shots from the roof of AGR 6, instead.

Given the evidence and logical reasoning presented above, it is justified to infer that the patsy had and was spotted using a rangefinder, and he was most likely spotted using it along the AAR 5 south wall. Therefore, throughout my Timeline Analyses, the inference will be made that he was spotted using a rangefinder along the AAR Building 5 south wall.



(Credit: @Sherlock-Holmes)



Look what I later discovered!

In the redacted 18:06-18:11 timeline map we can see various redactions that have nothing in the unredacted version. There is one more found in the 17:10 map, which shows up in the 18:12 map as a patsy sighting. Two others in the 18:06-16:11 map are locations of patsy sightings, one where first spotted on the roof, another first spotted by Nicol according to his Congressional Task Force testimony.

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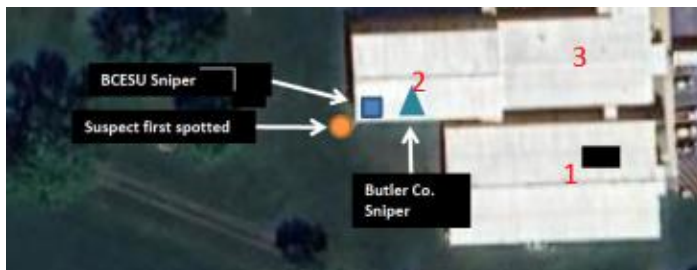


Unredacted



Could the remaining redaction be **another patsy sighting**? Since the rangefinder sighting was missed, I contend that it was supposed to be that location.

Redacted 17:10 Map Excerpt



Redacted 18:12 Map Excerpt



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Conclusion: **The patsy used a rangefinder.**

Part 1: Did the patsy have a rangefinder?

Congressional Hearing

Rep. Stephen Lynch (00:53:11) - Okay. Did he have a rangefinder? There were some reports that the individual had a rangefinder. that would certainly raise my suspicion. **DID HE HAVE A RANGEFINDER?**

USSS Director Kimberly Cheatle - **“YES, HE DID”**



Part 2: Where was the patsy spotted using the rangefinder?

He was most likely spotted using that rangefinder along the AAR 5 south wall by Sgt. Greg Nicol at 5:32 pm, as the evidence describes.

(See my Sidebar Analysis – AAR Timeline.)

