

Waffle House suspect struggled with mental troubles

NASHVILLE (AP) — Travis Reinking's erratic behavior began years before police say he showed up without pants at a Waffle House restaurant and killed four people with an assault-style rifle.

The onetime construction crane operator bounced between states and suffered from delusions, sometimes talking about plans to marry singer Taylor Swift, friends and relatives told police. He was arrested outside the White House last year after asking to speak to President Donald Trump, and his bizarre actions seemed to intensify in recent days with a car theft.

Now Reinking is charged in Tennessee with four counts of criminal homicide. He's been jailed without bond.

"He's a good kid that went off the handle for some reason," said Dave Warren, who once worked with Reinking in Colorado.

Former co-workers at Rocky Mountain Crane who were interviewed by police in Salida, Colorado, after the shooting described Reinking as complex.

He didn't drink or do drugs, according to a police report describing the interviews, and he was known as intelligent, polite and an excellent equipment opera-

tor. He didn't like the government or the National Rifle Association, and he talked about being a "sovereign citizen," although the meaning of the phrase wasn't clear.

What seemed to drive Reinking more than anything was an obsession with Swift, the report said.

Reinking twice filed police reports — once in Tazewell County, Illinois, in 2016, and again in Colorado last year — claiming Swift was stalking him. He was infatu-



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ated with her, supposedly purchasing a \$14,000 ring and driving to California to try to meet her, the report said.

But co-workers also knew Reinking as openly gay. He quit work believing police were following him and later drove to Last Chance, an unincorporated community in eastern Colorado, thinking it was his "last chance" to marry Swift, the report said.

Back in Illinois last June, an employee at his family's

business, J&J Cranes, said he emerged from an apartment above the office wearing a pink dress, clutching a rifle and yelling profanities, according to a report.

The sheriff's department called his father, who was out of state. He told officers he had taken four guns away when his son was "having problems" but later returned them.

Police suggested Jeff Reinking "lock the guns back up until Travis gets mental help," officer Randy Davis wrote in a report. The father agreed to do so.

Weeks later, the younger Reinking showed up at the White House wanting to talk

to Trump, and police arrested him for being in an unauthorized area.

Reinking wasn't armed in Washington, but Illinois police revoked his state firearms card at the FBI's request. Four guns, including the AR-15 used in the Waffle House shooting, were transferred to his father, a procedure allowed under Illinois law. The father said he later returned the guns to his son again, police said.

A neighbor of Reinking's in Nashville, Jasmine White, said he was quiet and kept to himself but always spoke to her when he saw her, even if it was just to say hello.

Tower provides firefighters with life-saving training



Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy towed in a mobile training tower to provide McMinnville Fire Department with hands-on rescue training.

Lisa Hobbs photo

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Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A mobile training tower offered by the state has provided McMinnville Fire Department firefighters with training.

"This is our training tower," said Charlie Armstrong, fire instructor with the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy. "It is designed to provide firefighters with hands-on experience with fire suppression with a sprinkler and standpipe system."

The three-story tower is similar to what firefighters would encounter in a multi-level apartment building, says Armstrong.

"We have a smoke generator inside and we fill the structure with smoke," said Armstrong. "When they enter, it's smoke-out condition inside. They can't see anything. They have to

make their way up the flights of stairs. It is fully equipped with sprinklers and standpipes. When the sprinkler system comes on, they will get wet."

The entry door includes real-life forcible entry training. Windows on floors two and three are provided for ground ladder access. Rappelling anchor points are provided on each upper floor, as well as the roof. Firefighters must search the stairwell, find the mannequin, and remove it from the building using one of the exit points: door, window or roof.

The tower is designed for firefighters, first-responders, law enforcement or any agency need-

ing a transportable training platform.

The Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy assists departments in offering the training knowledge they need for safety. Among those services is a driving simulator that builds skills for emergency drivers.

"I'd like to commend McMinnville Fire Department for providing this additional training to its firefighters," said Armstrong. "It shows their dedication to protecting the city of McMinnville and its citizens."

Training took place in the shadow of the downtown water tower last Wednesday and Thursday.



GENERAL SESSIONS

Judge Bill Locke has ruled on the following cases in General Sessions court.

Joshua Brandon Graham, Trey Anthony Cole, Michael D. Hollis, and Kenneth Lee Pack Jr., all had their probation revoked for violation of probation.

Johnny Lee Pinegar was ordered to serve 10 days for violating an order of protection.

Jaqualyn Tyler Prater had probation revoked for violation of probation. The sentence can be fur-loughed, if accepted.

Jessica Nicole Burgess was ordered to serve 120 days for violation of probation.

Jessica Jane Harvey lost her judicial diversion and was ordered to serve 45 days for violation of probation. She must serve five additional days for failure to appear.

David Allen Sullivan was given a six-month probationary sentence, must undergo a mental evaluation and drug and alcohol assessment for indecent exposure.

Brandon Branch was ordered to serve 10 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for domestic assault.

Joyce Camacho was allowed to enter the second chance program for domestic assault.

Cali A. Carlson was ordered to serve 180 days for violation of probation and shoplifting.

William S. Cornett was

ordered to serve 60 days for public intoxication, theft, and vandalism.

Julie Earls was ordered to serve 45 days of an 11-29 sentence for possession of meth and violation of probation.

Bradley Ray Elrod was ordered to serve an 11-29 sentence for possession of schedule II drugs, evading arrests, and possession of meth. He can be fur-loughed to rehab.

Ryan M. Gaines was ordered to serve 10 days

for violation of probation.

Katlyn Marie Hinds was ordered to serve 20 days for violation of probation and failure to appear.

Robert Glenn Judkins was ordered to serve 30 days for violating an order of protection.

Shenae Janelle Perry had probation extended for violation of probation.

Brandon Redmon was released on time served and given an 11-29 probationary sentence for joy-

riding.

Edgar David Rodriguez was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for possession of meth.

Daniel Scarbrough was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for possession of meth.

Duston Sparkman was ordered to serve 90 days of an 11-29 sentence for possession of meth.

Christopher Tyler Young was given an 11-29 sentence to serve for possession of meth.

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

April 28th

Our churches will be in prayer from 6:00AM to 6:00PM

We are inviting the community to stop by and have prayer with us. There will be people in the following churches to pray with you about any needs you may be dealing with in your life.

Stop by any of the following churches:

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Community Baptist, 461 Friendship Drive, 607-8948, 8 to 2

Centertown Community, 252 Line Street, 615-522-7525, 8 to 4

Cornerstone, 49 Golf Club Road, 668-9495, 8 to 8

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For more information call:

CBA 668-3690

NO BUYER'S PREMIUM!

AUCTION

Saturday, May 5, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M.

Nice 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath House w/Full Basement, 3 Car Detached Garage (with Apartment) and 2 Barns, 71 Acres +/- in 5 Tracts

Truck, Car, Farm Equipment, Mowers, Trailer and More

Owners: Dr. and Mrs. David Petty

Located at: 739 and 788 Hodges Rd. From Smithville take Hwy 146 (Short Mtn. Hwy) About 7 miles turn right on Tabernacle Road or Hodges Rd. (follow orange auction signs) From Woodbury take Hwy 70 East, turn left on Hwy 283, turn left on Hwy 146, then go about 10 miles to auction on left, just inside DeKalb County.

Front View

Improvements include:
3 bedrooms, living room with fireplace, study or office, large kitchen and dining room combination, 2 nice bathrooms (both with walk in showers), the master bath has a Jacuzzi tub, walk in closet, C.H.&A., well water (utility water available at road). Beautiful sun room, full size walk in basement, large upstairs for storage, large front porch, concrete sidewalk. Nice 3 car detached garage, with newly remodeled apartment overhead with C.H.&A., wooden decks on both ends. Large concrete parking area in front of garage, vinyl fence in front. 2 barns, shed, ponds stocked with fish. Nice 4 year old mobile home with porches on front and back. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, kitchen and dining area. C.H.&A. (will stay on tract 4) with barn). This farm has long road frontage on Hodges Rd. and Tabernacle Rd. with good building sites.

10 ft. X 16 ft. Vinyl sided building wired for electric. To auction after real estate.

Also Selling: 2 Tractors: 2040 John Deere and D-17 Allis Chamber with front loader. 2 Mowers: Dixon Zero Turn just serviced by Moyer's. Truck: Ford Extended-cab pickup 4x4 with low mileage. One Owner car: 2005 Ford 500, loaded with leather all equipment. One Owner John Deere XUV 550 4x4 Gator, 6 ft. King Cutter bush hog, hay rags, 10 ft. tilt Harley Davidson trailer.

Personal Property: old Victrola record player, old wall telephone, old army saddle, piano with bench, ping pong table, church bench, step ladder, extension ladder, bench grinder, impact wrench, weed eater, wheel barrow, hay rack, Radio Flyer wagon, chop saw, grease gun, gas cans, fence charger, 4 bicycles, tricycle, dog house, some grass hay round and square, platform scales, old grinding rock on stand, one horse wagon and cart, dog crate, watering troughs, scoop, forks, 2 cross cut saws, brier blades, log chain, hand seeder fence stretcher, lots of horse gear and collars, pulley and many more items may be added as the Petty's prepare to move.

Auctioneers Note: This is a very nice house and mobile home with good tracts of real estate that are only on the market because Mr. and Mrs. Petty have bought another house out of state to be close to their children. Everything looks to be clean and in very good condition. This is a very good opportunity to buy some nice items of the farm that are not going to be moved and buy the farm at the same time. Drive out and look this property over and be ready to bid and buy on Saturday May 5th at 10:00 A.M.

Terms: Personal Property cash or good check day of auction. Real Estate 15% non refundable down payment day of auction balance with deed within 45 days. Taxes: for 2018 will be prorated. Possession: with deed at closing.

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