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Dayton gunman who killed 9 was stopped in 30 seconds *One of the victims was his younger sister*

(AP) — A masked gunman in body armor opened fire early Sunday in a popular entertainment district in Dayton, Ohio, killing nine people, including his sister, and wounding dozens before he was quickly slain by police, officials said.

Connor Betts, 24, was armed with a .223-caliber rifle with magazines capable of holding at least 100 rounds of ammunition and squeezed off dozens of shots before he was gunned down no more than 30 seconds after his rampage began, Police Chief Richard Biehl said.

It was the [second U.S. mass shooting](#) in less than 24 hours, and no motive has been explained.

The gunman was white and six of the nine killed were black, police said. Although they'll investigate the possibility of a hate crime, they said the quickness of the rampage made any discrimination in the shooting seem unlikely.

Note: In a related story [CNN reported](#) that: "During the execution of a search warrant, authorities found writings linked to Betts that show he had an interest in killing people, two federal law enforcement sources told CNN. A preliminary assessment of the writings did not indicate any racial or political motive, the sources said."

The Ohio shooting came hours after a [young man opened fire in a crowded El Paso, Texas, shopping area, leaving 20 dead and more than two dozen injured. Just days before, on July 28, a 19-year-old shot and killed three people, including two children, at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Northern California.](#)

Sunday's shooting in Dayton is the [22nd mass killing](#) of 2019 in the U.S., according to the AP/USA Today/Northeastern University mass murder database that tracks homicides where four or more people were killed — not including the offender. The 20 mass killings in the U.S. in 2019 that preceded this weekend claimed 96 lives.

Read the FULL AP story for more: <https://apnews.com/3b1b785f5b364d9da050bec3d0d48312>

List of mass shootings in the United States in 2019

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_mass_shootings_in_the_United_States_in_2019

Life in public-shooting-era America: **'You can't just not go'**

(AP) Ohio: A bar district where friends gathered for drinks on a warm Saturday night. Texas: A Walmart stocked with supplies for back-to-school shopping on an August morning. California: A family-focused festival that celebrates garlic, the local cash crop.

Two consecutive summer weekends. Less than seven days. More than 30 fellow human beings gone in moments, in public places exactly like those where huge swaths of the American population go without a second thought. Or perhaps not. Perhaps no longer. Have we crossed into an era of second, third, even fourth thoughts?

Read more: <https://apnews.com/1c485bb8f6124280821ce0c9ee5adb7b>

Doctors declare gun violence a public health emergency

(CBS) If there was ever a time for preventive medicine, it's now, says a group of doctors. They've had enough, and seen enough.

"The only thing worse than a death is a death that can be prevented," said Dr. Ronnie Stewart. "And to go and talk to the mom of a child who was normal at breakfast and now is not here, is the worst possible thing. And honestly, it drives us to address this problem."

Drs. Stewart, Boone and Mitchell, along with Drs. Albert Osbahr, Niva Lubin Johnson, Chris Barsotti and Megan Ranney were in Chicago this past winter as more than 40 medical organizations, who normally operate separately, joined forces to address the 40,000 firearm-related deaths that occur each year.

Nothing like this has ever happened, they said. "And we recognize that this is an epidemic that we can address," said Dr. Barsotti.

Their meeting followed a tweet from the National Rifle Association last November that helped fuel a movement: "Someone should tell self-important anti-gun doctors to stay in their lane."



In response, Dr. Bonne, a trauma surgeon in Newark, N.J., snapped a picture of the waiting room and posted it to Twitter along with this message: "Hey, N.R.A., do you wanna see my lane? Here's the chair that I sit in when I tell parents that their kids are dead." (*Check the story link out for the response she got!*)

This public health approach is not new: in the 1950s, doctors worked with the auto industry to help make cars and roads safer. In the '60 and '70s, they spoke out against the dangers of tobacco; and in the '80s and '90s, to combat HIV and AIDS, they promoted safe sex and research.

Today, the focus is gun violence in all its forms. It may surprise you to know that mass shootings make up less than 1% of firearm-related deaths. The leading cause is suicide, followed by homicide, and then accidents.

Watch the CBS story and read more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/guns-and-public-health-applying-preventive-medicine-to-a-national-epidemic/>

KY Lawmakers considering increased fines for distracted driving

(WDRB) -- Kentucky lawmakers are moving forward with a plan to put the brakes on distracted driving. Rep. James Tipton of Taylorsville and co-sponsor Rep. Steve Sheldon of Bowling Green have pre-filed BR 166. It would ban drivers from using a personal communication device — including phones, tablets and laptops — while operating a vehicle on public highways unless there is an emergency.

Fines for violating Kentucky's original texting law were \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense. The bill will be considered in the 2020 session.

Read more: https://www.wdrb.com/news/kentucky-lawmakers-working-on-tougher-penalties-for-distracted-driving/article_a66ab16e-b556-11e9-b77d-63da4f11e702.html

14 young people in two states hospitalized after vaping, health officials say

(CNN) Fourteen teens and young adults have been hospitalized in Wisconsin and Illinois for breathing problems potentially linked to vaping, health officials in both states announced Friday. That's three more than the eight cases the state [reported in late July](#).

Wisconsin's cases were among young people, "otherwise normally healthy, and they were coming in with severe respiratory illnesses, and in some cases, they actually had to go to the intensive care unit and were placed on ventilators." Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/03/health/vaping-hospitalizations-wisconsin-illinois/index.html>

July was Earth's hottest month on record, beating or tying July 2016

(Washington Post) The European climate agency will have a full report for all of July on Monday, but a spokesperson said enough data (through July 29) has already come in to make this declaration.

Full story: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2019/08/02/july-was-earths-hottest-month-record-beating-or-tying-july/>

California hospitals question 2030 earthquake standards

(AP) — A Southern California hospital spent \$72 million on a building designed to do two things after an earthquake: stay standing and stay open.

But when a pair of strong earthquakes struck the region last month, the hospital couldn't use it. Structurally, the building was OK. But some broken pipes flooded a room of mechanical and electrical equipment, and water leaked into operating rooms and elevator shafts. The hospital in Ridgecrest, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of Los Angeles, had to evacuate the building as a precaution.

Now, Ridgecrest Regional is joining hospitals across the state in questioning standards designed to keep hospitals open after earthquakes. The rules are set to take effect in 2030.

Read full AP story: <https://apnews.com/ee92215e72c04b41947d2be418a5c944>

A woman lost her hands and legs to an infection from puppy kisses

(CNN) The owner contracted a rare infection from the bacteria capnocytophaga canimorsus, probably when her German shepherd puppy licked an open cut. Read full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/02/health/amputation-dog-lick-ohio-woman/index.html>

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