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General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Senate leader says he won't be No. 2 if Haley goes to UN

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Seanna Adcox

The leader of South Carolina's Senate is refusing to become lieutenant governor if Gov. Nikki Haley becomes ambassador to the United Nations. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman of Florence says he will not leave his Senate seat "under any circumstances." His unwillingness to give up his role as the state's most powerful politician to temporarily occupy a largely ceremonial position comes as no surprise. Monday's statement makes it official. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will replace Haley as governor if the U.S. Senate confirms Donald Trump's pick for his Cabinet. Haley says she'll remain governor in the meantime. The state constitution has called for the Senate president pro tem to become lieutenant governor. But some argue a 2014 referendum approved by voters allows McMaster to choose his replacement.

The State: SC Senate leader: 'No ambition' to become lieutenant governor

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article117524388.html>

Cassie Cope

State Senate leader Hugh Leatherman has no interest in becoming lieutenant governor, he said in a statement Monday. If Gov. Nikki Haley is confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will rise to the governor's office. That would leave vacant the lieutenant governor's seat. Historically, vacancies in that post been filled by the Senate president pro tempore, a position now held by Leatherman. But a 2014 constitutional amendment has some saying a Gov. McMaster could appoint another South Carolinian to the lieutenant governor's post. For now, who would replace McMaster is unclear. Leatherman, who chairs the Senate's budget-writing panel and as president pro tempore makes several significant appointments to state boards and commissions, said Monday he does not want to become lieutenant governor, a figurehead position that holds little power. "I would like to make it very clear that I have no ambition for statewide office," Leatherman said. He added: "I owe it to the people I represent to continue my service in the Senate and to make the best possible decisions to improve the life for all the people of South Carolina. My constituents re-elected me for that purpose. I am honored to fulfill that pledge. Therefore, I will remain in the Senate."

Post and Courier: S.C. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman will 'remain in the Senate'

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/s-c-senate-president-pro-tem-hugh-leatherman-will-remain/article_82c70370-b59a-11e6-aabc-3b719fed2227.html

Gavin Jackson

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, said in a statement Monday that he will "remain in the Senate" next year and not become lieutenant governor when Gov. Nikki Haley leaves office. Leatherman didn't directly say he would resign as the Senate's leader to avoid replacing Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster when he succeeds Haley in January. This is Leatherman's first public comment since Haley was named President-elect Donald Trump's U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations nominee last Wednesday. "I promised them I would fulfill that commitment just as I have for

the past 35 years," Leatherman said about his constituents in a statement Monday. "I will not break that pledge under any circumstances." Haley said she will remain governor until the U.S. Senate confirms her. "For me, there is no greater honor than serving in the South Carolina Senate," Leatherman said, adding he looks forward to working with McMaster when he becomes governor.

Morning News: Leatherman: "I Will Remain In The Senate"

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_7a794c2e-b594-11e6-9d97-bfcad7177548.html

Joshua Lloyd

Senate President Pro-tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., of Florence, told the Morning News on Monday he will remain in his senate next year seat rather than moving into the lieutenant governors' spot. Last week Gov. Nikki Haley was selected to serve as ambassador to the United Nations. Traditionally, this would place Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster in the governor's spot and make Leatherman the lieutenant governor. There's been speculation about whether Leatherman will retain leadership of the senate, but his decision to forego the number two spot in state government is final. Leatherman released a statement explaining his decision: "First, I would like to congratulate Governor Nikki Haley for her selection by President-Elect Donald Trump as his choice for Ambassador to the United Nations. Also, upon Governor Haley's confirmation, Lt. Governor Henry McMaster would become Governor of South Carolina. I look forward to working with Governor McMaster, who is a longtime friend. Because of these historic developments, there has been some speculation about what impact this might have on my service. I would like to make it very clear that I have no ambition for statewide office.

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: Incarceration reform helps save state \$491 million in prison costs

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/s-c-avoids-more-than-million-in-prison-costs-due/article_92dad850-b580-11e6-bbea-87979149ced9.html

Gavin Jackson

Sentencing reforms passed in 2010 have greatly reduced South Carolina's prison population, saving the state from having to spend at least \$491 million to construct and operate new prisons, according to a recent report. Incarceration times for non-violent offenders, the creation of more parole opportunities and a declining crime rate have collectively helped reduce the number of South Carolinians behind bars. In turn, it has led to the closure of six prison facilities. Former S.C. Department of Corrections Director Jon Ozmint, who sits with state Senate and House legislators on the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee, said Monday the reductions validate the group's mission. "I lived through all those years of 2003 to 2011 when we saw those increases," he said of the pre-reform years. "And we knew we were staring right down the barrel of 28,000 inmates and we knew what that meant in terms of prison construction."

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: 7 potential jurors qualified in Roof trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=m6NVh1Y7

SC State Wire

Seven potential jurors have been qualified in the federal death penalty trial of the white man accused of fatally shooting nine black parishioners at a South Carolina church. The slow process of juror qualification began Monday in the trial of Dylann Roof on dozens of charges including hate crimes and obstruction of religion. The court needs 70 qualified jurors before attorneys can begin whittling that number down to 12 jurors and six alternates. Twenty-four more potential jurors will be questioned on Tuesday. Questioning began Monday moments after U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel ruled Roof can represent himself in his trial in the June 2015 attack at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Gergel said he would reluctantly accept the 22-year-old's "unwise" decision, which also came against

his lawyers' advice. His defense team remains as standby counsel.

Associated Press: Church shooting suspect allowed to act as his own attorney

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NiPFHNkS

Meg Kinnard and Jeffrey Collins

The white man accused of fatally shooting nine black parishioners at a church was allowed Monday to act as his own attorney, opening the door to courtroom spectacles at his death penalty trial, including Dylann Roof questioning survivors of the attack and relatives of the dead. Roof's decision to represent himself comes months after he offered to plead guilty in exchange for the promise of life in prison. But federal prosecutors have refused to take the death penalty off the table in the slayings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Until now, Roof has been represented by one of the nation's most respected capital defenders. He joins a long line of high-profile defendants who acted as their own attorneys, often with poor results. Serial killer Ted Bundy, Beltway sniper John Allen Muhammed and Army Major Nidal Hasan, who killed 13 people at the Fort Hood military base in Texas, ended up with death sentences.

The State: Judge grants Roof's request to act as own attorney in federal murder trial

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article117469988.html>

John Monk

Three days after accused Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof was found mentally fit to stand trial, he will now be his own lawyer in the long-awaited trial where the federal government is seeking the death penalty. Roof's surprise request to act as his own attorney – made Sunday night and approved Monday morning by U.S. Judge Richard Gergel – means Roof could play a role in questioning witnesses, including survivors of the slayings of nine African-Americans who were at a Bible study. Jury qualification began Monday. By the time court adjourned around 3:15 p.m., seven out of 20 prospective jurors – all white – had been found qualified to sit as jurors. During the morning session, Roof spoke often but not at length, confining his statements to “yes” or “no” in response to questions from Gergel. Under the law, Gergel has to grant the request by the defendant to represent himself in the death penalty trial if the defendant is mentally competent and refuses his court-appointed attorneys – which includes attorney David Bruck and other accomplished anti-death penalty lawyers. Though Roof will represent himself, his legal team will still assist him.

Post and Courier: Jury selection proceeds as Dylann Roof serves as his own attorney

http://www.postandcourier.com/church_shooting/jury-selection-proceeds-as-dylann-roof-serves-as-his-own/article_27281404-b56e-11e6-aca9-b3862d04ed6a.html

Jennifer Berry Hawes

A federal judge has ruled that accused Emanuel AME Church shooter Dylann Roof can represent himself in his federal hate crimes trial, potentially allowing the self-avowed white supremacist to question the shooting survivors and nine victims' family members if they are called to testify. Roof made the last-minute request as jury selection in his death penalty trial was set to begin Monday morning. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel cautioned Roof against serving as his own attorney, noting his defense team's considerable legal expertise, but ultimately granted the request. He noted that Roof has a constitutional right to represent himself. "I do find defendant has the personal capacity to self-representation," Gergel said. "I continue to believe it is strategically unwise, but it is a decision you have the right to make." Roof, garbed in a striped grey-and-white jail uniform, stood up front in the courtroom and answered the judge's questions with "yes, sir" in a quiet, raspy voice. After Gergel's ruling, he smiled slightly as he returned to the defense table but showed no other obvious emotion.

Michael Slagger Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: Slagger expected to testify in his own defense

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iRIFtZGi

SC State Wire

The white South Carolina patrolman charged with murder in the shooting death of an unarmed black motorist is expected to take the stand in his own defense on Tuesday. Court has adjourned for the day in the trial of Michael Slager, who faces 30 years to life in prison if convicted in the shooting death of 50-year-old Walter Scott. Slager was fired from the department after the shooting. Scott was shot five times in the back in April of 2015 as he fled a traffic stop. The shooting was captured by a bystander on cellphone video that stunned the nation. Defense attorney Andy Savage told the court he plans to call Slager to the stand Tuesday. The trial entered a fifth week Monday and the case is expected to go to the jury later this week.

Associated Press: Slager jury hears about force, officer-involved shootings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6HZE6MTI

Bruce Smith

One of Michael Slager's old colleagues from the North Charleston Police Department testified at his murder trial Monday that someone fleeing from a crime scene could be considered a threat. A second officer testified the stress of an officer-involved shooting left him so disoriented he couldn't immediately recall half of what he did. Slager faces 30 years to life if convicted in the shooting death of 50-year-old Walter Scott who was shot five times in the back in quick succession as he fled from a traffic stop in April, 2015. The shooting was captured by a bystander on cellphone video that stunned the nation. The 35-year-old Slager was charged with murder and fired from the department once the video was made public. Jason Dandridge, the firearms training officer for the North Charleston Police Department, testified that officers must qualify in the use of their revolvers at least once a year at a local shooting range. He says officers must hit targets, shooting in rapid succession. He added there is no other mandatory training with firearms for officers.

Post and Courier: Michael Slager expected to testify in own defense in Walter Scott shooting

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/michael-slager-expected-to-testify-in-own-defense-in-walter/article_05443c1c-b525-11e6-91f0-6b1e86cc0947.html

Andrew Knapp and Brenda Rindge

After one of his old co-workers said Monday that police officers are trained to shoot a fleeing man in the back "it if's needed," Michael Slager is expected to give his own explanation for opening fire on Walter Scott. Slated for Tuesday, Slager's testimony in his murder trial will cap a parade of four officers from the North Charleston Police Department who came to his defense a day earlier. Slager shot at Scott eight times last year as Scott ran away; he said Scott had taken his Taser. Experts have estimated that Scott was 17 or 18 feet away when Slager opened fire. Five bullets hit him from behind. The killing was captured on an eyewitness video that authorities said contradicted Slager's account that Scott was coming at him with the stun gun before he pulled the trigger. "We are trained ... to stop the threat," officer Jason Dandridge testified Monday, "and if certain criteria is met, then shooting somebody in the back while they're running away at 18, 20 or 30 feet, even, is not unjustified."

Serial Killer Todd Kohlhepp:

Greenville News: Todd Kohlhepp formally charged in 3 more deaths

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/11/28/todd-kohlhepp-formally-charged-deaths-three-people/94566216/>

Romando Dixon

Investigators on Monday signed seven new warrants on Todd Christopher Kohlhepp in the deaths of Charlie Carver and Megan and Johnny Coxie, the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office said. For Carver, Kohlhepp is charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. For the Coxies, Kohlhepp is charged with two counts of murder and two counts of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He is also charged with the offense of kidnapping Megan Coxie. At this stage of the investigations, it appears that both Carver and Johnny Coxie went to Kohlhepp's property voluntarily, which explains the absence of kidnapping

charge for both of them, Lt. Kevin Bobo said. Kohlhepp will appear before a magistrate judge at 9 p.m. Monday for a bond arraignment on his charges.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

Island Packet: Sea Pines doubles fees to cover Hurricane Matthew costs

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article117500538.html>

Teresa Moss

The toll of Hurricane Matthew will be showing up in Sea Pines' property owners' pocketbooks in 2017, according to a recent announcement from the Sea Pines Community Services Associates. Mark Griffith, CSA chairman, said the board voted last week to double the assessments to cover Hurricane Matthew cleanup costs, estimated at about \$8 million to \$10 million. He said costs could be more than \$2.5 million by the end of the year. Owners of improved lots in the private community paid \$1,018 annually last year. In 2017, they will pay that amount again as a one-time special assessment, plus annual regular fees of \$1,028, up \$10 from this year, Griffith said. The board is allowed to implement a special fee without a community vote, Griffith said. He said the maximum special assessment allowed is equal to the previous year's fees. "We felt it was the best thing for the community to approve the most that was allowable," he said.

Island Packet: Questions remain about who should clean up marine storm debris

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article117539253.html>

Lucas High

Battered boats and destroyed docks continue floating in Beaufort County's waterways and marshlands nearly two months after Hurricane Matthew and the state plans to send a low-flying aircraft over the area to map the extent of the damage. Despite a series of conversations over the past few weeks among county leaders and staff from the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the S.C. Emergency Management Division, the parties have been unable to come to an agreement on who will clean up the marine mess. "We didn't get any real answers as to who is responsible for removing the debris," county attorney Tom Keaveny said Monday. "Is (it) the county that's responsible? Is it DHEC? Is it DNR? We still don't know," he said. "There has been no commitment from anyone — no one standing up and saying we will do it or we will pay for it." "We take the position that it is either (DHEC's or DNR's) responsibility," Keaveny said. "But so far, no one is stepping up to the plate."

Island Packet: Hurricane Matthew disaster-recovery centers shorten operating hours

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article117546383.html>

Operating hours at the Hurricane Matthew disaster-recovery centers in Beaufort and on Hilton Head Island are being reduced starting this week, a Federal Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman said Monday. The recovery centers, which serve as one-stop shops to assist those applying for disaster-recovery assistance, had been open until 7 p.m. during designated weekdays at the two centers, and until 6 p.m. Saturday at one of the centers, according to an earlier release. Now, the centers will close two hours earlier each day, said FEMA spokeswoman Linda Downing.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: Watchdog group looking for answers in Savannah River Site drone investigation

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/watchdog-group-looking-for-answers-in-savannah-river-site-drone/article_1e450bde-b59c-11e6-afda-339a7b1a400a.html

Thomas Gardiner

The Savannah River Site was abuzz this summer after a number of unmanned aerial systems, otherwise known as drones, were sighted in the airspace above many of the Site's buildings, including the sensitive K Area. By late July, there were nine reported drone-sighting incidents in the

area, each prompting site-wide security alerts. A potential 10th sighting in September stirred things up, but U.S. Department of Energy officials quickly announced that an investigation had proven the sighting to be a false alarm. Since then, silence has seemingly fallen over the issue. During the height of sightings, officials announced investigations were ongoing, including assistance from outside agencies. However, no results have been released.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: How might hospitals fare without Obamacare?

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2016/11/28/how-might-hospitals-fare-without-obamacare/94353024/>

Liv Osby

Hospital officials everywhere are scrambling to get a bead on the future of Obamacare, but if it's repealed as president-elect Donald Trump promised during his campaign, it could mean financial problems for facilities already struggling in a changing health care environment. Under the Affordable Care Act, some 20 million people nationwide — 216,000 of them in South Carolina — got coverage making health care more affordable. And that's been good for hospitals, which previously absorbed the costs of their care or shifted those costs to insured patients. Because of that coverage, the ACA also called for a scaling back of disproportionate share hospital, or DSH, payments, which were made by Medicaid to help offset the care for uninsured patients. So an increase in uninsured patients combined with the elimination of the DSH payments, which is set to be phased in beginning in fiscal 2018, would leave hospitals worse off than before Obamacare. And unlike more than 30 other states that also expanded Medicaid to eligible adults under Obamacare, South Carolina did not, leaving that population uninsured.

Post and Courier: WTO finds Boeing 777X tax breaks illegal; US planemaker claims victory

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/trade-group-finds-boeing-x-tax-breaks-illegal-us-planemaker/article_4d95aca6-b57c-11e6-b664-27466853bcc1.html

John McDermott

The World Trade Organization could ruled Monday that Boeing Co. was offered illegal tax breaks by Washington state and that the U.S. government must take action to end the financial support. The subsidies involve financial incentives the planemaker will receive for the development of its new long-range 777X jet. The Switzerland-based panel found that the support the Washington promised to Boeing from 2024 to 2040 amounted to "prohibited" subsidies under international trade rules. The tax breaks were offered on the condition that the company keeps the production of the 777X wing structures in the Evergreen State, which in effect shut out foreign competition. Boeing plans to build the new widebody version of its 777 in Everett, Wash. The European Union has argued that the company has received more than \$8 billion in subsidies. U.S. officials have said that figure is inflated. Boeing has valued the income tax incentive at about \$50 million a year. "We are really the only party that can credibly come up with a figure," Boeing spokesman Tim Neale said. The \$50 million per year number was a "conservative estimate" and even over a 20-year span would only total \$1 billion, he said.

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices dip ahead of OPEC meeting

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/s-c-gas-prices-dip-ahead-of-opec-meeting/article_cc1ae566-b57f-11e6-97c8-6fc1d8b1101a.html

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices across South dipped again last week ahead of a possible cutback in production by a group of oil-producing countries. The average price of gas fell 1.4 cents during the past week across the Palmetto State to \$1.92 a gallon, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA puts the price about two cents higher per gallon. That's about 10-12 cents higher than this time last year. Nationally, the average price dropped 1.3 cents per gallon to \$2.12, according to both gas price

services. That's about 7.7 cents above last year's national average at this time. "Early last week WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude had climbed above \$48 per barrel but was unable to hold on and in late trading Friday had slipped below \$46," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "And that probably ties directly to doubts about Iraq, Iran and the likelihood that Russia, the largest non-OPEC oil exporter, will agree only to a freeze and not a production cut of its own, which OPEC says is essential for the cartel to implement its plan to cut back by 1 million barrels per day," Laskoski said.

Local News:

Associated Press: Police: Man shot by officers called 911 with threats

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hKOkSAgq

Jeffrey Collins

A deputy was prepared to fire non-lethal beanbags at a South Carolina man armed with a machete, but the man charged a second officer who shot him several times with his service weapon, authorities said. Justin Pollock, 25, was hospitalized with gunshot wounds after the incident and will face criminal charges, officials said. The incident unfolded early Sunday in Aiken County after someone called 911, and Pollock then called emergency officials while standing on a residential road. He said he had the large knife and a gun and would kill any officers who confronted him and he threatened to harm himself, according to a sheriff's report. Sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Dailey began talking to Pollock, ordering him to drop the machete, while Cpl. Solomon Turner loaded a shotgun with beanbags nearby, the report said.

Associated Press: Wife, 59, charged with murder in shooting of husband

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OOMoO63c

SC State Wire

Authorities say a 59-year-old woman has been charged with killing her husband in their Anderson County home. Deputies said Janet Selvey shot her husband after they argued around 4 a.m. Monday. Anderson County Deputy Coroner Charlie Boseman told media outlets that an autopsy has been ordered for 60-year-old Ronne Selvey. Investigators say Janet Selvey was charged with murder after talking to deputies about the shooting. It isn't known if she had a lawyer.

Associated Press: Police: NY man shoots, kills person he is staying with in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sBhHmW6f

SC State Wire

Authorities say a man from Brooklyn, New York, has shot and killed the 72-year-old man he had been staying with in South Carolina. McColl Police Chief Tommy Langley told media outlets that 42-year-old Bryant Bonds got into an argument with the man around 9 a.m. Sunday. Marlboro County Coroner Tim Brown says John Bryant was shot in the head. Investigators are still trying to figure out what caused the fight that led to Bryant's death. Bonds is charged with murder. It wasn't known if he had a lawyer.

Associated Press: Police: Man fatally shoots brother following fight

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WpgknGcA

SC State Wire

Police have arrested a North Charleston man who they say fatally shot his brother after a fight. The North Charleston Police Department tells local news organizations that 28-year-old Marquis Desaussure has been arrested on charges of murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. Police say the incident began Sunday morning after Desaussure and his brother got into a fight near an apartment complex. During the altercation, Desaussure pulled out a gun and shot his brother. Police responded to the scene and found 24-year-old Tre Desaussure with a gunshot wound. Deputy Coroner Kimberly Rhoton says he was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities later located and arrested Marquis Desaussure in connection with the shooting. It's

unclear if he has an attorney.

Associated Press: Man arrested in Spartanburg County shooting death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WON5w05x

SC State Wire

A man has been shot and killed at a mobile home in Spartanburg County. Sheriff's Lt. Kevin Bobo said in a statement that the shooting happened early Monday at a small mobile home park in Inman. Bobo says deputies have arrested 41-year-old Douglas McArthur Thomas, Jr., of Inman at the home where the shooting occurred. The name of the victim has not been released while the coroner looks for family members. Bobo says investigators are still trying to determine what led to the shooting. It was not known if Thomas has an attorney yet.

Sun News: Horry Police set to rejoin task force cracking down on drug dealers

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article117505413.html>

Audrey Hudson

An officer from the Horry County Police Department will rejoin a regional task force that is cracking down on the growing use of heroin and opioids by getting drug dealers off the streets. The county has participated in the 15th Judicial Circuit Drug Enforcement Unit since it was created in 2006, but withdrew last year because of a staffing shortage. Horry County Police Chief Joe Hill asked county councilmen on Monday to support restaffing efforts, reporting that the current vacancy within the county department stands at zero for patrol officers and two for the detective bureau. The drug enforcement unit is part of the county police department's crime reduction plan and operates at a higher level to remove the networks supplying drugs in Horry and Georgetown counties, Hill said. Horry County would provide one officer as well as additional support through its SWAT team and forensic lab, Hill said. The council's Public Safety Committee forwarded a resolution approving the effort to the full council for approval, after panel Chairman Al Allen questioned how seized assets would be split among agencies.

President-elect Trump News:

Associated Press: Trump charges, without evidence, millions voted illegally

<http://bigstory.ap.org/35f53fb8a65142d2a1c368b224f50bcd>

President-elect Donald Trump is claiming, without evidence, that millions of people voted illegally in the election he won, issuing the baseless claim as part of his angry response to a recount effort led by the Green Party and joined by Hillary Clinton's campaign. "I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally," Trump tweeted Sunday. He later alleged "serious voter fraud in Virginia, New Hampshire and California." Trump's transition team did not provide any evidence to back up the president-elect's assertions of fraud in the November election. They pointed only to past charges of irregularities in voter registration. Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., said Monday he had "not seen any voter irregularity in the millions." "I don't know what he was talking about on that one," Lankford said of Trump on CNN's "New Day." "Indeed, there has been no evidence of widespread tampering or hacking that would change the results of the presidential contest between Trump and Clinton. The Democrat's team said it had been looking for abnormalities and found nothing that would alter the results.

National News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Ohio State attacker was Somali, US official says

<http://bigstory.ap.org/34e8c06c907d4a2eb6a47cef2762b99a>

A U.S. official has identified the suspect in the Ohio State attack that injured nine people as a man of Somali descent. The official identified Abdul Razak Ali Artan as the now-deceased suspect. He was born in Somalia and living in the United States as a legal permanent resident. It was unclear when

Artan came to the U.S. The official wasn't authorized to publicly discuss details of the ongoing case and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. A second law enforcement official confirmed that authorities believe the suspect's name is Abdul Artan. That official also wasn't authorized to publicly discuss details of the ongoing case and spoke on condition of anonymity. Authorities say the suspect was shot to death Monday by a police officer after driving up onto a curb and into pedestrians and attacking people with a knife.

Associated Press: Terrorism suspected in car-and-knife attack at Ohio State

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dbb10667234a4eaa9548643e0977be5e>

A man plowed his car into a group of pedestrians at Ohio State University and began stabbing people with a butcher knife Monday before he was shot to death by a police officer. Police said they are investigating whether it was a terrorist attack. Nine people were hurt, one critically. The attacker was identified as Abdul Razak Ali Artan, a Somali-born legal permanent resident of the U.S., according to a U.S. official who wasn't authorized to discuss details of the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The FBI and other agencies joined the investigation. The details emerged after a morning of confusion and conflicting reports that began with the university issuing a series of tweets warning that there was an "active shooter" on campus near the engineering building and that students should "run, hide, fight." The warning was apparently prompted by what turned out to be police gunfire. Numerous police vehicles and ambulances converged on the 60,000-student campus, and authorities blocked off roads. Students barricaded themselves inside offices and classrooms, piling chairs and desks in front of doors.

Associated Press: Run, hide, fight: Ohio State attack advice is a new mantra

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2377c3363c724e7c94fc6c30d92ed7a6>

As police responded to the attack at Ohio State University, school officials blasted an ominous message to students with a set of instructions: "Run Hide Fight." It's a mantra that has become standard at colleges in the event of a campus shooting. Students near the assailant are urged to run somewhere safe, to hide from the shooter and, as a last resort, to fight back. A training video for students released last year by Ohio State dramatizes a campus shooting, in which actors depicting workers arm themselves with fire extinguishers and phone cords as a shooter enters their office. A police officer narrating the six-minute online video says to fight only as a last resort and until police arrive. "It's scary to think about," an officer says in the video, "but an active shooter is something that we all need to be prepared for."

Associated Press: US investigating leak related to Petraeus case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b3211dd82f3b4504ac087cc5fbf4b174>

The Defense Department is conducting a leaks investigation related to the sex scandal that led to the resignation of former CIA Director David Petraeus, The Associated Press confirmed Monday, the same day Petraeus was meeting with President-elect Donald Trump in New York. Petraeus, who could be in line for a Cabinet nomination, arrived at Trump Tower in early afternoon. He walked in without taking any questions from reporters. A U.S. official told the AP that investigators are trying to determine who leaked personal information about Paula Broadwell, the woman whose affair with Petraeus led to criminal charges against him and his resignation. The information concerned the status of her security clearance, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. Disclosure of the Broadwell information without official permission would have been a violation of federal criminal law.

World News:

Associated Press: Cubans bid Fidel Castro farewell, pledge loyalty to system

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Hundreds of thousands of Cubans bade farewell to Fidel Castro on Monday, pledging allegiance to

his socialist ideology and paying tribute before images of the leader as a young guerrilla gazing out over the country he would come to rule for nearly half a century. Lines stretched for hours outside the Plaza of the Revolution, the massive plaza where Castro delivered fiery speeches to hundreds of thousands of supporters in the years after he seized power. There and across the country, people signed condolence books and an oath of loyalty to Castro's sweeping May 1, 2000, proclamation of the Cuban revolution as an unending battle for socialism, nationalism and an outside role for the island on the world stage. Tribute sites were set up in hundreds of places across the country as the government urged Cubans to reaffirm their belief in a socialist, single-party system that in recent years has struggled to maintain the fervor that was widespread at the triumph of the 1959 revolution. Many mourners came on their own, but thousands of others were sent in groups by the communist government, which still employs about 80 percent of the working people in Cuba despite the growth of the private sector under Castro's successor, his brother Raul.

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