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## Maine State Police Manhunt Timeline and Incident Management

This timeline is a collection of information reported back to the Command Post as largely related to the manhunt operation. **This limited timeline and the tasks coordinated below by the Maine State Police IMAT does not include the multiple tasks completed, interviews done and resources acquired by our many local, county, state and federal partners. Their contributions were unnumerable and are likely going to be revealed in the weeks to come as we receive reports from all of their assistance.**

Our Maine State Police IMAT (Incident Management Assistance Team) coordinates large scale operations using the Incident Command System as a model. The beauty of the Incident Command model is that it can be used and adapted for searches of missing people, homicide investigations, forest fires and oil spill clean ups to name a few. One of the basic tenets of Incident Command is to identify an Operations Section and Section Chief. In this particular active shooter situation, the Operations Section was broken into three Units:

- Manhunt
- Investigations
- Crime Scenes

Our IMAT team also uses a rolling log to document critical information received and tasks completed. The Investigations Section and the Crime Scene Units already keep their own notes and logs which become incorporated into the overall criminal investigation record which will ultimately be turned over to the Attorney General's Office for their final review. The Manhunt Unit however used the IMAT rolling log to document much of their tactical operations and movement.

It is important to note that while all of the Operations Section were conducting their operations, the IMAT was collaborating with all of the responding law enforcement partners in accomplishing the following tasks:

- Set up perimeter, establish check-in at the initial staging area immediately after the incident using the Cumberland County Mobile Command Post as a gathering focal point
- Set up a Command Post with Lewiston Police at the Lewiston High School
- Continue to call in Maine State Police resources and assets to assist the IMAT
- Coordinated a response from all three Maine State Police Major Crimes units and Investigators from many different agencies including but not limited to the Lewiston Police Department, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, FBI, HSI, ICE and ATF
- Coordinated with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to interview eye-witnesses of the shooting event at the Lewiston Armory
- Collaborated with many different investigative units in coordinating the documentation (photos, scanning, measurements and evidence collection) of multiple crimes scenes
- Worked with Unified Command to set up general operational briefings, investigative briefings, strategy briefings, intelligence briefings and tactical briefings

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- Collaborated and coordinated with multiple agencies to follow up on investigative tips and leads
- Collaborated and coordinated with multiple agencies to author multiple warrants (search and arrest)
- Set up a 48 hour framework incident command structure with other State of Maine agencies
- Coordinated with the Lewiston Police, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, the New Hampshire State Police and Maine Office of Chief Medical Examiner regarding the identification of bodies and those injured and transported to local hospitals
- Coordinated with many local and county departments, including chaplains from multiple agencies, the notification of family members as soon as practical after identification was completed
- Collaborated and coordinated with victim services and victim advocates from many agencies as related to the release of information and personal items to family members
- Coordination of 16 different tactical teams from 14 different agencies as related to the manhunt (see attached log)
- Coordinated the acquisition of food, lodging and supplies for the hundred plus responding public safety agencies and individual officers
- Crafted intelligence bulletins for the local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies and coordinated intelligence and information sharing across multiple agencies
- Coordinated and collaborated with several different agencies related to wellness counselors, chaplain and victim services for the law enforcement community at the Command Post
- Activated the NESPAC agreement between all New England State Police agencies as well as the State of New York in order to acquire Tactical, Air and Dive Resources to deploy to Maine for use during the operation
- Coordinated the Press Conferences and the Public Release of information to many journalists and news outlets
- Collaborated with the FBI as related to the deployment of their federal victim services assets
- Collaborated with other agencies in the coordination and the set-up of a family assistance center at a local elementary school using behavioral health coordinators
- Coordinated Air Assets across multiple State and Federal agencies
- Coordinated and collaborated with Maine Forestry for charts, graphs and maps related to searches yet to be completed and those already accomplished
- Created multiple forms and spreadsheets to track information, intelligence, tips and resources related to the on-going operation.



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<b>Date and Approx Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
10/25/2023 1856	Lewiston/Auburn Communication Centers begin receiving reports of active shooter at Just in Time bowling alley.
10/25/2023 1908	Lewiston/Auburn Communications Centers receive reports of an active shooter at Schemengees Bar and Grille.
10/25/2023 1915	Maine State Police (MSP) coordinates the response of all Major Crimes Unit Detectives.
10/25/2023 1920	MSP Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) was contacted for deployment to Lewiston.
10/25/2023 1930	Due to the magnitude of the incident, New England State Police Administrators Compact (NESPAC) resources including Tactical, Airwing, investigative resources, and Dive Team components are placed on standby to be utilized and requested as needed.
10/25/2023 2007	Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC) personnel were activated to go to the office for an intelligence and information gathering. Five (5) Analysts responded.
10/25/2023 2011	Communications Centers begin to receive reports of an active shooter at the Walmart Distribution Center in Lewiston. The area is searched and its determined to be an unfounded report.
10/25/2023 2020	A large contingent of Officers and Tactical Teams stage at the Colisee. IMAT begins the process of organizing who is at the location for assignments. The Colisee is established as a staging area.
10/25/2023 2035	Activity for the Tactical Teams begins to be tracked and logged.
10/25/2023 2100	Tactical Teams and Crisis Negotiation Teams are assigned to the CP for briefings.
10/25/2023 2120	Robert Card is identified as a suspect for the shootings.
10/25/2023 2120	Responders are provided information for Card's vehicle, including a registration number.
10/25/2023 2130	Investigators arrive at Just in Time bowling alley for a walk through.
10/25/2023 2134	A New Hampshire State Police helicopter is available and overhead in Lewiston. The MSP Tactical Team begins to form a plan to contain Card's residence.
10/25/2023 2201	Tactical Teams respond to Card's residence in Bowdoin.
10/25/2023 2201	A perimeter is established around Card's residence in Bowdoin.

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10/25/2023 2208	Information was received that Card's vehicle is located at the Lisbon boat launch near Frost Hill Road.
10/25/2023 2213	MIAC disseminated a bulletin to all New England states identifying Robert Card as a suspect.
10/25/2023 2223	Tactical Team assets arrive at the boat launch. Tactical Teams discovered 30 to 40 police officers surrounding the suspect's car. The parking lot was full of police cruisers.
10/25/2023 2237	Tactical Teams clear the vehicle. Card was not inside, and a rifle and magazines are observed.
10/25/2023 2244	Information from a helicopter is reported that they have a heat signature north of the suspect's vehicle along a trail, which after investigation determined to be a false positive. The trail and surrounding area was searched by Tactical Teams.
10/25/2023 2252	Tactical Teams receive information from Lisbon Police Department that a loud noise was heard inside the closed business, Springworks Farm. This business was located about 1 mile from the boat launch. A bathroom was discovered in the building, locked from the inside, and it was thought that the suspect was inside. Tactical Teams depart and travel to Springworks Farm.
10/25/2023 2255	MIAC disseminates an updated bulletin to all New England states with information of additional vehicles registered to Card and that the vehicle in the original bulletin had been located.
10/25/2023 2258	Tactical Teams arrive at Springworks Farm.
10/25/2023 2306	Tactical Teams take over the boat launch security.
10/25/2023 2315	MIAC makes notification to all Fusion Centers nationwide of the incident.
10/25/2023 2300	Lewiston Police Department identifies Lewiston High School as the Command Post.
10/25/2023 2320	A family assistance center was established in Auburn.
10/25/2023 2330	MSP IMAT begins establishing the Command Post at Lewiston High School.
10/26/2023 0001	Law enforcement began notification of families of victims whose positive identification has been determined.
10/26/2023 0010	Information received that Card's phone may be at his residence in Bowdoin. Tactical Teams respond.
10/26/2023 0013	The Springworks Farm is cleared, Card was not located.

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10/26/2023 0029	Tactical Teams travel to Lisbon High School and stage in the parking lot.
10/26/2023 0043	Tactical Teams are deployed to a residence in Lisbon where police had information that Card's ex-girlfriend was believed to live. Police had concerns that Card might go to her residence.
10/26/2023 0049	The Tactical Teams arrive in Lisbon.
10/26/2023 0102	Tactical Teams clear from Lisbon, and it is discovered that the ex-girlfriend was in Auburn.
10/26/2023 0110	The Tactical Teams are dispatched to a residence in Lisbon, after receiving information that a family member owns a property. Card is not located at the residence.
10/26/2023 0115	Tactical Teams return to their staging location at Lisbon High School.
10/26/2023 0200	Evidence Response Technicians (ERT) arrived on scene to process the bowling alley crime scene.
10/26/2023 0300	Tactical Team Commanders begins to make a schedule for Tactical Team coverage for the upcoming day shift and plan operations.
10/26/2023 0333	Auburn Police Department request that First Fleet school buses in Auburn be cleared. Tactical Teams are dispatched (complete at 0440).
10/26/2023 0350	A request is made to secure two residences in Bowdoin. Tactical Teams are dispatched to secure these areas.
10/26/2023 0600	IMAT creates a plan for resources, physical assets, and logistics throughout the duration of the investigation.
10/26/2023 0640	Lewiston PD and Major Crimes Units locate Card's ex-girlfriend in Auburn
10/26/2023 0700	Victims from both shooting locations start being transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in Augusta.
10/26/2023 0800	Criminal Intelligence Analysts from the MIAC are assigned to assist detectives and investigators with research and tips and leads.
10/26/2023 0800	The IMAT Logistics Unit continues the plan for lodging throughout the duration of the investigation.
10/26/2023 0800	The following tactical details are assigned at the morning briefing: serve a search warrant at a residence in Bowdoin, search the woods north of the boat landing with K-9s, investigate intel related to a tip at a residence in Monmouth.
10/26/2023 1230	Morning missions are completed, and the following afternoon details are assigned: search of Maine Recycling (main building), clear a residence

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	in Brunswick, search the trail to the south of the boat launch, conduct a consent search of a residence in Brunswick.
10/27/23 0245	Tactical Teams conducted surveillance of a gravel pit in Lisbon. Believed to be a location Card could have been hiding. Determined to be false lead.
10/27/2023 0245	Worked intel related to a tip that the suspect may be hiding in an apartment in Lewiston, which was investigated and deemed unfounded.
10/27/2023 0300	Maine Forestry begins working on overhead Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as related to capabilities and mapping.
10/27/2023 0640	A suspicious male was reported walking on Ferry Rd in Lisbon. Lisbon PD investigated.
10/27/2023 0800	0800 Operational period tasks for Tactical Teams to accomplish were assigned during morning briefing: search the woods around a residence Search the woods around a residence in Bowdoin, Search two residences in Monmouth, Boat landing security was assigned to the Maine Warden Service, Report of gunshot on Golden Rod Lane in Lisbon, Report of gunshot at Left Hand Club Lisbon, Report of gunshot behind Spring Works in Lisbon, Deconfliction between tactical assets deployed in the field, gun shots were false reports.
10/27/2023 0800	All the below tasks were assigned to the non-tactical teams or law enforcement members during the morning briefing on this date: Search a shooting pit/range on Lisbon Street in Lisbon Falls, Search a vacant house lot in Bowdoin, Grid search Schemengees Bar & Grille Restaurant crime scene, Grid search Just in Time Recreation/Bowling Alley crime scene, Area around Brookfield Power Dam in Brunswick was searched, deconflicted with police department – Brunswick Police Department contacted, Follow-up on surveillance video footage from the vacant house lot in Bowdoin.
10/27/2023 0800	MSP and Maine Warden Service underwater recovery teams were assigned to scan and dive the river near the boat launch.
10/27/2023 0800	Sweep of riverbank for evidence was assigned to the Maine Warden Service.
10/27/2023 1219	A 911 hang up call was received from Card's mother's residence. Tactical Teams and assets were deployed, and it was unfounded.

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10/27/2023 1251	Report of a male running in the woods on Cobbossee Road in Monmouth which was determined not to be credible.
10/27/2023 1400	Tactical Teams cleared hunting blinds on Quarry Road in Bowdoin.
10/27/2023 1430	Colonel Ross holds a virtual meeting with area Chiefs briefing them on the investigation.
10/28/2023 1629	Colonel Ross makes NESPAC request for Dive and Underwater Recovery Teams and assets from New England States and New York.
10/27/2023 1826	Tactical Teams take over security at two residences in Bowdoin.
10/27/2023 1833	A sighting was reported on an ATV trail and Tactical Teams were assigned and it was determined to be unfounded.
10/27/2023 1945	Tactical Teams searching Maine Recycling overflow and discover the body what is believed to be Robert Card deceased.
10/27/2023 1948	Command post is advised of the discovery and investigators work to positively identify the body of Robert Card.
10/27/2023 2007	Notification was made to Lewiston Police Chief St. Pierre regarding the discovery.
10/27/2023 2010	Notification was made to the Attorney General's Office
10/27/2023 2010	Notification was made to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and approval was given for public release/dissemination of the identification based on photograph comparison.
10/27/2023 2210	Notification was made to Robert Card's family regarding his discovery and identification. The families of the victims are also notified of the discovery and identification.
10/28/2023 0900	Colonel Ross holds a virtual meeting with area Chiefs briefing them on the investigation.