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Getting multiple reports of a shooting at the bite of seattle

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Early report is multiple victims with two suspects in custody

Alison Holcomb

Very preliminary information from Chief Barnes, who just called me. Potentially six victims; four is the threshold for "mass shooting."

Alison Holcomb

A/C Tyrone Davis will provide on-the-ground intel soon.

Alison Holcomb

No information yet re: injuries.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Reportedly two still *not* in custody

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Per fire: 2 deceased, 2 red, 2 yellow

Katie Wilson

Awful. I am available tonight as needed. Who is the 427 number?

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Jonah

• Katie Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:31:43 PM

Dawn Schellenberg

Mayor, Jonah mentioned when scene is stable it would be good for you to be there.

• Katie Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:33:12 PM

Dawn Schellenberg

Alison how do you feel about this?

Alison Holcomb

I wouldn't send Mayor 'til we know more.

Matt just called me and is ready to mobilize. DM and Alex, can you consult with the CR team and figure out who should be on the ground? Maybe Dominique, too?

Alison Holcomb

Chief doesn't know who runs Bite of Seattle, that person and Randy Engstrom should get calls ASAP. DM, is that you!

Alison Holcomb

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Brian Surratt

I'll call Randy.

Alison Holcomb

Chief reports one person deceased, a six-year-old child received a through-and-through bullet and is expected to live. The other victims have been rushed to hospital.

Brian Surratt

Just talked to Randy. He says there is a conference call taking place in a few minutes. SPD, Seattle center staff.

Alison, are you on that call? Sounds like SPD is organizing that call.

Dawn Schellenberg

If Jonah and I could be included we'd appreciate it

Brian Surratt

I asked Randy to forward the conference call details to Dawn, Jonah, and Alison.

I plan on heading out there.

Hopefully we'll be there in about 35 minutes.

• Alison Holcomb reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:56:48 PM

Alison Holcomb

The folks organizing the conference call Randy mentioned are likely Armory security and off-duty SPD. SPD leadership was not aware of it. If Randy is on it and can get me on it, too, that would be helpful. Otherwise, SPD leadership will keep us engaged.

FBI SAIC Mike Herrington has offered the agency's assistance.

Seven victims, two deceased. The child is not one of the deceased.

Caedman Cahill

Are all of the victims at Harborview? Is there any support happening there?

Brian Surratt

I'm almost to Seattle Center.

I think the Mayor should start making her way here as well.

Alison, Dawn, Jonah: can we prepare for a call with electeds with SPD?

I spoke to a few electeds and they are asking.

Also, we need to have a statement ready for the Mayor.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Update on victim conditions from SFD:

40-year-old female with minor injuries. Declined transport to a hospital.

39-year-old female in stable condition. Transported to Harborview via AMR.

2-year-old male in stable condition. Paramedics transported him to Harborview.

23-year-old male in stable condition

56-year-old female in serious condition. Paramedics transported her to Harborview.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Have a draft statement going

Katie Wilson

It would be good to get clarity soon whether we're planning a public conference tonight v. tomorrow morning, so we can communicate that to other elected officials.

Katie Wilson

(Just talked with Ferguson and Jayapal. Ferguson is in Olympia but can head this way shortly.)

Alison Holcomb

Just talked to DM and am going to make a conference call with electeds happen. Pause on sending Mayor anywhere until we have the call.

• Esther Handy reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:28:09 PM

Esther Handy

Hi team, I'm online and available to assist - Alison or Comms, let me know where you need extra hands.

Per Caedmon's note, is SPD coordinating with HSD on any victim support at Harborview? If not, I can call Tanya and see what's possible.

Caedman Cahill

I spoke with Alison about harbor view. Probably premature to do anything with that.

• Esther Handy reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:28:41 PM

Alison Holcomb

Chief Barnes is convening a conference call with FBI and all leaders on investigation for all electeds to be briefed. Once he has the conference call information, I will share that here for DM to share with appropriate electeds and us to decide who all from MO should be on the call.

Katie Wilson

Are we in touch with KC exec and CM for that district?

Katie Wilson

Anna Edgerton from Bloomberg texted. Refer to Dawn, or Jonah?

Dawn Schellenberg

Yes, please have Anna and others move requests through both of us.

Dawn Schellenberg

Kris the Exec's Comms Director is tracking through KCSO and they are putting out statement soon.

Alison Holcomb

Update while SPD setting up conference call: this looks like a group violence incident between people who knew each other. I just spoke with Tanya Kim, and she is calling Dominique Davis to ask him to call me directly with updates on violence interruption and hospital-based intervention efforts.

• Caedman Cahill reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:46:41 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

I can take any media inquiries

• Brian Surratt reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:23:19 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

What's the headline

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Wrong thread!

Dawn Schellenberg

I think Statement on Seattle Center Shootings, or something direct like that, right?

Brian Surratt

Yes, we need a statement.

I just spoke with Ferguson, Jayapal and Zhahily office. They all asked about a statement that they could point to.

They along with Kettle, Hollingsworth will be on the call at 9.

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:28:11 PM

Dawn Schellenberg

We could put Mayors name in it but she hasn't reviewed. I'll give to her it quickly as FYI

Katie Wilson

I'm here ready to review

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:29:01 PM

Alison Holcomb

Dawn drafted a great statement for Mayor, Caedmon and I have both reviewed. I let Sarah Smith know that DM was telling folks A/C Davis would be answering questions.

Dawn Schellenberg

It's in our chat mayor.

Dawn Schellenberg

*your

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Also want to flag whether we want to hold for SPD to make an investigative post/statement before we go forth with anything. They haven't posted anything in two hours...

Alison Holcomb

The Mayor's statement is general and focused on family and community impacts. It's good for her to take the lead in acknowledging those impacts and letting everyone know we'll share more as we learn it.

• Brian Surratt reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:36:02 PM

Caedman Cahill

Dawn Schellenberg

I spoke with SPD. They are ok with us going first and will try to get something up on Twitter soon.

• Katie Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:38:19 PM

Brian Surratt

Please share the statement when finalized.

Katie Wilson

The statement looks good to me, but it is very general so it won't satisfy anyone looking for actual information.

Alison Holcomb

Us going first serves an important purpose of acknowledging traumatic events as multifaceted and involving multiple city and community partners. It's important to uplift SPD's critical contributions and also important not to place all the burden of grappling with these events on our police.

Alison Holcomb

Actual information will come as soon as we can verify it.

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:42:06 PM

Alison Holcomb

It's a criminal investigation, so we need to help people be patient and let the work that needs to happen happen.

Brian Surratt

Also, Ferguson and Jayapal are asking if we are doing a press conference tomorrow morning.

We should stand up one.

Dawn Schellenberg

I agree.

Alison Holcomb

Let's talk after the 9pm about what a press conference should be about.

Alison Holcomb

People are angry. Saying, "This is not acceptable," and "the perpetrators will be brought to justice," doesn't do anyone any good.

Alison Holcomb

We need to be thoughtful about next steps.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Mayor Wilson's Statement on Seattle Center Shootings - Office of the Mayor

wilson.seattle.gov



<https://wilson.seattle.gov/2026/07/27/mayor-wilsons-statement-on-seattle-center-shootings/>

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Post is live

Alison Holcomb

Such a good statement. Thank you, Dawn, and everyone who contributed. Thank you, Mayor.

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:49:16 PM

Dawn Schellenberg

Jonah launched it and the team dove in.

• Alison Holcomb reacted with ❤️ on 7/26/2026 8:49:40 PM

Katie Wilson

Thank you all for turning this around so quickly.

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:51:18 PM

Esther Handy

Alison, can you confirm who will be on the 9pm call from Mayor's Office? And can you share a link with me, to hear all the facts? Thanks all.

Alison Holcomb

DM, Dawn, Jonah, and I have the appointment. I'll forward to you and Caedmon now.

Esther Handy

Thank you, Alison

Alison Holcomb

Dawn and Jonah, just forwarded you email from this person:

Jack Date
Senior Coordinating Producer
Justice and Homeland Security
ABC News



mailto:jack.v.date@abc.com

Alison Holcomb

I am not responding to him.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Forwarded him to SPD Comms as it's an investigative question

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with ✅ on 7/26/2026 8:59:42 PM

Katie Wilson

Chris Daniel's is calling me, fyi.

Dawn Schellenberg

Send him to Jonah and I

Katie Wilson

Matt says that KOMO is broadcasting that I and city council are expected to be there.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

I'll call him

Brian Surratt

The statement says 2 suspects in custody.

This is not accurate.

Please revise.

Dawn Schellenberg

Jonah is working on doing so

Katie Wilson

We should consider whether I should come down to talk to KOMO, if that expectation has been created. I'm sure they would love to spin an "absent mayor" story.

Brian Surratt

I'm inclined to have you come down.

Dawn? Alison?

Dawn Schellenberg

Agree.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Chris asked if there was a briefing tonight - per SPD they're doing one at 945 at the armory

Katie Wilson

Ok, should I tell EPU to come pick me up now and rush down, or wait till after this briefing?

Dawn Schellenberg

FYSA:

Dawn Schellenberg

Chief is at the National Org of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) conference and back tomorrow

Dawn Schellenberg

Erica C. Barnett (@ericacbarnett.bsky.social)

bsky.app

<https://bsky.app/profile/ericacbarnett.bsky.social/post/3mrlycozcms2i>

Alison Holcomb

Wait until you've finished this briefing so you can say you've been briefed and provide accurate information.

• Brian Surratt reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:23:17 PM

Alison Holcomb

No media briefing is happening. It's an internal briefing.

• Katie Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:24:58 PM

Esther Handy

Who is staffing the Mayor if she goes down - Brian, are you still on site at Center to do so?

Katie Wilson

Ok, good. EPU is at City Hall, I can call them now if we're agreed I should talk to KOMO.

Brian Surratt

I am here.

Matt was also down there

I can also go down if need be

Alison Holcomb

DM, is it worth Mayor coming down? Who's still there?

Brian Surratt

I just talked to AC Davis. His recommendation is no.

Alison Holcomb

Good. The call we were just on made it sound like a suspect might still be on the grounds. If so, we should assume they're armed and it's a volatile situation.

Dawn Schellenberg

I spoke to Matt who is on site. He is aware Mayor recommended to not go, if possible suspect is still on campus we can't put her in harm. He will stay to see if there is media at 9:45 and listen in b4 heading home.

Alison Holcomb

SPD is doing media at 9:45. I've let them know Mayor needs to be part of it. They're working on it.

Alison Holcomb

Thank you, Mayor, for your patience.

Dawn Schellenberg



• Alison Holcomb reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:43:06 PM

Katie Wilson

Ok so I should call EPU and head down now?

Alison Holcomb

Yes, get EPU and go.

Meet at turn around at the space needle at EMP.

Go to the 5th and Harrison.

Alison Holcomb

EPU should call Brian Pritchard

Alison Holcomb

Esther Handy

Dawn and Jonah, can you update a few talking points for the Mayor at the end of the statement doc?

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:42:16 PM

Alison Holcomb

Dawn, welcome to my world.

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:43:43 PM

Dawn Schellenberg

Should we mention gun violence more globally. This was third incident in just a few days.

Brian Surratt

Yes.

Katie Wilson

Do we know the format? Will it be like a press conference?

Katie Wilson

I should be prepared to be asked about (1) cameras (2) what the city is doing to prevent gun violence

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:55:12 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

We also initially said two people were arrested and updated the post to say one, so someone may ask about that but the answer is just "that's the information we received during a very dynamic incident, and we've put out an update"

• Katie Wilson reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:57:03 PM

Brian Surratt

It's a media scrum; outside.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Jayapal, the Gov, Kettle are there

Brian Surratt

Kettle is not here. Not coming.

Waiting on Gov and Jayapal

Alison Holcomb

Draft gun violence statement:

My administration is committed to breaking the patterns of gun violence being perpetrated on our communities by groups of individuals who use guns to feel powerful and try to dominate others. We're not having it. The people pulling triggers are ruining the lives of young people they convince to do their dirty work, and they're hurting the communities that want different, better lives for them.

In addition to continuing to rebuild the Seattle Police Department's gun violence intervention and investigation expertise, we're incorporating lessons learned in cities like Baltimore to improve our community capacity to stop gun violence before it spreads.

Katie Wilson

But SPD is not sharing yet that we believe this was group violence, correct?

Alison Holcomb

You can preface with "while we don't yet know what led to tonight's violence, we do know that several recent shootings have been targeted attacks by members of one group against another."

A reporter just wrote me to say the scene is tense and reporters "are getting antsy because being told press conference is being delayed for dignitaries." Anthony I can relay?

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

KIRO TV is also complaining live on-air

Dawn Schellenberg

They were waiting for Jayapal and Gov

Dawn Schellenberg

It's on king right now

Brian Surratt

Presser over. Mayor, AC Davis, Gov and Jayapal all did well.

We should still do a presser tomorrow.

Ferguson asked if it could be late morning.

• You reacted with ❤️ on 7/26/2026 11:21:56 PM

Alison Holcomb

In addition to updates on investigation and status of recovering victims, are there questions posed tonight we want to be able to cover in more depth?

Esther Handy

Thanks for being out so late, all.

We can hold late morning, and take stock in the AM on what new info there is to share.

Esther Handy

I'm putting an 8:30 touch point/call on our calendars tomorrow to huddle and make decisions on press conference, and any other next steps.

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Alison Holcomb

Seattle Center shooting may have been gang-related, police say

Alison Holcomb

The names of the victims who died have now been published in The Seattle Times coverage.

Alison Holcomb



Seattle Center shooting may have been gang-related, police say

www.seattletimes.com

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/updates-on-seattle-center-shooting-victims-and-search-for-suspects/>

Text message
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Alison Holcomb

Creating a text thread for DM+CR--Alex, Matt, and Dominique. I think someone from MO should be on the ground at Seattle Center. Happy to go if you think it should be me, but wanted to offer to be behind the scenes providing information while others did the relationship work.

Brian Surratt

Alex, Dominique, Matt are any of you available to go?

Matt McIntosh

I am able but am
40 mins out. I'll start heading there and can shift plans as needed. - Matt

Brian Surratt

Don't worry about it, Matt. I'll go out there.

• Matt McIntosh reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:02:17 PM

Matt McIntosh

En route so will be on standby in the area.

Alison Holcomb

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• Dominique reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:59:12 PM
• Matt McIntosh reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:23:33 PM

I can go too--let me know

Dominique

Thank you for the update.
Please let us know how we should proceed tomorrow.

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Brian Surratt

Any details on the vigil? What kind of presence do we need?

I heard 830 at the fountain.

we haven't discussed yet about who from our team will attend

Alison Holcomb

I'll forward the details

Alison Holcomb

NVM. I don't have any more information than what Alex heard. I can confirm OEM has the same information.

Brian Surratt

Alex/Matt - can you confirm the vigil details and thoughts on how the we should be represented?

Matt McIntosh

Hi DM, Alex and I just spoke. He will connect more with the organizers of the vigil and get a read on details and how we should be represented.

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Brian Surratt

Hi all - I think it would be great if the mayor could reach out directly to the families of all the victims.

How can we track down the information?

Matt McIntosh

Copy that, working on it