

Gazette shooter had history of problems with newspaper

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Police have confirmed the identity of the Gazette shooter as Jarrod Ramos, 38, of Laurel.

The shooting has been labeled a "targeted attack" by Anne Arundel County Police connected to a history of problems Ramos had with the paper including a defamation lawsuit in 2012. The Baltimore Sun reports that Ramos had filed the lawsuit against a reporter over an article covering harassment charges in 2011. The lawsuit was settled in 2015 in favor of The Capital Gazette. Ramos has been charged with five counts of 1st-degree murder.

Annapolis, MD - Various media reports, substantiated by sources within the Anne Arundel County Police Department, have identified the suspected gunman in the Thursday afternoon, June 28 mass shooting at the headquarters of the Capital Gazette as Jarrod Ramos, 38 of Laurel, MD. Sources close to the story confirm that Ramos threatened the publication's staff in social media.

While police have not released the names of the five individuals who were shot and killed, the brother of one of the victims--editor and columnist Carl Hiaasen--has posted on social media that his brother is among the dead. Media reports identified the other deceased as Capital Gazette employees Wendi Winters, Rebecca Smith, Gerald Fischman and John McNamara.

Police at the crime scene are continuing to hold press briefings as the story continues to unfold.

Officials confirm that five are dead with multiple others injured after today's shooting at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis.

Police have confirmed that the shooting suspect is in custody and the building is clear. Families are beginning to be reunited at the Annapolis Mall according to AACO Emergency Mgmt. Governor Hogan is expected to speak at a press conference at the scene of the shooting.

Phil Davis, a reporter for the Capital Gazette said that a single gunman shot through a glass door and opened fire into office of the Gazette. Davis described the scene as "nothing more terrifying" as he took cover under his desk while the gunman shot and killed multiple Gazette employees.

Gunman shot through the glass door to the office and opened fire on multiple employees. Can't say much more and don't want to declare anyone dead, but it's bad.

— Phil Davis (@PhilDavis_CG) [June 28, 2018](#)

There is nothing more terrifying than hearing multiple people get shot while you're under your desk and then hear the gunman reload

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Four are reported to be dead and multiple injured after a shooting at the Capital Gazette newsroom in Annapolis, police say. One suspect is said to be in custody. Emergency crews are on scene assisting victims and police are clearing the building. Citizens have been advised to stay clear of the area. Updates will be posted as information becomes available.

[#update](#) confirming active shooter at 888 Bestgate Road in Annapolis. Building evacuated. Officers continuing to search building. Relocation point is inside Lord and Taylor in the mall.

— Anne Arundel Police (@AACOPD) [June 28, 2018](#)