

Investigators: Dollar General shooter asked for application, left 'irate'

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (WKBW) - UPDATE: The suspect in yesterday's shooting has been identified as Travis Green, 29, of Cheektowaga.

The Erie County District Attorney's Office says he walked into the Dollar General on Gardenville Parkway West off Union Road around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and asked for an application.

For some reason he became irate and left the store, investigators say. He then fired 20 rounds with an AR-15 rifle at the store from the parking lot. He was wearing body armor and camouflage.

One of the bullets hit a 53 year-old Cheektowaga man in the shoulder. The victim was taken to the hospital and is now home recovering with his family.

Officers say they managed to tackle the suspect a short distance from the store as he tried to run away. Police say no shots were fired in the process.

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Cheektowaga Police Chief David Zack credits "civilian heroes" with jumping into a chaotic situation and saving lives.

"I can also now confirm we did have a couple civilian heroes yesterday who played a crucial role in stopping the attack and assisting in the apprehension," said Zack. "I hope to meet with these brave citizens later today and thank them for their actions. There's no questions these individuals saved lives yesterday. They are heroes."

Green's next court appearance is scheduled for November 20th in the Town of Cheektowaga Court.

At this point, investigators believe Green was acting alone and no other suspects are being sought. However, police say his motive remains a mystery.

The FBI and ATF are also assisting in the investigation. Cheektowaga Police say there is no indication that the shooting was terror related.

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