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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Multiple Charges Expected; Speaker Pelosi's Husband Attacked]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Multiple charges expected for the man who violently attacked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband. What he had with him as he called out, "where's Nancy?"

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Warning; Election Security Concerns]

This morning, new warning ahead of the midterms about the threats to members of Congress.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Details; Paul Pelosi Attack Investigation; Multiple Charges Expected for Suspect Accused of Attack House Speaker's Husband]

STEPHANOPOULOS: We're going to get the latest on the violent attack on House Speaker Pelosi's husband in their San Francisco home. Prosecutors expected to announce multiple charges against the man who violently assaulted Paul Pelosi with a hammer. Plus, Paul Pelosi now in the hospital recovering from surgery and Mola Lenghi is in San Francisco with the latest. Good morning, Mola.

MOLA LENGHI: Good morning, George. Speaker Pelosi saying that her husband's condition continues to improve. She issued a statement saying that her family is heartbroken and traumatized by the life-threatening attack. This as authorities continue to investigate the suspect, who is expected to be formally charged today. This morning, multiple felony charges expected against the suspect who police say violently attacked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband in their home Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO DA BROOKE JENKINS: This was a targeted attack on the Pelosi home for sure.

LENGHI: The suspect had zip ties and duct tape with him when breaking into the Pelosi's home, calling out, "where's Nancy?" And while no specific motive has been identified, the circumstances are eerily similar to January 6th attack, some bringing zip ties into the Capitol attempting to find officials and take them hostage.

JANUARY 6 RIOTER: Oh, Nancy. Nancy! Nancy!

LENGHI: Pelosi one of the targets that day and Friday. The suspect searching for the House speaker who was not home in California.

DISPATCHER: RP stated that there's a male in the home...RP stated that he doesn't know who the male is."

LENGHI: The San Francisco district attorney telling ABC News the suspect, David Depape, broke in through a back door around 2:00 a.m. Friday. Unable to find the speaker, the suspect allegedly turned his focus to her 82-year-old husband.

JENKINS: He was able to step away from the suspect for a period of time in order to place that call.

LENGHI: Paul Pelosi, able to secretly call 911, keeping the line open so the operator could overhear them speaking.

JENKINS: I truly believe, based on what I know, that it was life-saving.

LENGHI: Police responding quickly, walking in just as the attack unfolded. The authorities say Paul Pelosi and the suspect both pulling on a hammer. The suspect able to wrestle it away from Pelosi and attack him with it. Paul Pelosi struck at least twice, fracturing his skull before the suspect finally taken into custody. The suspect's alleged social media pages show multiple false conspiracy theories relating to COVID-19, the 2020 election, and the federal government. Well, Elon Musk, the new owner of Twitter, weighing in on the Pelosi attack, retweeting an article from a newspaper knowing for publishing false news. In case, about Paul Pelosi. In his retweet, which was later, Musk suggested that this baseless article from this website, Eva, might be true.

EVA PILGRIM: Mola Lenghi for us there. Mola, thank you. And let's bring in our chief Justice correspondent, Pierre Thomas. Good morning to you know, Pierre. Can you help put this terrible attack in perspective for us? It's part of a bigger picture.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Security Concerns in Wake of Pelosi Attack; Stunning Rise in Threats Against Members of Congress & Federal Judges]

PIERRE THOMAS: Eva, good morning. This is an incredibly toxic moment that has been building for years and only getting worse. Threats against members of Congress have more than doubled since 2017. Last year, there were nearly 10,000 threats against congress. That's just a stunning number. And threats against federal judges have been surging as well, tripling in that same time frame. And this morning, FBI and homeland security officials are out with a new bulletin as we head down the stretch to the midterms. The bulletin says right now there's a heightened threat from radicalized individuals who may target voters, candidates, and election workers leading up to the midterms. This potential threat is largely being fueled by hot button issues that divide the nation and the lie that there has been widespread election. And we all know that the election lie was stoked in the 2020 presidential campaign and on January 6th. No specific plot has been identified for the midterms, but the Pelosi incident shows why U.S. law

enforcement is so concerned, Robin.

ROBIN: Alright, Pierre. And amid these security concerns, of course, the midterm elections just eight days away. Thank you, Pierre.