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HODA KOTB: New details emerging in that frightening attack on Nancy Pelosi's husband.

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: And what the House Speaker and police are saying this morning.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Inside the Investigation]

GUTHRIE: Inside the investigation. Authorities reveal the suspect who broke into the Pelosi's San Francisco home was carrying zip-ties.

SAN FRANCISCO DA BROOKE JENKINS: He was looking for Mrs. Pelosi.

GUTHRIE: And had a history of posting radical conspiracy theories online. The speaker saying her family is traumatized this morning. Her husband still in the ICU. We'll have the very latest.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Details in Pelosi Attack]

KOTB: But we are going to begin with new information on that attack on Nancy Pelosi's husband Paul. Three days later, he remains in the hospital. He is being cared for in the ICU.

GUTHRIE: San Francisco's district attorney has now confirmed the suspect was looking for Speaker Nancy Pelosi and sources say he had a bag of zip-ties with him at the time. NBC's Miguel Almaguer is at the San Francisco hospital where Paul Pelosi is recovering and in the ICU this morning. Miguel, good morning.

MIGUEL ALMAGUER: Savannah, good morning. A source with information with famil — information on the knowl — on the topic tells NBC News that Paul Pelosi does remain in the intensive care unit. As his son was seen leaving the hospital yesterday, he was asked how his father was doing and he said, "doctors are carefully rebuilding him." It comes as we learn more information about the suspect, including some troubling posts online. This morning, the hammer-wielding intruder who allegedly broke into the Pelosi home through a back door facing

attempted homicide charges after striking 82-year-old Paul Pelosi in the head. The House Speaker has been spending time at the hospital with her husband, who's recovering from life-threatening injuries. It happened early Friday morning when 42-year-old David Depape allegedly broke into Pelosi's San Francisco home. Sources saying he shouted, "where is Nancy? Where is Nancy?"

JENKINS: He was looking for Mrs. Pelosi.

ALMAGUER: But the Democratic leader was across the country in Washington, D.C. Instead, police say, the suspect confronted her husband, who dialed 911.

DISPATCHER: RP stated that there's a male in the home and that he is going to wait for his wife. RP stated he doesn't know who the male is.

ALMAGUER: Police credit the quick thinking dispatcher, who picked up on Pelosi's clues that he was in immediate danger and sent help within minutes.

SAN FRANCISCO PD CHIEF WILLIAM SCOTT: It was life-saving, in my opinion.

ALMAGUER: Officers arrived at the scene amid a struggle over the suspect's hammer. Police tackling Depape, but not before, they say, he fractured Pelosi's skull and seriously injured his arms and hands. Investigators later revealing they found zip-ties inside the home. Pelosi undergoing surgery over the weekend. The Speaker saying Saturday his condition continues to improve. The focus now turning to the suspect's digital footprint. A personal blog published under his name brimming with far-right extremism, conspiracy theories like Q-Anon and anti-Semitic postings. Democrats, including President Biden, sounding the alarm.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: You can't condemn the violence unless you condemn those people who continue to argue the election was not real.

ALMAGUER: Republican lawmakers echoing concerns.

SENATOR RICK SCOTT (R-FL) [on ABC's This Week, on 10/30/22]: And we've got to do everything we can to lower the rhetoric.

ALMAGUER: A call for civility after a savage attack on the husband of the Speaker of the House.

GUTHRIE: So disturbing, Miguel. And this comes amid a growing number of threats against members of Congress.

ALMAGUER: Yeah, that's right. Threats to the members of congress are up 144 percent in recent years. And, Savannah, as you know, we are days away from the midterm elections, Savannah.

GUTHRIE: Miguel Almaguer, thank you very much.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: After the Attack]

GUTHRIE: After the attack. The suspect in that violent assault on speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband set to appear in court today. What we're learning about the possible motive and Paul Pelosi's condition this morning. We're live with the latest.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Details in Pelosi Attack]

GUTHRIE: And we've got new information about the suspect accused of breaking into Speaker Nancy Pelosi's home and severely beating her husband. NBC's Miguel Almaguer is at the San Francisco hospital where Paul Pelosi is recovering this morning. Miguel, good morning.

ALMAGUER: Savannah, good morning. Sources with knowledge of the situation say Paul Pelosi remains in the intensive care unit here at the hospital. When his son was seen leaving this area yesterday, he was asked how his father was doing. His response, "doctors are slowly rebuilding him." Of course, this attack happened early Friday morning around 2:27 a.m. Police say 42-year-old David Depape broke into the Pelosi home with a hammer and approached Paul Pelosi, looking for his wife, Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House, in the couple's second floor. Police say, when they arrived, there was a struggle over the hammer and that the suspect hit Paul Pelosi multiple times with that hammer. He is again here recovering at the hospital. Meantime, investigators are looking into the suspect's digital footprint. They say they found there are some troubling writings online, including wild conspiracy theories. The 82-year-old is recovering with the Speaker of the House now by his side. Hoda, back to you.

KOTB: Miguel, thank you.