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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; FBI: Shooter Wanted to ‘Give ICE Agents Real Terror’]

TOM LLAMAS: Tonight, inside that sniper’s plan much attack. The months of planning. Officials now calling it terrorism. The FBI recovering handwritten notes at the gunman’s home about his targets. One note that read, “ hopefully, this will give ICE agents real terror.” Authorities say the 29-year-old suspect used apps to track ICE agents’ locations and researched information about the ICE facility.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Shooter Wanted to ‘Give ICE Agents Real Terror’]

LLAMAS: The more we learn about that sniper’s plan to kill in Dallas, the more apparent how close so many ICE officers came to losing their lives. Three ICE detainees were shot yesterday. One fatally. We are learning more tonight from federal investigators about the shooter. They sifted through handwritten notes, officials say, shed light on an effort to create terror and he had a list of DHS facilities. He had looked into apps that tracked the presence of ICE agents and he had web search of the video of Charlie Kirk being fatally shot. People who knew the gunman are adding to the portrait and tensions are running high, including in immigrant communities in the climate. Priscilla Thompson leads us off.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; FBI: Gunman Sought to Unleash ‘Real Terror’ on ICE]

PRISCILLA THOMPSON: Tonight, investigators revealing disturbing new details about a gunman they say was fixated on kill ICE agents and had been planning his attack on a Dallas ICE facility for months.

ACTING U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS NANCY LARSON: What he did is the very definition of terrorism.

THOMPSON: The FBI saying they found his handwritten notes, including one that read: “Hopefully, this will give ICE agents real terror to think ‘is there a sniper with AP rounds on that roof?’”

LARSON: He wrote he intended to maximize lethality against ICE personnel and to maximize

property damage at the facility.

THOMPSON: In addition to writing “anti-ICE” on his bullets, the FBI says the gunman downloaded DHS facilities, searched apps that tracked ICE agents and conducted multiple searches for the “Charlie Kirk shot video” before investigators say he got on to a roof across from the ICE office and started firing indiscriminately, hitting a van with detainees inside, killing one. A man in the same Boy Scout troop with the suspect as a teen described a conversation about migrant caravans in recent years. “He was upset how people were not understanding people’s desperation to get out of bad situations,” the scout member, who asked not to be named, told NBC News. President Trump’s border czar blaming Democrats fierce criticism of ICE.

TOM HOMAN [on FNC’s *The Faulkner Focus*, 09/25/25]: Someone who ran for president of the United States comparing ICE to Nazis, that gives some of these nuts — it emboldens them to take action.

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES (D-NY); We need leadership coming from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue to take the temperature down fore everybody

THOMPSON: Officials say the gunman acted alone. Was there anything in terms of an inciting incident that led him to commit this attack?

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FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE JOE ROTHROCK: People can be motivated to violence by any number of grievances. In this case, the motivation are his own words. He wanted to cause terror. He wanted to harm ICE personnel.

LLAMAS: Alright, Priscilla joins us now live. Priscilla, we’re learning more about the people who were inside that facility when this happened?

THOMPSON: Yeah, Tom, one woman who was inside said that she escaped violence El Salvador and was nervous about coming back here today. We know that the office is set to reopen on Monday with increased security. Tom.

LLAMAS: All right, Priscilla Thompson leading us off tonight.