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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Developments; Hanukkah Terror Attack]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Terror on the first night of Hanukkah.

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BONDI BEACH CROWD: He's got a gun! Gun!

ROBERTS: New video showing people were running for their lives as two shooters opened fire targeting the Jewish community in Australia, killing at least 15 people. A hero bystander, caught on camera, jumping one of the shooters, wrestling his gun away from him.

NEW SOUTH WALES PREMIER CHRIS MINNS (Labor): That man is a genuine hero.

ROBERTS: This morning, what we know about that hero, now recovering in the hospital as cities and Jewish communities across the U.S. step up security.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Developments; Deadly Attack on Hanukkah Celebration in Australia]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Now to the targeted attack in Australia. At least 15 people were killed, 42 injured when officials say two gunmen opened fire on a Hanukkah celebration at a popular beach. The suspects being identified as father and son. Faith Abubey in Sydney, Australia with the latest. Good morning to you, Faith.

FAITH ABUBEY: Yeah, good morning to you, Robin. Horror and heartbreak here in Australia as the entire nation tries to make sense of what happened here. This is the worst mass shooting in the country in nearly 30 years and authorities say it was a targeted act of terrorism on the Jewish community.

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ABUBEY: The festivities coming to a halt as a pair of gunmen opened fire. [GUNSHOTS] The attack was seen here. Police identifying them as a 50-year-old father and 24-year-old son. Video showing one gunman aiming at the crowd of more than 1,000 people from this footbridge. Officials say at least 15 people were killed and at least 40 others including children and senior citizens injured. Among those killed, Rabbi Eli Schlanger who served as rabbi and chaplain to the Bondi community for 18 years and Holocaust survivor Alex Kleytman, his daughter telling ABC News he was killed while trying to protect his wife.

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ABUBEY: First responders killing one of the gunmen at the scene. The other alleged gunman is in critical condition. And tributes were pouring in from all over the world and here in Australia take a look. The menorah was projected on the Sydney Opera House to honor the victims. As for the suspect, authorities say one of the them was a licensed gun owner with six firearms, but they have not yet revealed a motive.

ROBERTS: We will find it out ahead.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Heightened Security in U.S. After Sydney Hanukkah Attack]

ROBERTS: But now, cities and synagogues across the U.S. have tightened security following the targeted attack in Australia that killed at least 15 people at a Hanukkah celebration there. Chief investigative correspondent Aaron Katersky is tracking security for us. Good morning, Aaron.

AARON KATERSKY: And good morning to you, Robin. This towering menorah here is meant to be a light in dark times and it was lit on the first night of Hanukkah under heavy guard. Police in New York and cities across the country are stepping up security for Hanukkah celebrations after the deadly rampage in Australia. The police commissioner here said the attack was no isolated incident and part of what she called a wider assault on Jewish life. Organizers of the menorah lighting here were part of the same group that staged the doomed event on Bondi Beach and they said they would not be cowed into canceling, so the police brought in extra officers, specialized patrols, and heavy weapons teams to fortify the plaza and that security is going to persist all week for the duration of Hanukkah for the start of the winter holiday season, which this year, George, law enforcement officials say comes with the added threat of heightened violence.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: It sure does. Okay, Aaron, thanks very much.