



## Cross-Dressing Parade Gunman Bought 5 Weapons Despite Threats

### Description

**USA: Update (1950ET):** The suspected gunman who killed 7 people in the Independence Day parade attack in suburban Chicago **legally bought two high-powered rifles** and three other weapons, despite having had knives confiscated in 2019 after he threatened suicide and violence, [according to police](#).

21-year-old Robert “Bobby” E. Crimo III was charged with seven counts of first-degree murder on Tuesday for the shooting, and “dozens of more charges” are anticipated according to Lake County State’s Attorney Eric Rinehart.

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The death toll in Monday’s 4th of July parade shooting in Highland Park, Illinois has risen to **seven**, after more than 70 shots were fired into the crowd.



According to a Tuesday statement by police, the shooter – believed to be Robert Crimo III – was able to initially evade capture by **dressing as a woman** to blend into the fleeing crowd.

WGN Investigates has obtained an image of the suspected parade shooter dressed as a woman. Police say he wore the disguise to aid in his escape. [@WGNNews pic.twitter.com/GniP3CLBNA](https://t.co/KwPtulXno3)

— Ben Bradley (@BenBradleyTV) [July 5, 2022](#)

During a Tuesday morning press conference, Christopher Covelli, Lake County Major Crime Task Force spokesman, said that 21-year-old Robert “Bobby” Crimo III purchased the rifle used in the mass shooting through legal means. He was arrested approximately **eight hours after the shooting**, while a second gun was found in his car following the arrest.

According to Highland Park Police Commander Chris O’Neill, the gunman was perched on a rooftop and was “very difficult to see,” adding that the rifle was recovered at the scene, along with a ladder attached to the building.

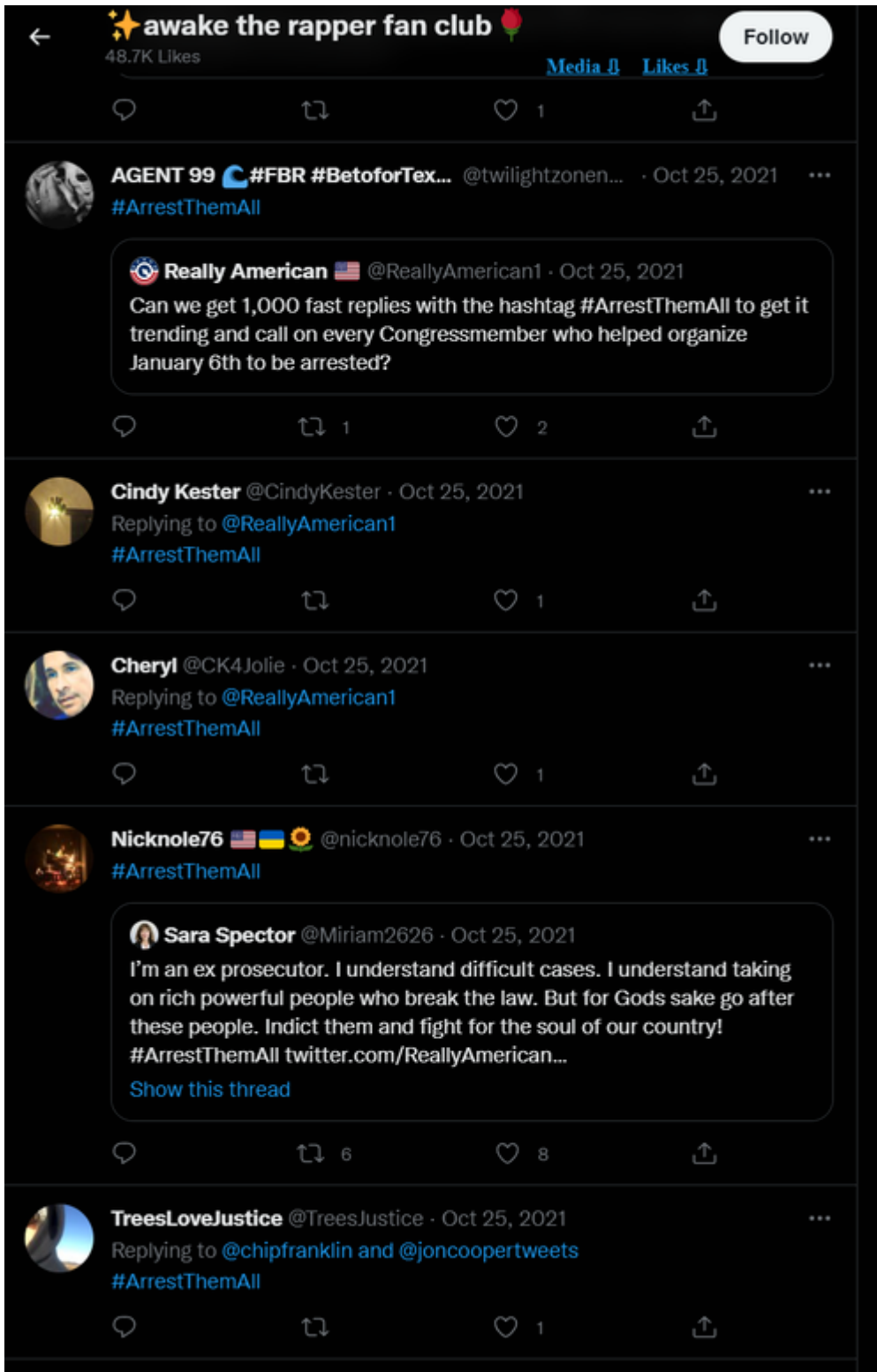
**Crimo reportedly planned the attack weeks in advance** according to police (or anyone who watched his music video depicting a mass shooting). There is no indication that the shooting was racially motivated.

*Crimo, who goes by the name Bobby, was an aspiring rapper with the stage name Awake the Rapper, posting on social media dozens videos and songs, some ominous and violent.*

*In one animated video since taken down by YouTube, Crimo raps about armies “walking in darkness” as a drawing appears of a man pointing a rifle, a body on the ground and another figure with hands up in the distance. –[Press Herald](#)*

Federal agents are reviewing his internet footprint – while a preliminary examination of his internet history suggests he was **researching mass killings**, a law enforcement official said.

Crimo also ‘liked’ several tweets advocating for the imprisonment of pro-J6 Republicans, with the hashtag “ArrestThemAll.”



CNN, meanwhile, is taking this whole thing very seriously.

Witness: "There was a body about 8ft from where we were standing... that body was in a

pool of blood...”

CNN host: \*smiles and laughs\* [pic.twitter.com/M05FgxruQK](https://pic.twitter.com/M05FgxruQK)

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