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Oklahoma City: Thirty years after a truck bomb killed 168 people, deep scars remain.

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Georgia native jailed as ‘unauthorized’

Cairo man shows U.S. birth certificate, still was kept for ICE review.

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A Georgia native spent more than 24 hours in detention at a Florida county jail after immigration

authorities asked that he be held and charged as an “unauthorized alien,” under a Florida law that has been temporarily blocked for weeks. Juan Carlos Lopez-Gomez, a 20-year-old from Grady County, remained behind bars even after an advocate produced his U.S. birth certificate in court. Lopez-Gomez was arrested

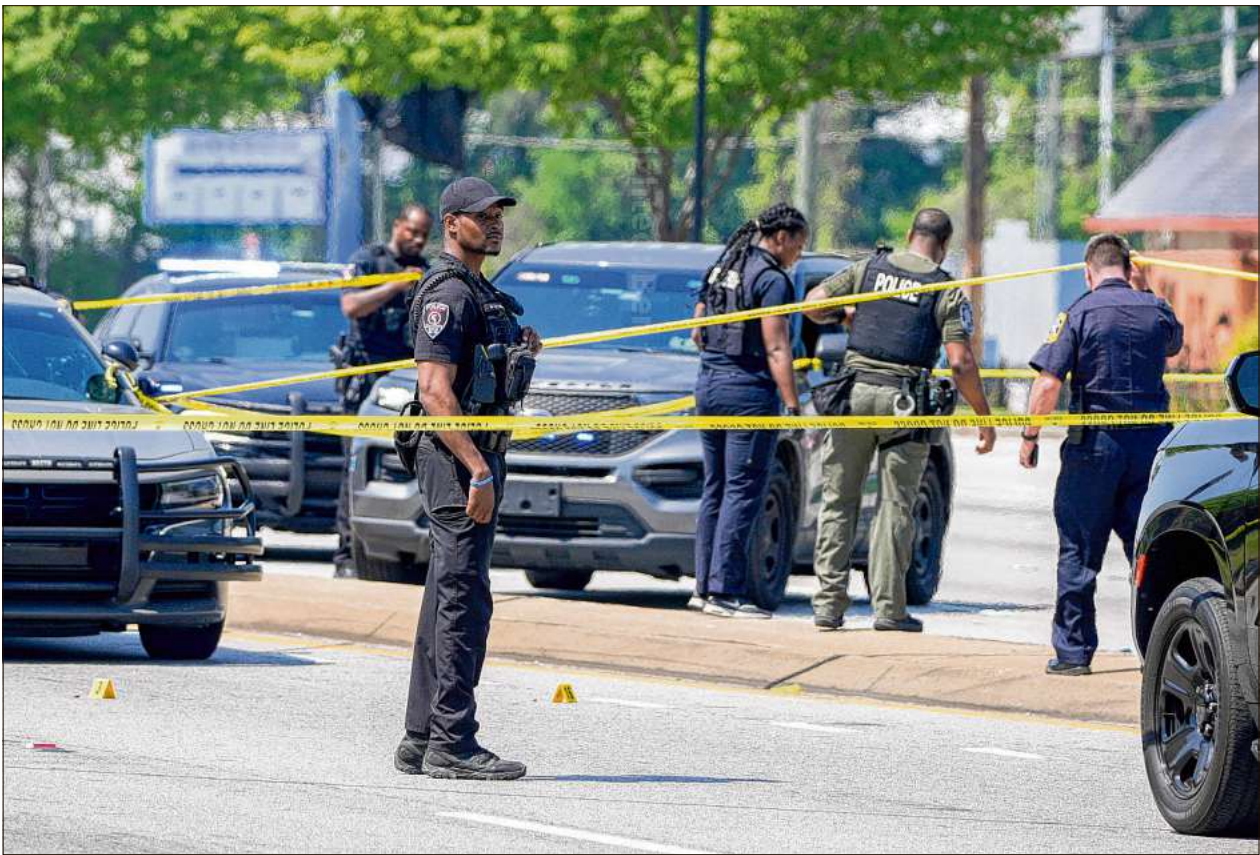
by Florida Highway Patrol on Wednesday after the car in which he was riding as a passenger was pulled over. At a Thursday court hearing, Leon County Judge LaShawn Riggins reviewed Lopez-Gomez’s birth certificate and said that “this is indeed an authentic document,” according to coverage by nonprofit news outlet Florida Phoenix.

According to court records, Riggins found no probable cause for the charge of an immigration violation but said she lacked the jurisdiction to release Lopez-Gomez. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had asked the jail to hold the 20-year-old for 48 hours, a request made when federal officials need time to take migrants into their custody.

Lopez-Gomez was released several hours later on Thursday evening, after protesters had gathered in the jail’s parking lot, the Florida Phoenix reported. An ICE agent took him to a nearby Wendy’s. The agency has not responded to a request for comment from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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2 officers shot, suspect dead at Fulton hotel



Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the scene where two police officers were shot Friday on Fulton Industrial Boulevard. PHOTOS BY BEN HENDREN FOR THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

Police officers hospitalized, one in critical condition.

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A Friday shootout in Fulton County left a suspected gunman dead and injured two officers, who were taken to the hospital, where one is in critical condition, officials said. The shooting prompted a heavy police presence at a motel near the Fulton airport and blocked Fulton Industrial Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The injured officers work for the Fulton County and city of South Fulton police departments. The incident started when a Fulton officer initiated a traffic

stop with a “suspicious person” who was jaywalking, South Fulton police Chief Keith Meadows said during a news conference. South Fulton Lt. Charles Cook, who also responded to the scene, got out of his car and was struck “at least three times” when the suspect began firing, Meadows said. Cook and a Fulton officer, who has not yet been publicly identified, were taken to Grady Memorial Hospital, where Cook is in critical condition, the chief said. “Fortunately, Grady personnel has been able to stabilize him at this point,” the chief said, adding the department is “hopeful



South Fulton Police Chief Keith Meadows gives an update Friday on his officer’s condition outside Grady Hospital. Two police officers were injured in a shootout that killed the suspected gunman, according to South Fulton police.

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Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey on Friday addresses the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church congregation about the shooting at FSU. GARY MCCULLOUGH/AP

Police: Florida State rampage lasted less than 5 minutes

Two people died, but five other victims of shooting are expected to survive.

From wire services

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. — Thursday’s shooting rampage at Florida State University, which left two dead and six others wounded, lasted less than five minutes before police shot and wounded the suspect who was believed to be the 20-year-old son of a local sheriff’s deputy and a student at the school. The suspect, Phoenix Ikner, arrived on the Tallahassee campus an hour before the shooting and stayed near a parking garage before he walked in and out of buildings and green spaces on campus, allegedly firing a handgun just before lunch time, police revealed Friday. The first crack of gunfire came around 11:50 a.m., and less than five minutes later, officers confronted the suspect and put him down, Tallahassee police said. Two men who were not students were pronounced dead at the scene. Five other victims were shot and wounded, and another person was hurt while running away. Authorities have not revealed a motive. Medical staff at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare held a press conference Friday, saying they treated six people for gunshots at Tallahassee

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Unpaid rent puts airport, food court operator at odds

Global Concessions owes millions, with no solution in sight to pay the debt.

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The concessionaire that operates the airport’s Concourse C food court started racking up unpaid rent bills before its restaurants even opened more than five years ago. Today, Global Concessions Inc. owes Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport about \$4.6 million, a recent Chapter 11 filing shows, and the city-run airport is trying to force the company out of its contract. Global is lobbying the Atlanta City Council to try to pull off a Hail Mary attempt to let the concessionaire sell the remainder of its contract and assets to a competitor to cover its debts. But the viability of that option was thrown into doubt earlier this year, Global argues, when the

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Spelman College pageantry celebrates its Black sisterhood

School spirit for Spelman College went viral on social media in recent weeks as students geared up for a series of beauty competitions, culminating with the annual Miss Spelman pageant. The competitions have cultivated a lasting tradition among students and alumnae.



Kemp keeps GOP guessing on possible run for Senate

The governor faces rising pressure to take on Jon Ossoff in 2026.

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For months, Gov. Brian Kemp has deflected questions about a potential Senate bid by saying his top priority is passing a legal overhaul and navigating the Georgia legislative session. With the revamp now awaiting his signature and lawmakers back home for the year, the pressure from Republicans for him to challenge Sen. Jon Ossoff is only intensifying. But Kemp isn’t yet



Gov. Brian Kemp says he has not yet decided whether to run for the U.S. Senate.

ready to make his decision public. “I don’t really have a time frame on that,” Kemp said recently. “But now that we are out of the legislative session, I’m going to give some thought to that.” Kemp’s indecision hasn’t stopped supporters and Republican leaders from urging him to

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‘Man of Steel’ still brings hope to his legions of fans

Admirers say Superman stands above other superheroes in his singular ability to inspire people in desperate situations.



Man’s death in car crash shatters all who knew him

Richie Wells had a megawatt smile and a new career in Atlanta, but it all ended tragically when another driver fled police.

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