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Colorado rampage involves months of plans

Authorities say suspect bought online ammo delivered to apartment for assault on theater



James Holmes

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Associated Press

AURORA, COLO. The Colorado shooting suspect planned the rampage that killed 12 midnight moviegoers with "calculation and deliberation," police said Saturday, receiving deliveries for months which authorities believe armed him for battle and were used to rig his apartment with dozens of bombs.

Authorities on Saturday were still working to clear dangerous explosive materials from inside James Holmes' suburban Denver apartment a day after police said he opened fire and set off gas canisters in a suburban theater minutes into the premiere of the Batman film *The Dark Knight Rises*. The attack left 12 dead and 58 injured.

His apartment was rigged with jars of liquids, explosives and chemicals that were booby trapped to kill "whoever entered it," Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates said, noting it would have likely been one of his officers.

"You think we're angry? We sure as hell are angry," Oates said.

Authorities wouldn't discuss a motive for one of the deadliest mass shootings in recent U.S. history, as makeshift memorials for the victims sprang up and relatives began to publicly mourn their loved ones. Holmes had recently withdrawn from a competitive graduate program in neuroscience; neighbors and former classmates in California have said he was a smart loner who said little.

He apparently had prepared the attack at the Aurora theater well in advance, receiving multiple deliveries by mail for four months to his home and school and buying thousands rounds of ammunition on the Internet, Oates said.

Federal authorities detonated one small explosive and disarmed others inside Holmes' apartment after sending in a robot to take down a trip wire, FBI Special agent James

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Derby champions (from left) David Wilt, Super Kids; Logan Maves, rally stock; Nick Zimmerman, rally super stock; Freddy Atchison, rally masters; Laura Overmyer, Ultimate Speed; Kallie Myers, local super stock; Maddie Minch, local masters and Alexander Khachigian, local stock, take a group photo Saturday in Akron.

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Racers begin a journey downhill Saturday during the 75th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby at Derby Downs in Akron.

Ohio racer, 18, rallies from crash in first heat to win super stock division at Soap Box Derby

By Marilyn Miller and Heather Beyer
Beacon Journal staff writers

When Kallie Myers stepped into her racing car Saturday morning for her first heat at Akron's Derby Downs, she couldn't imagine what was in store for her.

The 18-year-old from St. Clairsville crashed when another car bumped into her after crossing the finish line.

Her car spun around and ended up traveling backward about 400 feet. The axle was bent and the wheels had to be replaced.

"I screamed," Myers said. "I was more scared than anything."

Undeterred, she came back to win the final heat in the local super stock race and become a champion at the 75th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby. It also was her final year of racing at the event.

"What a way for her to go out," her mother, Kathy Myers, said. "St. Clairsville has never had a champ."

Her father, Matt Myers, wiped tears from his eyes, overwhelmed with pride in his daughter's win.

"It's an amazing feeling," Kallie Myers said. "There is nothing better than to win in your last year and go out with a bang. It's bittersweet and sad that it is all over."

Attendance climbs

Nearly 12,000 people attended the derby this year, beating last year's attendance of 10,000.

The weather cooperated. There was no rain. And more people sat in the stands rather than hiding from the sun under the tents.

The race also set a record for the earliest finish, ending at 3:25 p.m. It usually ends after 5 p.m.

The Goodyear blimp hovered in the sky. Twenty-five of the older champs returned to watch the derby. The oldest returning champ was Freddy Mohler of Muncie, Ind., who has been to 50 out of 59 races. He won in 1953.

Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic was there, as well as actor-director Corbin Bernsen, who has paid a portion of the proceeds from the movie *25 Hill* to the derby.

St. Clairsville wasn't the only town with a first-time winner. It was a good day for Cuyahoga Falls, too.

Freddy Atchison, 14, is the first person from Cuyahoga Falls to win a world championship. He won the rally masters division.

"It feels pretty good," Atchison said. Logan Maves, 10, of Madison Wis., won the rally stock race.

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BOB DYER

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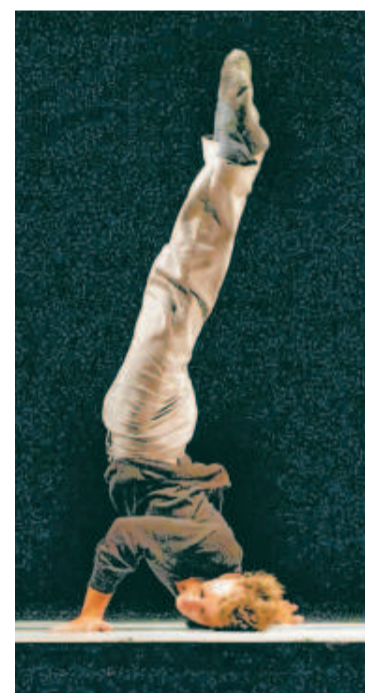
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N.E. Ohio flush with gaming parlors

Attorney general reports nearly 100 in five-county Akron area

By Rick Armon

Beacon Journal staff writer

More than half of Ohio's 772 Internet cafes and sweepstakes parlors are in Northeast Ohio.

Attorney General Mike DeWine released an updated list of the gambling parlors last week, saying the number of venues is greater than anyone thought. He also continued his call for state regulation.

The owners of the parlors were re-

quired to file an affidavit with DeWine's office by July 11 as part of a state-approved yearlong moratorium on any new businesses opening.

A total of 667 filed by the deadline. Another 105 came in later.

"I was amazed at the number," said Summit County Councilman Nick Kostandaras, who helped pass a law two years ago to regulate and license the businesses in Summit County townships. He also said he agrees that they should

be regulated by the state, especially because of the oversight given to the new casinos and racinos in Ohio.

The Internet cafes and sweepstakes parlors have been controversial businesses. They're set up like mini casinos inside. They often sell Internet time or phone cards, but people who buy those services can play games and win money on machines that look like video slots.

Many law-enforcement officials believe they're illegal and DeWine has

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