

'Terrorist Attack': Driver Rams Truck Into New Orleans Crowd, 10 Dead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – The suspect who drove a vehicle at high speed into a crowd of revelers in New Orleans on New Year's Day was killed after a firefight with police, law enforcement officials told the AP.

The officials were not authorized to discuss details of the investigation publicly and spoke to AP on condition of anonymity.

Ten people were killed and 30 were injured after the suspect rammed a vehicle at high speed into a crowd of pedestrians in New Orleans' bustling French Quarter district at 3:15 a.m. Wednesday along Bourbon Street.

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The area is known worldwide as one of the largest destinations for New Year's Eve parties, especially with crowds in the city ballooning in anticipation for the Sugar Bowl college football playoff game at the nearby Superdome later in the day.

The FBI said in a statement that it was heading an investigation "with our partners to investigate this as an act of terrorism." At a news conference, New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell described the killings as a "terrorist attack" and the city's police chief said the act was clearly intentional.

Alethea Duncan, an assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's New Orleans field office, said officials were investigating the discovery of at least one suspected improvised explosive device at the scene.

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Whit Davis, 22, told CNN he was leaving a nightclub at the time of the attack.

"Everyone started yelling and screaming and running to the back, and then we basically went into lockdown for a little bit and then it calmed down but they wouldn't let us leave," Davis said.

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Mark Driscoll Shares His 10 Prophetic Predictions for the New Year

In a recent message, Pastor Mark Driscoll gave his 10

prophetic predictions about what he believes the church will encounter in 2025.

“I believe that we have an opportunity as God’s people to pay attention to what is happening in the culture so that we can be best prepared for what God intends for His people, the church, in 2025,” says Driscoll.

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2025: Pastor Greg Locke’s Vision for the Year Ahead

As the new year of 2025 approaches, Christians worldwide are looking for godly insight into what lies ahead. In a recent interview with Charisma Media, Pastor Greg Locke of Global Vision Bible Church offered his perspective on the spiritual trajectory of the coming year, calling for both vigilance and unity among believers.

Locke emphasized the need for the church to rise as a beacon of truth amidst growing cultural and spiritual challenges. “The Lord is shaking the nations, and the church must awaken to her purpose,” he declared. This statement aligns with the biblical mandate in Hebrews 12:26-27: “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven.” He pointed to these times as an opportunity for believers to refocus on our mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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One of Locke’s primary concerns for 2025 is the rise of deception within and outside the church. “We’re seeing a tidal wave of lies and false doctrines,” he warned, referencing 2 Timothy 4:3 (MEV): “For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine; but they will gather to themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, having itching ears.” Locke’s caution serves as a reminder that having biblical discernment is crucial in navigating the spiritual climate of the new year and beyond.

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Take Time to Evaluate Your Spiritual Growth Before Starting 2025

When God created the heavens, the earth, the oceans, the plants and the animals, He took time to assess His creation—and as Genesis 1 tells us, He “saw that it was good” (v. 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, NASB 1995). When He finished the job, He took a day to rest—setting in motion a rhythm of rest for all of us. God didn’t need a break; He was teaching us the importance of rest and quiet trust.

This principle of Sabbath has affected the way I start each new year. When one year ends, I make sure to take time to celebrate the highlights by looking at photos, savoring

memories and writing down my best moments. I also mourn my losses. And I carefully consider how I can grow spiritually in the coming year.

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We all need to take a deep breath before we race into a new year. This has become a spiritual discipline for me. I relish the memories, smell the flowers I saw along the way and thank God for the victories. It's my way of saying, "It is good" before I rush into my next assignment.

Serious self-examination is good for the soul. Psalm 119:59 (NASB) says: "I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies." Lamentations 3:40 (KJV) adds: "Let us search and try our ways, and turn back to the Lord." As you begin 2025, I urge you to set time aside to ask yourself these 10 questions:

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"What were my highlights in 2024?" It's important to celebrate your victories and mountaintop experiences. Psalm 103:2b (NASB 1995) says: "Forget none of His benefits." I love to write down my best memories of the year and thank God for each of them.

"What did I learn in the past year?" The Holy Spirit has been working in your life, perhaps in ways you may not have noticed. Take time to record what you learned from God's Word, from sermons, from mentors, at your job and, yes, even from your mistakes.

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School District Backtracks on Decision to Ban Bibles from Libraries

A Texas school district removed the Bible from its libraries, arguing that it falls under a state law banning “sexually explicit” material in public school libraries. The district has since reevaluated its decision.

Canyon Independent School District Superintendent Darryl Flusche wrote in an email obtained by the Christian Post that House Bill 900 “establishes library standards that restrict content in school libraries.”

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The bill seeks to remove “sexually explicit material” from school libraries. Such content is defined as:

Any communication, language, or material, including a written description, illustration, photographic image, video image, or audio file, other than library material directly related to the curriculum required under Section (a), that describes, depicts, or portrays sexual conduct, as defined by Section , Penal Code, in a way that is patently offensive, as defined by Section , Penal Code.

According to Flusche, the law “doesn’t allow numerous books,

including the full text of the Bible, to be available in the school library.”

He noted that the library offers 30 titles that are “Bible stories or portions of the Bible.” Flusche further stated that the district has “strong connections with local churches that are happy to donate a Bible” to students upon request. “We are more than willing to assist a student who would like access to a Bible by arranging this from one of our partnering churches.”

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Texas State Rep. Jared Patterson, R-Frisco, the author of HB 900, said the Bible is the “most important and most read book in history, and removing it does a grave injustice to the students in your care.”

He added that “the Bible, and other religious texts, are protected” under the law.

“Perhaps you disagree with our fight against radically explicit content in public schools like Canyon ISD,” Patterson wrote. “Not only is your interpretation of HB 900 completely wrong, but your decision to ban the Bible was likely illegal.”

In a candid interview with PragerU's Marissa Streit, In-N-Out President and CEO Lynsi Snyder shared her inspiring journey, detailing how her faith in God has guided her through personal loss and the pressures of running one of America's most beloved fast food chains.

Snyder, who inherited the company at the age of 17 after the tragic loss of close family members, discussed the challenges that came with the inheritance and the criticism she faced for receiving such a legacy. "For me, defending myself and trying to get into that, I just had to lay it down a long time ago," Snyder explained. As a Christian, she said, accepting persecution and judgment from others has been part of the process. "When you align yourself with Jesus, you're making enemies," she noted, emphasizing that her peace comes from knowing that God and the people who truly know her understand her dedication and hard work.

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Throughout the interview, Snyder spoke about her high-capacity work schedule, balancing meetings with vice presidents, department heads and her involvement in creative outlets like the merchandise department. She explained how her father's death pushed her to step into her role more fully, becoming the guardian of her family's legacy. "All the things I was passionate about, I'm able to do in some way here at In-N-Out or through ministry," she said.

Snyder also shared how forgiveness and grace have shaped her leadership style, having experienced significant loss and been guided by God's grace. She believes that unforgiveness poisons people, and she advocates for forgiveness as a path to healing.

One of the unique aspects of In-N-Out that Snyder highlighted was the inclusion of Bible verses on their packaging, a practice started by her uncle, who became a Christian before he passed away. Snyder shared her personal touch on the Bible verses, including a verse on the fry boat about resilience, which holds deep meaning for her.

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Reflecting on her journey and the loss of her family members, Snyder said, "God knew that when I lost my family members that started this company and that were so special to me ... In losing them, you can't replace them. But God did know that I was gaining a giant family."

When asked what advice she would give her 20-something self, Snyder's message was simple yet profound: "Ultimately, God is good." She concluded, "He has blessed me ... and I think ultimately it just makes me love Him more."

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Stranger's Generosity Turns 2 Brothers' Musical Effort into a Life-Changing Christmas

Jesus Christ instructed us never to sound the trumpet of self-praise when doing acts of charity.

But what happens when the trumpet belongs to the recipient of said charity? What if the recipient had used the instrument to spread joy on Christmas Eve? And what should we think when the one bestowing the charity expressed sincere-sounding reluctance to receive any sort of praise? Finally, what are we to make of it when, notwithstanding the giver's reluctance, the act went viral on social media?

When all of those things occur at once, perhaps we should conclude that Jesus had His hand on everyone involved.

According to WLKY in Louisville, Kentucky, 18-year-old Sincere Ellison and his 15-year-old brother, Carson Bowman, spent Christmas Eve spreading cheer and hoping to raise a little money for themselves by playing Christmas songs on their trumpets outside the Oxmoor Center shopping mall in Louisville.

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At one point, a stranger came by and gave the boys \$100. Then, the same stranger did something even more remarkable.

“And then he was like, wait right here,” Bowman told WLKY. “Don’t move, 30 minutes and I was just playing everything. I heard footsteps in the leaves and stuff, and I turned around, and he had the PS5.”