



Shooting at U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, June 10, 2009

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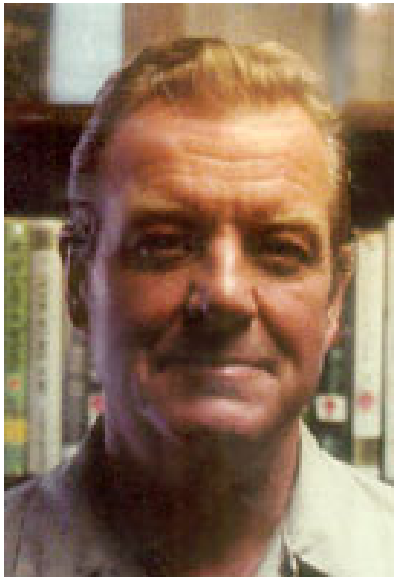
Summary

- At approximately 12:50 p.m. EST shots were fired in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.
- A man armed with a “long gun” entered lobby of the museum wearing a Confederate hat and brown trench coat.
- He opened fire hitting a security guard, who later died. Two other guards returned fire, wounding the shooter.
- Both the guard and the shooter were taken to George Washington University Hospital.
- It currently appears that the shooter was acting alone, despite ties to white supremacist causes.



Details

- The shooter has been identified as 89-year-old James W. von Brunn.
- He has been affiliated with white supremacist groups, specifically the Holy Western Empire.
- He was the author of *Kill the Best Gentiles*: an anti-Semitic tract purporting to expose a “Jewish Conspiracy to destroy the White gene pool.” The author argues the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 gave Jews control of America’s money and that Hitler's worst mistake was not gassing all the Jews.





Details

- Von Brunn has a criminal history, spending 6.5 years in Federal Prison, according to his own website.
- Convicted for entering the Federal Reserve building armed with several weapons and attempting to take hostages.
- He claimed his conviction was the result of “Jew-controlled” legal system.



Implications for New York

- This appears to be the latest example of an active shooter striking out against perceived injustices.
- Similar recent examples include the shooting at the Arkansas military recruiting center and a gunman opening fire at a community civic center in Binghamton, N.Y.
- Domestic terrorists can pose threats as serious as those posed by foreign terrorists.



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