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Explosion in Manhattan injures 29

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday that an explosion that rocked a crowded Manhattan neighborhood, injuring 29 people, doesn't appear to be linked to international terrorism, and he vowed that authorities would find and prosecute whoever was responsible.

He noted that 1,000 additional law enforcement officers were being deployed after the Saturday night blast in Chelsea, a primarily residential neighborhood on Manhattan's west side that's known for its art galleries and large gay population. He encouraged New Yorkers to go about their day as usual.

"We're not going to let them win," Cuomo said at the scene. "We're not going to let them instill fear."

The Democratic governor

said the preliminary investigation didn't appear to show a link to international terrorism, and he noted that no terrorism group had taken credit for it.

Authorities said the Manhattan blast didn't appear to be connected to a pipe bomb explosion earlier Saturday in New Jersey that forced the cancellation of a charity run. He noted that the bombs included different materials.

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that a second device that officers investigated four blocks from the scene appeared to be a pressure cooker attached to wiring and a cellphone. The official, who was not authorized to speak about an ongoing investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the device was found inside a plastic bag on West 27th Street. The device

was removed with a robot and was taken to a department firing range in the Bronx.

The law enforcement official also said that the explosion appeared to have come from a construction toolbox in front of a building. Photos from the scene show a twisted, crumpled, black, metal box.

The blast happened on West 23rd Street, in front of a residence for the blind and near a major thoroughfare with many restaurants and a Trader Joe's supermarket. Witnesses said the explosion at about 8:30 p.m. blew out the windows of businesses and scattered debris.

Cuomo said Sunday that all the injured who were taken to a hospital after the blast had been released. He said most had been hit with glass or debris.

Some New York City subway routes were affected by the explosion, which rattled some

New Yorkers and visitors on the heels of the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Chris Gonzalez, visiting from Dallas, was having dinner with friends at a restaurant in the area.

"We felt it. We heard it," Gonzalez said. "It wasn't like jolting or anything. Everyone just went quiet."

Rudy Alcide, a bouncer at Vanity Nightclub at 21st Street and 6th Avenue, said at first he thought something large had fallen.

"It was an extremely loud noise. Everything was shaking, the windows were shaking," he said. "It was extremely loud, almost like thunder but louder."

FBI and Homeland Security officials, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives arson and explosive task force, were at the scene Sunday.

Okinawa's governor suffers setback in court

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Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Japanese court ruled Friday that Okinawa's anti-U.S. bases governor acted illegally by revoking a permit to reclaim land for relocating Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Japan.

Gov. Takeshi Onaga said he would appeal to the Japanese Supreme Court to overturn Friday's unanimous decision by the three-judge panel of the Fukuoka High Court. That would set the stage for a final showdown on the controversial base relocation.

Onaga wants the air station moved off Okinawa. The Japanese central government wants

the base moved to a less populated part of the island in an issue which has stalled for 20 years.

"I am astonished by the one-sided ruling," Onaga said after Friday's ruling by the Okinawa branch of the Fukuoka High Court. "The judgment gives far too much power to the central government. It will trigger further protests from the people of Okinawa."

According to attorneys for the prefectural government, the appeal has to be filed within seven days. Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga welcomed the ruling.

He told reporters that the construction at Henoko would remain suspended until all

of the litigation had been exhausted.

The Tokyo government sued Onaga in July over his revocation of the reclamation permit, which was granted by his predecessor, Hirokazu Nakaima, in December 2013.

The permit allows for the landfill of a portion of Oura Bay just offshore from Camp Schwab in Okinawa's remote north for a new runway to be used by the U.S. military. The move would then see U.S. forces relocate north from Futenma, which would be shuttered.

The relocation plan can be traced to 1995 as furor erupted on the tiny island prefecture over the kidnapping and rape of an Okinawan girl by two U.S.

Marines and a Navy corpsman. Locals demanded that Futenma, which sits in a heavily populated urban area in central Okinawa, be closed because it poses a safety risk. Tokyo and Washington agreed to the move but decided that operations should remain in Okinawa.

The issue ignited a small but vigorous protest movement that has been working to lower the burden of U.S. troops on the island ever since.

Protesters have become emboldened in recent years by crimes perpetrated by U.S. troops and by the 2014 election of Onaga, who was swept into office on promises to halt the relocation and force more American troops off the island.

US soldier supporting Inherent Resolve dies

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The Pentagon announced Sunday that Warrant Officer Travis R. Tamayo, who was supporting the anti-Islamic State coalition, died Friday in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

He died in an incident that wasn't combat-related and is under investigation, a statement said, without providing further details.

Tamayo, 32, of Brownsville,

Texas, was assigned to the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion out of Fort Gordon, Ga.

Tamayo was the 23rd American servicemember to die while supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, the U.S.-led effort against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria — only three of whom were killed in action — according to Defense Department statistics.

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Bomb explodes before NJ charity run; no injuries

Associated Press

SEASIDE PARK, N.J. — A pipe bomb exploded in a New Jersey shore town Saturday shortly before thousands of runners were to participate in a charity 5K race to benefit Marines and sailors, authorities said.

No injuries were reported in the blast in Seaside Park about 9:30 a.m. Saturday, said Al Della Fave, spokesman for the Ocean County Prosecutor's office. He said no surrounding structures were damaged.

The FBI has taken over as the lead agency in the investigation. But officials would not say whether they believe the incident was terror-related nor if they suspected participants in the third annual Semper Five run were targeted.

Brad Cohen, the acting special agent in charge of the FBI's office in Newark, declined to discuss the matter at length during a brief news conference staged Saturday evening. He also declined to take questions from reporters, citing the "active, ongoing" investigation.

The race had been scheduled to start shortly before the blast occurred, but it was delayed due to the large numbers of people registering for the race and reports of an unattended

backpack being found. Della Fave noted that if the race had started on time, a "good number of people" would have been running past the area where the explosion occurred.

The race was canceled, and the immediate area was put on lockdown. Several homes near the scene were evacuated as a precaution, though those residents were allowed to return home early Saturday night. However, authorities said several beaches in the area would remain closed until further notice.

The pipe bomb was in a plastic garbage can when it exploded, Della Fave said, but the immediate area where the blast occurred was mostly empty at the time. Authorities immediately cleared the boardwalk and the beach area, and bomb-sniffing dogs were used to search the area.

Shortly after the blast occurred, Della Fave told reporters at the scene that preliminary reports said there may have been other devices connected to the pipe bomb, but those devices apparently had not gone off.

New Jersey State Police said later in the day that bomb technicians "rendered safe" items located in a plastic trash can where the explosion occurred.

Warplane shot down in Syria by militants

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Islamic State militants shot down a Syrian warplane Sunday as Syrian forces regained ground lost to the extremists following a U.S.-led airstrike that hit government forces the day before, state media said.

The U.S. military says it may have unintentionally struck Syrian troops while carrying out a raid against the Islamic State group on Saturday. The incident has threatened an already fragile U.S.-Russian-brokered cease-fire that has largely held despite dozens of alleged violations on both sides.

The Syrian Foreign Ministry called the U.S.-led coalition airstrikes a "dangerous and blatant aggression against the Syrian Arab Republic and its army."

The ministry's statement, sent to the presidents of the United Nations and the U.N. Security Council, said American warplanes repeatedly attacked Syrian army positions on Saturday afternoon. It said the airstrikes were "on purpose and planned in advance" and killed dozens of Syrian soldiers.

Russia's military said it was told by the Syrian army that at least 62 soldiers were killed in the Deir el-Zour air raid and more than 100 were wounded. The Russian air force has been carrying out strikes across Syria to bolster President Bashar Assad's forces for nearly a year, and the two militaries work in close coordination.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, said the U.S.-led coalition struck army positions in Tharda mountain and a nearby artillery division, killing 90 troops and wounding 110.

Russia said the United States was being obstructive and deceptive regarding the airstrike by coalition warplanes

on the Syrian military position. A Foreign Ministry statement on Sunday said that in an emergency U.N. Security Council session called after the airstrike, the United States took "an unconstructive and indistinct position."

The Americans "not only turned out to be unable to give an adequate explanation of what happened, but also tried, as is their custom, to turn everything upside down," the statement said.

Earlier Sunday, the state-run SANA news agency quoted an unnamed military official as saying that dozens of Islamic State fighters were killed in the offensive on Tharda mountain under the cover of Syrian airstrikes. The Islamic State group had claimed that its fighters captured Tharda mountain, which overlooks the city's government-controlled airport.

The Syrian military official said government troops had regained control of areas the extremists captured "as a result of the American aircraft aggression."

State TV later reported that a Syrian warplane was shot down while carrying out attacks on Islamic State militants in the Deir el-Zour province, adding that the pilot was killed. Islamic State-linked media also reported the incident.

The Observatory confirmed the downing of the Russian-made MiG warplane over Tharda mountain. It said that intense airstrikes by Russian warplanes have killed at least 38 Islamic State fighters since Saturday.

Also on Sunday, the Syrian government and opposition reported violations of the cease-fire that went into effect on Sept. 12. The cease-fire does not include Islamic State- and al-Qaida-linked militants.

The Syrian army said in a statement last week that the seven-day truce ends at midnight Sunday.

President Obama urges black voters to protect his legacy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Saturday night he will take it as a “personal insult” if the black community fails to turn out for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

During his keynote address to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Obama said his name may not be on the ballot, but issues of importance to the black community were, including justice, good schools and ending mass incarceration.

“I will consider it a personal insult, an insult to my legacy if this community lets down its guard and fails to activate itself in this election,” Obama said. “You want to give me a good send-off, go vote.”

In her own pitch to blacks, Clinton implored the crowd to help protect Obama’s legacy, warning of a “dangerous and divisive vision” that could come

from Donald Trump.

Obama joked about the “birther” issue long promoted and now dismissed by Trump, saying there’s an extra spring in his step now that the “whole birther thing is over.” But his main message was about voter turnout among blacks.

He said Republicans have added barriers to voting by closing polling places mostly in minority communities, cutting early voting and imposing more voter ID requirements.

Obama also sought to blunt Trump’s recent efforts to reach out to black voters, saying Trump, at one point in the race, said there’s never been a worse time to be a black person.

“I mean, he missed that whole civics lesson about slavery and Jim Crow, but we’ve got a museum for him to visit,” Obama said, a reference to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Clinton gave a shorter ad-

dress. She did not mention Trump by name but showered the president with praise and said the upcoming election would be a pivotal.

“We need ideas, not insults, real plans to help struggling Americans in communities that have been left out and left behind, not prejudice and paranoia,” Clinton said. “We can’t let Barack Obama’s legacy fall into the hands of someone who doesn’t understand that, whose dangerous and divisive vision for our country will drag us backwards.”

In a tight presidential race, Clinton is hoping that blacks turn out like they did for Obama’s two victories.

Black voters were among Clinton’s most loyal supporters during the Democratic primaries, powering her to a series of wins in the South that helped her build a delegate lead against Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Man stabs eight at Minn. mall

Associated Press

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — A man in a private security uniform stabbed eight people at a Minnesota shopping mall, reportedly mentioning Allah and asking at least one victim if they were Muslim before an off-duty police officer shot and killed him, authorities said.

All eight victims were treated at a hospital for wounds that weren’t life-threatening, St. Cloud police Chief Blair Anderson said at a news conference. A St. Cloud Hospital spokeswoman, Chris Nelson, said five of the eight were released and three remain hospitalized.

The attack happened about 8 p.m. Saturday at the Crossroads Center in St. Cloud.

A man in a security uniform and armed with a knife stabbed people in several locations in the mall, including corridors, businesses and common areas, the chief said. He said an off-duty police officer from another jurisdiction shot and killed the suspect.

Anderson said the man reportedly made at least one reference to Allah and asked a victim if they were Muslim before attacking them. But he declined to call it an act of terrorism, saying the motive was still unknown.

An Islamic State-run news agency, Rasd, claimed Sunday that the attacker was a “soldier of the Islamic State” who had heeded the group’s calls for attacks in countries that are part of a U.S.-led anti-Islamic State group coalition.

It was not immediately clear if the extremist group had planned the attack or even knew about it beforehand. Islamic State has encouraged so-called “lone wolf” attacks. It also has claimed past attacks that are not believed to have been planned by its central leadership.

The St. Cloud mall remained on lockdown following the attack, and authorities eventually released those inside. It was closed on Sunday.

Anti-police note found at scene of rampage

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A “rambling” note expressing hatred for police was found after a man opened fire on a Philadelphia police officer, then went on a shooting rampage, injuring a second officer, killing a woman and wounding three other people before he was shot and killed by police in an alley, authorities said Saturday.

Police Commissioner Richard Ross identified the gunman in the Friday night attack as Nicholas Glenn, 25, who was “well-known” to police.

Ross said Glenn had a 9 mm Ruger and at least three ammunition magazines as well as a plastic bag with 13 to 15 live rounds.

The note was addressed “Doomed People” and expressed hatred for law enforcement and a probation officer. It

was found on the gunman, Ross said. Police believe Glenn acted on his own.

Ross described the violent events as “completely bizarre” and said he “would have no difficulty” believing mental illness was involved.

The wild chase and shootout through the streets of Philadelphia began about 11:20 p.m. Friday when Sgt. Sylvia Young was ambushed while sitting in her patrol car in west Philadelphia; she was shot a number of times in the arm and her protective vest, Ross said.

“She didn’t hear him say a word; (he) just walked up on her and started firing,” Ross said. “She did hear about 15 shots or so, and that’s consistent with the scene, where we believe she was struck at least eight times.”

Officers hearing the shots pursued the gunman, who then

fired into a nearby bar, hitting a security guard in the leg, then grabbed a woman and used her as a shield before shooting her in the leg, Ross said. Moments later, the suspect shot into a car 14 times, hitting a man and a woman in the chest. The 25-year-old woman, who was hit seven times, was pronounced dead just before 2 a.m. Saturday, police said.

Ross said two police officers and University of Pennsylvania police officer Ed Miller chased the man into an alley, where the suspect was shot and killed. Miller was shot in the pelvis and the right ankle.

Both Miller, 56, and Young, 46, were in stable condition Saturday at Penn Presbyterian Hospital, as were the three other people wounded by gunfire. Police said both officers were in good spirits.

South China Sea likely to be hot topic at ASEAN meeting

BY WYATT OLSON
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South China Sea tensions likely will be a hot topic when Secretary of Defense Ash Carter meets with the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations later this month in Hawaii.

The informal talks will “follow up on prior commitments and discuss common interests and regional security,” U.S. Pacific Command announced Sept. 12.

The discussions will be co-hosted by Laos, whose prime minister was ASEAN’s chairman until the yearlong job was passed to new Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte earlier this month.

The dispute over sovereignty of portions of the South China Sea has been a central issue at ASEAN meetings in recent years. China maintains a disputed claim to about 90 percent of the sea, a position that puts it at odds with several of its neighbors over rights to the small islands there and with

the U.S. over transit through international waters.

In recent years, China has added thousands of acres of landfill to reefs and rocks, some of which now host self-propelled artillery and airfields capable of supporting military aircraft.

As China’s growing naval power and regional ambitions have challenged America’s dominance in the Pacific, both nations have attempted to steer ASEAN in a favorable direction. The U.S. appointed a resident ASEAN ambassador for the first time in 2011, a move that was a part of President Barack Obama’s strategic rebalance to the Pacific.

During an ASEAN meeting in Laos in July, representatives — hampered by ASEAN rules requiring consensus — were deadlocked over the Philippines’ demand that any joint statement issued from the meeting mention a landmark ruling by an international tribunal rejecting China’s vast claims to the sea.

The deadlock was broken when the Philippines dropped its bid for a reference to the decision.

The Philippines had filed for arbitration under the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which China was a signatory. The tribunal determined that China had no right to build artificial islands atop reefs and shoals in the Spratly Island chain near the Philippines.

China has said it will not abide by the decision.

The ASEAN communique did make an oblique reference to China’s island claims and expansions.

“We remain seriously concerned about recent and ongoing developments and took note of the concerns expressed by some ministers on the land reclamations and escalation of activities in the area, which have eroded trust and confidence, increased tensions and may undermine peace, security and stability in the region,” the statement said.

UN meeting set to begin in New York

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — World leaders meeting at the United Nations starting Monday will be trying to make progress on two intractable problems at the top of the global agenda — the biggest refugee crisis since World War II and the Syrian conflict, now in its sixth year, which has claimed more than 300,000 lives.

Against a backdrop of rising ethnic and religious tension, fighting elsewhere in the Mideast and Africa, extremist attacks across the world and a warming planet, there are plenty of other issues for the 135 heads of state and government and more than 50 ministers expected to attend to try to tackle.

“It’s no secret, there’s a lot of fear out there,” U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha Power told reporters Thursday, citing the uncertainties sparked by Britain’s vote to leave the European Union, the threat posed by the Islamic State extremist group and attacks in many parts of the world by that and other terrorist groups.

But Syria, where a tense cease-fire brokered by Moscow and Washington went into effect Sept. 12, remains at the top of the agenda at the U.N. General Assembly’s annual ministerial meeting. An apparently errant airstrike on Saturday in which the U.S. military may have unintentionally struck Syrian troops while carrying out a raid against the Islamic State group could deal a crushing blow to the U.S.-Russian-brokered cease-fire. The cease-fire, which does not apply to attacks on the Islamic State group, has largely held for five days despite dozens of alleged violations on both sides.

The U.N. Security Council held a closed emergency meeting Saturday night at Russia’s request to discuss the airstrike. The acrimonious meeting offered a harbinger of the difficulties ahead as the U.S. and Russia remain suspicious of each other’s intents in Syria.

Claims of Russian election violations rise

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Complaints of election violations were increasing Sunday as Russians voted for a new national parliament.

The voting for the 450 seats in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, was not expected to substantially change the distribution of power, in which the pro-Kremlin United Russia party holds an absolute majority. But the perceived honesty of the election could be a critical factor in whether protests arise following the voting.

Massive demonstrations broke out in Moscow after the last Duma election in 2011, unsettling authorities with their size and persistence.

“Information about violations

is coming constantly from various regions,” the Interfax news agency quoted Ilya Shablinsky, a coordinator of observers for the presidential Council on Human Rights, as saying.

Among the potential violations he cited were long lines of soldiers voting at stations where they were not registered and voters casting their ballots on tables instead of curtained-off voting booths.

The election monitoring group Golos also said it was receiving violation complaints. A video posted on YouTube appeared to show a poll worker in the southern Rostov region dropping multiple sheets of paper into a ballot box.

On Sunday morning, the head

of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, Ella Pamfilova, said results from voting in a Siberian region could be annulled if allegations of vote fraud there are confirmed.

A candidate from the liberal Yabloko party in the Altai region of Siberia told state news agency Tass that young people were voting in the name of elderly people unlikely to come to polling stations.

Pamfilova is a well-known human rights activist whose appointment five months ago to head the election commission brought expectations that this year’s vote would see fewer controversies about violations than in previous elections.

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Parents of boy who tried to sell toy guilty

OH LEBANON — An Ohio boy's parents pleaded guilty to child endangering charges after police say an officer found the 7-year-old trying to sell a stuffed animal to buy food.

Michael and Tammi Bethel, of Franklin, entered pleas Friday. They're scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 27.

Franklin police said Officer Steve Dunham found the boy in front of a drugstore last month. The boy told Dunham he hadn't eaten for days, so the officer took him to a restaurant.

Police said other officers went to the home and found four older boys living amid garbage and cat urine. The children were placed with other relatives.

4 police officers guilty in retaliation scheme

NJ EDISON — Four New Jersey police officers have pleaded guilty to scheming to retaliate against an officer from another department because he arrested one of their relatives for drunken driving.

Edison officers Michael Dotro, Victor Aravena, William Gesell and Brian Favretto face criminal probation after pleading guilty Friday as jury selection was underway in their trial. They had to forfeit their jobs and promptly resigned. They won't be allowed to hold public jobs in the state.

Prosecutors said the four improperly accessed information about a North Brunswick officer in 2012 and spied on him. Prosecutors say no retaliation occurred.

Dotro faces charges in two separate cases, including one in which prosecutors say he set

fire to the home of an Edison police captain while he and his relatives were asleep inside.

Rare black rhino born at Great Plains Zoo

SD SIOUX FALLS — A rare eastern black rhino was born last week at a Sioux Falls zoo.

The male calf is the third rhino born at the Great Plains Zoo and the first eastern black rhino born under an endangered species breeding program. The calf weighed 103 pounds at birth and will be viewable by the public in several weeks.

With the calf and his parents, Jubba and Imara, the zoo now holds three of only 57 eastern black rhinos in North America. It is estimated that fewer than 740 eastern black rhinos are left in the wild, and they are considered to be a critically endangered species.

Man gives phony \$50 to lemonade stand

MI MONROE — Police are calling it the "lowest of the low": A man gave a fake \$50 bill to a southeastern Michigan girl who was running a lemonade stand to raise money for Alzheimer's disease research.

The Monroe News reported the man on a bike didn't buy anything Sept. 11 in Monroe. He presented a note that said he was deaf and wanted to break the \$50 bill into smaller bills.

Maya Leachman said she was a "little mad" over the incident. She and her mother didn't look closely at the phony bill until they counted donations later that day.

Police Cpl. Terese Herrick says, "Hopefully, we'll be able to get him."

Maya, a fourth-grader, raised

slightly more than \$1,100 after accounting for the \$50 loss.

Boy, 14, charged in 1 of a series of attacks

NY NEW YORK — New York City police have charged a 14-year-old boy in connection with one of a series of attacks on women whose clothes were set on fire in mid-Manhattan.

The boy was arrested Friday and charged as a juvenile with attempted assault and aggravated harassment as a hate crime.

Police are looking for four more people in connection with two other similar incidents. They all occurred Sept. 10.

The 14-year-old was arrested on suspicion of trying to light a girl's blouse on fire in Bryant Park. Her mother chased him away.

Police: Cuffed suspect steals patrol car

IN TERRE HAUTE — Authorities say a robbery suspect somehow made off with a Terre Haute police car despite being handcuffed behind his back.

The Tribune Star reported that officers had placed Cody Tryon, 28, of Terre Haute, in the back of the patrol car. Police said that while unattended, Tryon kicked out the metal screen separating the front and back seats, slid through the opening and drove away.

Police using GPS caught up with him elsewhere in Terre Haute. They said Tryon rammed several squad cars that tried to block the stolen vehicle before he again was taken into custody.

Police said his hands were still restrained behind his back.

Nonprofit shelters 130 birds found in home

RI WARWICK — Rhode Island Parrot Rescue said it is providing shelter to more than 130 exotic birds that were rescued from a Connecticut home.

The Warwick-based nonprofit said the birds were discovered in the Weston, Conn., home on Thursday.

Authorities responded to the home after receiving reports of a foul odor in the area. Hundreds of snakes, turtles and other reptiles also were found in the home. Authorities said the animals were in deplorable conditions, and many of them were found dead inside their cages.

RIPR is requesting the public's help in getting the birds situated. The organization is requesting donations of towels, sheets and other supplies.

Police: Mom left son in hot car during interview

GA MARIETTA — Police said they have arrested a suburban Atlanta woman for leaving her 3-year-old son in a hot car while she went to a job interview.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Friday that Danielle Young, of Norcross, told Cobb County police she left her son in the car for 30 minutes to go to a job interview.

But police determined the boy was left in the car for more than an hour Monday. The arrest warrant states that it was 102 degrees inside the car where the child was seated.

Police said the child was not injured, and was placed in protective custody. Young was charged with reckless conduct and was released from the Cobb County jail on \$5,000 bond.

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Jackson shines as Cards rout Seminoles

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson shrugged off chants of “Heisman! Heisman!” from Cardinals’ fans and seemed satisfied knowing he had played a role in one of the program’s biggest wins.

A very big role worthy of all the adulation.

Jackson ran for four touchdowns and threw for another as No. 10 Louisville poured it on for a 63-20 victory on Saturday, the most points ever allowed by Florida State.

His performance helped the Cardinals establish themselves as a title contender in the Atlantic Coast Conference — and

the national crown — by dismantling the second-ranked Seminoles in one of the worst defeats in FSU history. What was billed as an ACC showdown quickly turned into a rout. And after blowing second-half leads against Florida State the past two years, Louisville kept the pressure on.

Jackson ran for 146 yards and four TDs and passed for 216 yards and a score to lead the Cardinals (3-0, 2-0 ACC).

The quarterback’s performance raised his season TD total to 18 and drew high praise from none other than NFL free agent Michael Vick, a dual-threat QB himself not long ago at Virginia Tech.

Vick tweeted, Lamar Jackson 5x better than what I was at V-Tech....Enough said!! #future

Jackson was flattered but took it in stride, “I guess it’s just helping us win, you know? I don’t really look at that.”

Louisville’s defense chipped in with five sacks. The Cardinals also held FSU (2-1, 0-1) to 284 yards and forced two turnovers. The Seminoles’ only bright spot was 10 straight points to get within 14-10 before Jackson took over.

Florida State scored another 10 points late and avoided its worst loss.

“Give credit to Louisville, they did a great job,” FSU coach Jimbo Fisher said. “You don’t

play with fire and let teams get ahead of you.”

Jaire Alexander contributed two 60-yard punt returns — including a 69-yarder for a TD — and a fumble recovery leading to another Louisville score. Brandon Radcliff rushed for 118 yards and a score and Jeremy Smith ran for two TDs.

Jackson added to his collection of highlights as he faked one defender and spun off another en route to his final TD run of 47 yards. It followed his interception on the previous series, one sign that he is human.

“I told my team I owed them four touchdowns,” he said. “I was like, I’m determined to score right here.”

No. 1 Alabama rallies past Mississippi

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — No. 1 Alabama scored two defensive touchdowns and another on special teams to overcome a three-touchdown deficit and beat No. 19 Mississippi 48-43 on Saturday.

Freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts threw for 158 yards and ran for 146 more, but it was unlikely touchdowns from Jonathan Allen, Da’Ron Payne and Eddie Jackson that proved to be the biggest plays for the Crimson Tide (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference).

Ole Miss took a 24-3 lead with 2:47 remaining in the first half after defensive end Marquis Haynes’ big hit on Hurts, forcing a fumble that fellow defensive lineman John Youngblood scooped up and ran 44 yards for a touchdown.

But Alabama responded. The Tide needed just three plays and 37 seconds to pull to 24-10. Ole Miss was forced to punt on the next drive and Jackson returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown.

In just 65 seconds, Alabama had turned a 21-point deficit into a manageable 24-17 game at halftime.

No. 3 Ohio State 45, No. 14 Oklahoma 24: Noah Brown

tied the Ohio State record with four touchdown receptions, and the Buckeyes rolled past host Oklahoma.

No. 4 Michigan 45, Colorado 28: De’Veon Smith gave Michigan the lead with a 42-yard run early in the third quarter and the Wolverines pulled away to beat visiting Colorado.

No. 5 Clemson 59, South Carolina St. 0: Deshaun Watson threw three early touchdown passes in host Clemson’s rout in the game that both coaches decided to shorten.

No. 7 Stanford 27, Southern California 10: Christian McCaffrey showed off his trademark versatility, slipping out of the backfield for a 56-yard touchdown reception and diving over the pile for a 1-yard score, and host Stanford beat Southern California.

No. 8 Washington 41, Portland State 3: Jake Browning threw three touchdown passes in the first 16 minutes and host Washington closed out its uninspired nonconference schedule with a victory over Portland State.

No. 9 Wisconsin 23, Georgia State 17: Backup quarterback Alex Hornibrook led host Wisconsin on three scoring drives in the second half, helping the

sluggish Badgers beat Georgia State.

California 50, No. 11 Texas 43: Davis Webb threw his fourth touchdown pass of the game to break a tie with 3:41 to play and host California got its first win over a ranked team in nearly four years

No. 12 Michigan St. 36, No. 18 Notre Dame 28: Tyler O’Connor threw for two touchdowns, Gerald Holmes ran for two more, including a 73-yard score, and visiting Michigan State beat Notre Dame.

North Dakota State 23, No. 13 Iowa 21: Cam Pedersen kicked a 37-yard field as time expired and North Dakota State beat host Iowa for its sixth straight victory over an FBS opponent.

No. 15 Tennessee 28, Ohio 19: Joshua Dobbs threw two 20-yard touchdown passes to Josh Malone and ran for a third score and host Tennessee overcame injuries and a suspension to hold off Ohio.

No. 16 Georgia 28, Missouri 27: Jacob Eason threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Isaiah McKenzie on fourth down with 1:31 seconds to play to lift Georgia past host Missouri in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

No. 17 Texas A&M 29, Auburn 16: Trevor Knight passed for 247 yards and Daniel LaCamera kicked five field goals to lead Texas A&M past host Auburn.

No. 20 LSU 23, Mississippi State 20: Leonard Fournette returned from a bruised left ankle in powerful form, rushing for 147 yards and two touchdowns, and host LSU held off Mississippi State.

Nebraska 35, No. 22 Oregon 32: Tommy Armstrong Jr. scored on a 34-yard quarterback draw with 2:29 left, and host Nebraska held on Oregon’s final series.

No. 23 Florida 32, North Texas 0: Florida quarterback Luke Del Rio injured his left knee against North Texas, a huge concern as the host Gators prepare to play at No. 15 Tennessee next week.

No. 24 Arkansas 42, Texas State 3: Austin Allen threw for 241 yards and two touchdowns in less than three quarters of action for host Arkansas.

No. 25 Miami 45, Appalachian State 10: Brad Kaaya threw for 368 yards and three scores, Mark Walton ran for 130 yards and two touchdowns and visiting Miami rolled past Appalachian State.

Mourning Army defeats UTEP

Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — For the Army football team, the game was for sophomore defensive back Brandon Jackson.

Darnell Woolfolk ran for three touchdowns, Andy Davidson rushed for 106 yards and another score and Army routed UTEP 66-14 on Saturday night, days after Jackson was killed in a car accident.

Jackson was a starting defensive back for the Black Knights, and played in all 14 games since his arrival in 2015 and finished with 68 career tackles and three interceptions, two of which came against Wake Forest in 2015. He was killed Sunday, hours after Army beat Rice in its home opener.

"We made Brandon proud," said senior line-backer and captain Andrew King. "And we're going to keep fighting for him. Brandon is going to be on our minds for the whole season, and for as long as we live."

The battle of the nation's No. 4 running team against its No. 2 ball carrier never emerged in the Sun Bowl as Army steamrolled its way to a victory in the first meeting between the teams. Army is 3-0 for the first time since the 1996 season, when it started 9-0.

"We prepared like we had a chip on our shoulder," King said. "We just followed our plan."

The Black Knights, who average 338 yards per game, conducted a triple-option clinic, rolling up 424 yards rushing on 72 attempts. Woolfolk had 15 carries for 71 yards, with all three scoring

runs coming from inside the 10. Davidson had a 33-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to make it 31-0.

"They've been a good 1-2 punch the whole year," Army coach Jeff Monken said about Woolfolk and Davidson.

UTEP (1-2) allowed the most points at home since 2003. Aaron Jones, who entered the game as the nation's second leading rusher, finished with 67 yards on 11 carries and one score.

"My hat's off to Army," UTEP coach Sean Kugler said. "In every phase, on offense, defense, special teams, they outcoached us, outthrustled us, out did us in everything."

"I'd put them in the Top 25. I have a vote. I'll take care of that tomorrow," Kugler added.

Eight different players scored for Army. The Black Knights never punted, and did not commit a turnover for the third game in a row.

Saturday's game was filled with motivation for Army. Not only were the Knights playing with heavy hearts, but they also were playing for teammates of another kind. El Paso is home to a large Army base at Fort Bliss. For years, UTEP has tried to get the Black Knights on their schedule, but there was a long waiting list. The game finally happened Saturday, and El Paso responded with a crowd of 37,893.

Army's 66 points were the most since they scored 69 points against Pittsburgh in 1944, and 68 points against Colgate in 1958.

The Black Knights travel to Buffalo on Saturday.

Jones earns 4th Xfinity win of year

Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Erik Jones won the Truck Series title last year and is headed to Sprint Cup next year.

He put himself in position Saturday to also capture the NASCAR Xfinity Series championship and solidify his status as a rising star.

Jones passed Elliott Sadler with nine laps to go and held off Kyle Larson to win the NASCAR Xfinity race at Chicagoland Speedway, allowing Ryan Sieg and Blake Koch to claim the final two spots in the Chase for the championship.

"I just had to go chase Elliott down. It was just a matter of time before we got around him," Jones said. "What an awesome day."

The 20-year-old Jones' series-high fourth win of the season and his second straight at Chicagoland left him as the top seed for the seven-race Chase.

"This is great momentum for us," Jones said. "I'm just really excited."

Sprint Cup champion Kyle Busch dominated most of the race on the 1.5-mile oval, leading 154 of the first 181 laps until he cut a tire and spun out. Clint Bowyer had the lead on the restart with 14 laps left before Sadler passed him.

But a charging Jones surged by Sadler and withstood a late challenge before Larson scraped the wall on the 200th and final lap.

Sadler was third, followed by Daniel Suarez and Illinois native Justin Allgaier. Busch finished 13th.

Sieg finished 12th and Koch 15th to earn the final spots in the 12-driver Chase. Seven other drivers were eliminated.

The rest of the Chase field includes Allgaier, Ty Dillon, Brennan Poole, Brandon Gaughn, Ryan Reed, Brandon Jones and Darrell Wallace Jr.

The Chase begins next week at Kentucky and will have two elimination rounds before a champion is determined Nov. 19 at Homestead.

Worth leads Navy past Tulane

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Will Worth is getting a pretty good handle on this late-game heroics stuff.

A week after Navy's quarterback scored the winning touchdown on a late, 1-yard run against Connecticut in his first start, he did the same thing in a 21-14 American Athletic Conference victory against Tulane on Saturday night.

The winner against Connecticut came with 3:08 left in a 28-24 victory and the winner against Tulane came with 2:57 left, capping a performance in which he had 111 yards rushing on 26 carries.

"The offense had confidence that we could move the ball and we just had to finish the drive," Worth said. "It was great to see that the o-line was pushing, everyone just really gave ev-

erything they had for that last drive and it showed."

Worth, a senior thrust into the starting lineup when Tago Smith suffered a torn right ACL in the season opener against Fordham, had eight carries for 58 yards on the winning 10-play, 72-yard drive. He threw a two-point conversion pass to Toneo Gulley for a 21-14 lead.

"It was a back-alley fight," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "They punch us, we punch them, they punch us, we punch them. ... "Fortunately, at the end, we found a way to win that game."

Tulane's Andrew DiRocco missed wide left on a 45-yard field goal attempt with 7:39 left in the game, setting up Navy's winning drive.

"It's disappointing, but that's how Navy wins games, just how they did it," Green Wave first-year coach Willie Fritz said.

"They grind it out. They've got a winning culture there, and that's what we want to have."

After a scoreless first quarter, Navy (3-0, 2-0 American) drove 94 yards on 15 plays and took a 7-0 lead on Chris High's 6-yard touchdown run. The 15 plays were the most by the Midshipmen on a possession this season.

Tulane (1-2, 0-1) responded with an 8-play (all runs), 75-yard drive capped by a 2-yard touchdown from Josh Rounds. He had five carries for 52 yards on the drive.

Shawn White had 4-yard touchdown run, but Bennett Moehring missed the extra point and Navy led 13-7.

The Green Wave responded with a 76-yard drive that ended with 36-yard touchdown run by Dontrell Hilliard with 19 seconds left in the third quarter.

Granderson's 12th-inning HR lifts Mets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Curtis Granderson's upbeat personality aided the Mets in navigating a difficult day at the ballpark.

A couple of big swings in extra innings helped, too.

Granderson hit a solo home run with two outs in the 12th inning after also connecting for a tying shot in the 11th, lifting New York over the Minnesota Twins 3-2 on Saturday night, hours after it announced star right-hander Jacob deGrom is likely done for the season.

The Mets moved into a tie with San Francisco atop the NL wild-card standings, with St. Louis two games behind them.

Granderson is the first Met to homer twice in extra innings in the same game, according to ESPN Stats and Info. He was in a 1-for-26 slump before his first shot.

"He never gets down," manager Terry Collins said. "He's

never down. He's the same guy every day. He's dangerous."

Granderson pulled a 3-2 pitch from left-hander Ryan O'Rourke (0-1) down the right-field line to win it, getting mobbed at home plate by teammates.

After Minnesota's Byron Buxton hit a soaring homer for a 2-1 lead in the 11th, Granderson tied it 2-all leading off the bottom half against closer Brandon Kintzler.

Granderson's second homer was the 201st by the Mets this season, breaking the team record set in 2006. It was his 28th home run this year and third career game-ender, including one on May 27 against the Dodgers.

DeGrom was scratched from his scheduled start Sunday and will probably miss the rest of the year because of an injury to the ulnar nerve in his right elbow.

"Obviously to miss a guy like

that in the rotation is going to be tough for us," Granderson said. "But we've had some great guys step in even in the time he's been gone."

The Mets moved a season-high 10 games over .500 and have won 10 of their last 13. Nine of New York's last 14 wins have come after trailing, and it has won six straight against the Twins dating to 2010.

Josh Edgin (1-0) pitched a scoreless 12th and got his first victory since June 1, 2014.

Twins starter Ervin Santana struck out nine, walked two and allowed four hits over seven scoreless innings.

Hairy situation: Mets general manager Sandy Alderson announced deGrom's prognosis hours before New York began giving away Jacob deGrom Hair Hats at the gate.

DeGrom has been out since Sept. 1 because of elbow pain. The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year felt fine while throwing

a bullpen Friday but sensed a twinge after tossing a baseball in from the outfield during batting practice about 15 minutes later.

DeGrom will need surgery but has not decided whether he will wait until the end of the season. Regardless, the 28-year-old will be ready for spring training.

Buxton's breakout: Buxton's homer was the latest sign that the former hyped prospect may be finding his way in the majors. Since being recalled Sept. 1, Buxton is batting .333 with six homers and 15 RBIs, a huge spike from his .193 average and 16 RBIs in 63 games earlier in the year.

"I think he's had to deal with a lot in terms of the up and down and expectations," manager Paul Molitor said. "And he's just kind of learning to trust his ability a bit more."

Bogaerts, Betts help Red Sox rally, beat Yanks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts homered, doubled twice and drove in three runs, and Mookie Betts hit a tying single before scoring the go-ahead run in Boston's third straight win over New York.

Hanley Ramirez also had three hits for the AL East-leading Red Sox (84-64), who improved to three games ahead of Toronto and Baltimore.

New York (77-70) wasted 3-0 and 5-2 leads and lost for the sixth time in seven games. The Yankees are four games back in the wild-card race.

Second baseman Starlin Castro left in the fifth inning after straining his right hamstring while rounding first base on a double. Rookie Gary Sanchez hit his 15th home run since his Aug. 3 recall from the minors, a two-run drive.

New York opened a 5-2 lead on Austin Romine's two-run double off the Green Monster in the fourth.

Bogaerts homered off a bill-

board above the left-field wall in the fifth, slicing the deficit to 5-4, and the Red Sox took a 6-5 lead in the seventh with two well-placed bounces.

Indians 1, Tigers 0 (10): Carlos Carrasco, Cleveland's No. 2 starting pitcher, broke his right hand when hit by a line drive off the bat of visiting Detroit's Ian Kinsler on the second pitch the Indians' victory.

Cleveland, which opened an eight-game lead over second-place Detroit, said Carrasco sustained a non-displaced fracture of his pitching hand. The Indians did not provide a timetable for his recovery.

Cardinals 3, Giants 2: Kolten Wong hit a sacrifice fly to cap a two-run comeback in the ninth inning and visiting St. Louis rallied for a big win in its playoff chase.

Brewers 11, Cubs 3: Ryan Braun went deep twice to reach 30 homers for the sixth time, Chris Carter hit a grand slam off the Wrigley Field video board and visiting Mil-

waukee routed the NL Central champions.

Rays 5, Orioles 2: Evan Longoria homered, tripled and scored three runs to help Tampa Bay blunt host Baltimore's playoff push.

Angels 6, Blue Jays 1: Albert Pujols hit his 590th career home run and host Los Angeles dropped Toronto into a tie for the top two AL wild-card spots.

Rockies 8, Padres 0: Jon Gray struck out a franchise-record 16 and pitched a four-hitter to lead host Colorado.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 2: Rookie Brock Stewart pitched five effective innings and visiting Los Angeles' bullpen took over from there.

Athletics 11, Rangers 2: Joey Wendle led off the game with his first major league homer, Marcus Semien also went deep against Yu Darvish and visiting Oakland beat AL-best Texas.

Braves 7, Nationals 3: Nick Markakis and Anthony Recker each drove in two runs, Josh

Collmenter won as an emergency starter and host Atlanta beat Washington.

Phillies 8, Marlins 0: Jeremy Hellickson pitched a three-hitter and A.J. Ellis had a three-run double to lead host Philadelphia over fading Miami.

Royals 3, White Sox 2: Jarrod Dyson had two hits, scored a run and stole a base in Jason Vargas' first start in 14 months, and Kansas City beat visiting Chicago to snap a five-game losing streak.

Astros 2, Mariners 1: Yuli Gurriel hit a two-run single and Mike Fiers pitched six scoreless innings to lead visiting Houston over Seattle.

Pirates 10, 7, Reds 4, 3: Sean Rodriguez homered in both games as visiting Pittsburgh swept a doubleheader.

In the first game, Jameson Taillon (4-4) pitched five innings and singled to drive in a big league run for the first time. Anthony DeSclafani (8-4) took the loss.