

DAVIDSON COUNTY GRAND JURY

# Man indicted on 17 counts in Waffle House shooting

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Travis Reinking, the suspect in the April 22 mass shooting at an Antioch Waffle House, has been indicted on 17 counts in the case.

The Davidson County grand jury found the evidence against Reinking was strong enough to support four counts of premeditated first-degree murder, four counts of attempted first degree murder, and a slate of other charges.

The indictment moves Reinking's case closer to a high-profile criminal trial.

Reinking, 30, was charged in the deaths of Taurean C. Sanderlin, 29; Joe R. Perez, 20; DeEbony Groves, 21; and Akilah DaSilva, 23.

Reinking was arrested in April after a 34-hour



Reinking

manhunt that started after police said he sprayed the Antioch diner with bullets and ran from the scene naked. He is in jail awaiting trial.

The case against Reinking was put on hold for months after a judge committed him for mental health treatment, saying he suffered from untreated schizophrenia. Reinking was deemed competent to face the charges in October.

He is expected to be arraigned on the charges in the coming days, when a judge will ask him for a plea.

Other counts against Reinking include possession of a firearm with the intent to commit a dangerous felony and possession of a handgun.

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## Chris Young reveals new 'massive' tour

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Platinum-selling country singer Chris Young clearly remembers the days that he traveled between concerts with his gear packed into a van towing a trailer.

When the "Raised on Country" singer mounts his new 25-plus city "Raised on Country 2019" tour in May, Young and his team will roll out with six tractor-trailers stacked with lights, staging, sound equipment and more.

"It's going to be massive," Young said of his stage show. "It's not a re-hash of anything anyone has seen before."

Young, who completed his first sold-out arena tour at the end of 2018, revealed his 2019 tour plans exclusively to the USA TODAY NETWORK last week. The "Raised on Country 2019" tour includes more than 25 coast-to-coast stops at arenas and amphitheaters in Charlotte, North Carolina; Boston; Philadelphia; Dallas; Las Vegas; Indianapolis; St. Louis; Phoenix; San Diego; and more.

"I haven't done a complete overhaul in two years, and this is a complete overhaul," he explained. "We started working in September of last

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Chris Young released new song "Raised on Country" in January.

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## UT's success sticks out on Barnes' resume

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Morgan Phillips and Lindsay Parker, both 17, are charter members of the Scouts BSA Troop 2019. NANCY DEGENNARO/DNJ

# All-girl Boy Scouts troop arrives locally

## Members make history in Rutherford and Cannon

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Members in a new scout troop made history Friday when they took an oath to become the first all-girl Scouts BSA unit in Rutherford and Cannon counties.

Troop 2019 joined thousands across the country celebrating with ceremonies to mark the Boy Scouts of America's inclusion of girls the Boy Scouts program.

"We're changing the name of the Boy Scout program to Scouts BSA," said Larry Brown, chief scout executive for the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America, the parent organization of Scouts BSA.

Scouts BSA will be for girls and boys ages 11 to 17, but troops will not be co-ed, said Brown, who spoke at the ceremony on Friday.

Each of the 16 girls of Troop 2019 signed a charter document that listed them as founding members of the troop. After signing the charter document, each girl was presented with a necker-

chief by their parents and a copy of the new Scouts BSA Handbook by Scoutmaster Kevin Phillips.

### MTSU represented

Three Eagle Scouts with MTSU ties took part in the inaugural ceremony: retired Army Lt. Gen. Keith Huber of the Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center; alumnus and Rutherford County Mayor Bill Ketron; and Board of Trustees member J.B. Baker.

MTSU signed a partnership agreement with the council in March 2018 that allows the university to be a greater resource for scouting programs, particularly in science and technology.

Although MTSU will provide program support to the troop through its partnership with the council, the men's ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro is the unit's chartering organization and will provide meeting space and oversight for the unit.

### Programs offer choices

While ceremonies like the one in Murfreesboro were held nationwide on

Friday, the launch has been building over the past year, with leaders putting together families interested in the new venture, Brown said.

Scouts BSA is the fifth Boy Scouts of America program to allow girls.

Previously girls could join male counterparts in four of the Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring.

"The programs are all different. They have different methods. But the goal is the same: teach character, citizenship, mental and physical fitness," Larry Brown said.

Exploring focuses on career interest and development. Sea Scouting teaches aquatic skills. Venturing takes scouting to the edge with high adventure. Cub Scouting has served the younger girls and boys with leadership and outdoor programs.

Scouts BSA offers a blend of survival education, outdoor adventures and leadership skills.

"The Boy Scout program is built on troops working together ... to learn leadership skills through camping and working on different rank advancement and merit badges," Brown explains.

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# Democratic contenders hoping to run on soaking the rich

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WASHINGTON – The last Democrat to win a presidential election, Barack Obama, ran in 2012 on a platform of raising taxes for top earners to nearly 40 percent. Now a new crop of Democratic presidential hopefuls is signaling that they want to go even further.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren is floating a 2 percent tax on all assets of people with a net worth of more than \$50 million, a moon-shot plan that could face legal challenges for hitting investments, homes and cars, not just income. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders is pitching a steeply higher inheritance tax on large estates.

Others targeting higher income earners include California Sen. Kamala Harris, who has proposed rolling back the recent GOP tax cuts for wealthier families to pay for tax rebates for middle- and lower-income earners.

The eruption of high-end tax propos-

als is a shift for Democrats, who have traditionally not centered their presidential bids around tax hikes, particularly at this early stage of a campaign. It underscores the party's march to the left and candidates' desire to tap into the Wall Street-rattling energy of liberal voters.

"If you're looking for a bumper sticker, 'Tax rich people' is a pretty good bumper sticker," said Howard Glickman of the centrist Tax Policy Center.

Beyond its messaging power, taxing the wealthy also gives Democratic contenders a way to propose paying for their sweeping progressive agendas.

Sanders put it simply last week: "We need additional revenue if we're going to provide health care for all, rebuild our infrastructure, make public colleges and universities tuition-free."

The rush to tax the rich has prompted criticism from others eyeing the White House, namely billionaires Michael Bloomberg, a former Republican who is considering running as a Democrat, and

former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, who is mulling an independent run for president.

Schultz says he was driven from the Democratic Party by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the rising star who's issued her own call for a 70 percent income tax rate on people making more than \$10 million. Democratic strategists worry Schultz could peel off a small but vital slice of affluent voters and help President Donald Trump get re-elected in a three-way race.

But to progressive Democratic contenders, the criticism from billionaires like Schultz proves their point.

"The billionaires are writing the rules around here. And guess what: all those rules favor the billionaires," Warren said. Republicans are eager to cast the Democratic tax proposals as damaging to an economy that has steadily grown since Trump took office.

Texas Sen. John Cornyn, a senior GOP member of the tax-writing Finance Committee, described Warren and

Sanders' tax plans as playing off "the politics of personal envy." He predicted economic blowback from reversing the current tax laws muscled through by Republicans in 2017.

The \$2 trillion tax bill Trump signed into law was a boon for many wealthy Americans, with low- and middle-income Americans receiving smaller cuts.

While many Democrats have previously backed higher taxes for the wealthiest Americans, they've rarely made the issue such an early focal point of their campaigns. Obama shied away from tax increases during his first run for office, as did almost every Democratic nominee since Walter Mondale in 1984 pledged to raise voters' taxes and lost to President Reagan in a historic landslide.

But polls now show that voters are happy to see higher-end taxes, to a point. In April 2018, Gallup found that about 6 in 10 Americans thought the wealthy didn't pay their fair share of taxes.

## Scouts

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With the new Scouts BSA rebrand, girls will have the opportunity to earn Eagle Scout rank, too.

Brown said BSA doesn't see the membership change as a competition between organizations.

"A lot of families have wanted their daughters to have the same experience in the same programs that the Boy Scouts have. We see it as a program that gives families a choice," Brown said.

### 'I'm proud to be a part of it'

Morgan Phillips and Lindsay Parker, both leaders and charter members of Scouts BSA Troop 2019, have been involved in scouting long before Friday night

Before they joined Scouts BSA, Parker and Phillips participated in the Venturing scout program, which took them on rock climbs, scuba dives and numerous camping excursions over the years.

Knowing they could achieve the same goals as their brothers drew Parker and Phillips to join the Scouts BSA

program.

"We have brothers who are Eagle Scouts. We know what Boy Scouts is and we've seen how it's helped them leadership wise. So we to be a part of that. When we found out we could I was really excited for everything we'd get to do," Lindsay Parker said.

"Now I can wear the uniform and I'm proud to be a part of it," Morgan Phillips said.

David Parker, Troop 2019 committee chairman, said now his daughter will be "able to be recognized for doing the same work the boys are doing."

Each Boy Scouts of America program offers different rewards, from rank advancements to level awards and badges.

"But they all use the core principles of the scout oath and scout law and outdoor codes.

"I think those are the components of the building blocks of the scout program," said Kevin Phillips, scoutmaster for Troop 2019.

To learn more about Scouts BSA Troop 2019 or how to join, email Scoutmaster Kevin Phillips at scoutsbsa-troop2019@gmail.com.

Reach reporter Nancy DeGennaro at [degennaro@dnj.com](mailto:degennaro@dnj.com) and follow her on Twitter @NanDeGennaro.



Chief Scout Executive Larry Brown of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America brings greetings from scouts across the region at the charter ceremony for new Troop 2019. ERIC SUTTON/MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

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