



YIN BOGU/XINHUA/SIPA USA/TNS  
**U.S. President Barack Obama delivers a eulogy at the funeral of South Carolina State Senator Clementa Pinckney, who was killed during the mass shooting on June 17 at an African-American church in Charleston on Friday in Charleston, S.C.**

# Obama Sings, Eulogizes Victims Of Church Massacre

**BY JULIE PACE**  
 AP White House Correspondent

CHARLESTON, S.C. — After a string of triumphs, President Barack Obama's eulogy for those killed in a South Carolina church massacre was supposed to bring an extraordinary week to a somber close.

But something changed.

Between legislative and legal victories, Obama had spent hours privately grappling with the tragedy in this southern city, where nine people attending Bible study were killed in a racially motivated attack. Their deaths sparked vexing questions about racial divisions, gun violence and the way America grapples with its own difficult history.

At first, the president had planned to largely focus his remarks on remembering Rev. Clementa Pinckney, the slain pastor of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the eight other victims.

But that's not what happened.

Maybe Obama was buoyed by a week that brought about the validation of his sweeping health care law, a win on trade and the Supreme Court's affirmation of gay marriage across the country. Maybe he was driven by the fearlessness he says he now feels as he heads down the final stretch of his presidency.

As Obama took the stage to address

the crowd of more than 5,500 packed into a basketball arena, he did speak movingly about Pinckney, a state lawmaker and popular pastor. Then the president issued a challenge, calling on the nation to not shy away from the "uncomfortable truths" about the racial prejudice that plagues the country.

He revived his push for gun control legislation, despite staunch opposition in Washington. He called for the Confederate battle flag to be removed from the grounds of South Carolina's statehouse, a move that would represent "one step in an honest accounting of America's history."

He taunted the alleged killer of the Charleston churchgoers. While the gunman wanted to incite fear and deepen divisions, Obama noted the unity Charleston has shown in the past week and said: "God works in mysterious ways. God had different ideas."

Then Obama sang.

As Obama neared the close of his 40-minute remarks, he unexpectedly sang out the opening words of the hymn "Amazing Grace." The crowd of 5,500 leapt to its feet to join the president in song.

It was a stirring emotional moment for a president who can often seem detached and distant.

The president has been in this position before, called upon to ease the pain of a community grieving after gun

violence. Before Charleston, there were Newtown, Conn., Tucson, Ariz., Fort Hood, Texas, Aurora, Colo., Washington.

After each incident, the nation's eyes are sporadically open, Obama said. He challenged the nation to keep itself from slipping back "into a comfortable silence," saying that doing so would be "a betrayal of everything Rev. Pinckney stood for."

Following the service, Obama met privately with families of the victims. The president got to know Pinckney during the 2008 presidential campaign, when he was an early supporter of Obama.

Aides said Obama wrote much of the eulogy himself. He was still working on the speech Friday morning when his senior adviser Valerie Jarrett called to tell him the Supreme Court had given same-sex couples the right to marry nationwide.

The court ruling and memorial service capped an extraordinary week for a president seeking to stave off lame-duck status deep in his second term. With the help of Republican lawmakers, he secured a victory on legislation to speed up passage of an Asia-Pacific trade deal, one of his top foreign policy priorities. On Thursday, the Supreme Court upheld a key provision of his signature health care law, all but guaranteeing the law will survive beyond his presidency.

# One Escaped Murderer Fatally Shot In NY Woods, Other Is On Run

**BY JOHN KEKIS AND MICHAEL VIRTANEN**  
 Associated Press

MALONE, N.Y. — One of two convicted murderers who staged a brazen escape from an upstate maximum-security prison three weeks ago was shot and killed by a Border Patrol agent in a wooded area about 30 miles from the prison on Friday, and the other is on the run, authorities said.

Authorities tracked down Richard Matt after a person towing a camper reported that there was a bullet hole through the back of it, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state police said at a news conference. David Sweat is still missing, and authorities are hunting for him.

The shooting of the camper led officers to a cabin Friday afternoon, where they discovered the smell of gunpowder, said Joseph D'Amico, superintendent of New York State Police. There was an indication that someone had recently been there and fled out the back door, he said.

While searching the property, officers heard coughs and tactical teams came upon Matt in the woods.

"They verbally challenged him, told him to put up his hands. And at that time he was shot when he didn't comply," D'Amico said.

A 20-gauge shotgun was recovered from Matt, who did not fire his weapon, D'Amico said.

Authorities say it isn't clear if Matt and Sweat were together at the time of the shooting. Sweat hasn't been spotted, Cuomo said.

The pair escaped early June 6 from the prison in Dannemora, near the Canadian border.

Police blocked off roads in the area as officers hunted for Sweat. The search area for him is centered on Titusville Mountain State Forest in

Malone and spans 22 square miles, down from 75 square miles earlier this week, authorities said.

Mitch Johnson said one of his best friends checked on his hunting cabin in Malone on Friday afternoon and noticed a liquor bottle that hadn't been there the day before. Johnson said his friend, correction officer Bob Willett, told him he immediately alerted police, about an hour before Matt was fatally shot.

Authorities sent a team to the camp area, and Willett and police later heard a gunshot in the woods, Johnson said.

Officers then flooded the woods, and then Willett heard more shots, Johnson said.

"He heard: 'Pop pop pop pop pop pop pop,'" Johnson said.

State Police Maj. Charles Guess said earlier Friday that the search area had shifted slightly northwest to Malone after investigators found evidence left behind by the escapees. Items were found Thursday at a cabin and Friday morning in a field, both in Malone, he said.

Matt and Sweat used power tools to saw through a steel cell wall and several steel steam pipes, bashed a hole through a 2-foot-thick brick wall, squirmed through pipes and emerged from a

manhole outside the prison.

Sweat was serving a sentence of life without parole in the killing of a sheriff's deputy in Broome County in 2002. Matt was serving 25 years to life for the killing and dismembering of his former boss. They were added to the U.S. Marshals Service's 15 Most Wanted fugitives list two weeks after getting away.

The search for the escapees was initially concentrated around the prison and a rural community where search dogs had caught the scent of both men. The search had since been expanded to neighboring counties, and, while authorities said there was no evidence the men had gotten out of the general area, they conceded they could have been almost anywhere.

Vermont authorities became involved in the search early on after investigators got a tip that the inmates had talked about going there.

A pair of prison workers has been charged in connection with the inmates' escape.

Prosecutors said Joyce Mitchell, a prison tailoring shop instructor who got close to the men while working with them, had agreed to be their getaway driver but backed out because she felt guilty for participating. Authorities also said Mitchell had discussed killing her hus-

band, Lyle Mitchell, as part of the plot.

Joyce Mitchell pleaded not guilty June 15 to charges including felony promoting prison contraband, which authorities said included hacksaw blades and chisels.

Authorities said the men had filled their beds in their adjacent cells with clothes to make it appear they were sleeping when guards made overnight rounds. On a cut steam pipe, the prisoners left a taunting note containing a crude caricature of an Asian face and the words "Have a nice day."

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie said the inmates apparently used tools stored by prison contractors, taking care to return them to their toolboxes after each night's work.

On June 24, authorities charged Clinton correction officer Gene Palmer with promoting prison contraband, tampering with physical evidence and official misconduct. Officials said he gave the two prisoners the frozen hamburger meat Joyce Mitchell had used to hide the tools she smuggled to Sweat and Matt. Palmer's attorney said he had no knowledge that the meat contained hacksaw blades, a bit and a screwdriver.

## Greece To Hold July 5 Referendum

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's prime minister on Friday called a surprise referendum for July 5 on the financially troubled country's fraught bailout talks with international creditors, and government officials are calling on the nation to reject the proposed deal.

Alexis Tsipras announced the referendum in a televised address to the Greek people early Saturday, following an emergency meeting of his cabinet.

"The Greek government has been asked to accept a proposal that places new unbearable burdens on the Greek people," Tsipras said. "Right now, we bear an historic responsibility concerning ... the future of our country. And this responsibility obliges us to answer (bailout creditors') ultimatum based on the sovereign will of the Greek people."

The move radically raises the stakes in Greece's confrontation with bailout creditors, whom Tsipras accused of demanding new pension cuts, sales tax hikes and labor market reforms.

Tsipras said an emergency session of Parliament later Saturday would be called to ratify the decision.

## Recovery Crew Reaches Site Of Crash

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A recovery crew on Friday reached a remote site in southeast Alaska where a sightseeing plane crashed, killing all nine people aboard.

Chris John of the Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad said the aircraft was sitting at a steep angle and three members from his organization had to secure it so they could safely work to recover the bodies.

Eight cruise ship passengers and the pilot died when the DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter turboprop went down Thursday in Misty Fjords National Monument near Ketchikan.

The cause of the crash remained under investigation.

The identities of those on the plane were being withheld while authorities worked to notify their families. Their remains will be taken to the state medical examiner's office in Anchorage.

## Artificial Turf Still An Issue At World Cup

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — The fields are heating up, there are little black rubber pellets everywhere, and feet are covered with blisters.

The artificial turf at the Women's World Cup is taking a toll.

Australian forward Michelle Heyman told reporters that when the temperature rises, the fields are like walking on "hot coals."

The use of artificial turf for this year's tournament in Canada has been a contentious issue since it was included in the nation's bid in 2011.

The ball bounces and rolls differently on a plastic pitch, causing turf burns on players and making recovery times longer. The men's World Cup has always been played on grass.

## Dozens Killed In Terrorist Attacks

SOUSSE, Tunisia (AP) — A young man pulled a Kalashnikov from a beach umbrella and sprayed gunfire at European sunbathers at a Tunisian resort, killing at least 37 people — one of three deadly attacks Friday from Europe to North Africa to the Middle East that followed a call to violence by Islamic State extremists.

The shootings in the Tunisian resort of Sousse happened at about the same time as a bombing at a Shiite mosque in Kuwait and an attack on a U.S.-owned factory in France that included a beheading. It was unclear if the violence was linked but it came days after the IS militants urged their followers "to make Ramadan a month of calamities for the nonbelievers." In all, the assailants killed at least 65 people.

The attack in Tunisia, the country's worst ever, comes just months after the March 18 massacre at the national Bardo museum in Tunis that killed 22 people, again mostly tourists, and has called into question the newly elected government's ability to protect the country.

"Once again, cowardly and traitorous hands have struck Tunisia, targeting its security and that of its children and visitors," President Beji Caid Essebsi told reporters at the RIU Imperial Marhaba hotel, near the beach rampage site.

Essebsi promised "painful but necessary" measures, adding: "No country is safe from terrorism, and we need a global strategy of all democratic countries."

## Hawaii Supports Telescope Construction

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii Gov. David Ige says recent attempts to block the road to the summit of Mauna Kea were unlawful and unacceptable.

Hundreds of protesters had flocked to Mauna Kea on Hawaii's Big Island to prevent construction of a giant telescope from resuming. A dozen people were arrested and charged with obstructing.

Ige said in a statement Friday that the state will do whatever is necessary to ensure that the road remains accessible. He says when the roadway was blocked with rocks and boulders that was an act of vandalism.

The \$1.4 billion Thirty Meter Telescope is planned atop a mountain that some view as sacred.

Ige says the state values the telescope and its contributions to society. He says his administration supports the project's right to proceed.

## Judge Denies Killer's Bid For Execution

VERNON, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut judge has rejected a request by one of two men convicted in the killings of a mother and her two daughters in a home invasion to drop his remaining appeals and proceed to execution.

The *Hartford Courant* reports that a Superior Court judge in Rockville denied Steven Hayes' request for a writ of habeas corpus Wednesday. Hayes says his imprisonment is illegal because delays in his mandatory appeal of his convictions aren't allowing him to be put to death.

Hayes and Joshua Komisarjevsky (koh-mih-sar-JEF-skee) are on death row for the 2007 killings of Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her daughters, ages 11 and 17, at the family's home in Cheshire. Hawke-Petit's husband, Dr. William Petit, survived.

Hayes, who tried to commit suicide in prison, represented himself in this case.

**Lewis & Clark Marina & Marina Grill**

Enjoy A Day On The Lake  
Then Enjoy A Satisfying Meal at the Marina Grill!

**Open Under New Management/Ownership**

**JOB OPENINGS Available at Marina Grill!**

**605-689-2111**

•Boat Rentals •Expanded C-Store •Certified Boat Technicians

L&C Recreational Area 605-668-2985 • L&C Resort 605-665-2680 • L&C Marina 605-665-3111

**ATTENTION**

**XARELTO® AND PRADAXA® USERS!**

**YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SUBSTANTIAL COMPENSATION!**

If you were hospitalized for serious internal bleeding or if a loved one died after taking XARELTO® or PRADAXA®, the makers of these blood-thinning drugs may be liable.

**1-888-464-7755**

**FERRER POIROT WANSBROUGH**  
Feller | Daniel | Abney

**CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION!**  
Never stop taking any medication before asking your doctor.

Responsible attorneys: Ferrer, Poirot & Wansbrough. Principal office: 2603 Oak Lawn, Suite 300, Dallas, TX 75219. Cases likely to be referred.