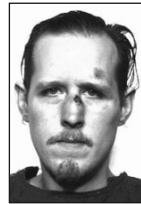


# After Frein Capture, A Sigh Of Relief

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MILFORD, Pa. — For 48 days, Eric Frein was everywhere and nowhere, supposedly sighted again and again, only to melt back into the woods in a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse.

So on Friday, as state police paraded the gaunt and battered-looking former fugitive in front of a courthouse, residents were relieved to see him in the flesh.



Frein

It was proof that the harrowing seven-week manhunt in the Pocono Mountains for the suspected cop-killer was finally over, and things could start getting back to normal.

"It's just been nerve-wracking, not knowing where he was, what his next step was, what he was going to do," said Jody Welsh.

Onlookers shouted "Are you sorry?" and "Why did you do it?" as the survivalist and marksman was led from court the morning after his capture near an abandoned hangar. Hundreds of local, state and federal law officers had taken part in the manhunt.

Frein, 31, had a gash on the bridge of his nose and a scrape over his left eye as he listened to charges that he killed Cpl. Bryon Dickson and critically wounded Trooper Alex Douglass in a sniper attack outside their state police barracks Sept. 12. U.S. marshals who took him into custody said he suffered the injuries while they had him down on the pavement.

He did not have a lawyer and was not asked to enter a plea to first-degree murder and other charges, including possession of two pipe bombs discovered during the search. He remained jailed without bail. A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 12.

Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin, who said he would seek the death penalty, told reporters that Frein's capture Thursday evening brought a measure of comfort to the region after an "unimaginable loss of unspeakable proportions."

"We have now started to find the answers that the community desired in this case," Tonkin said.

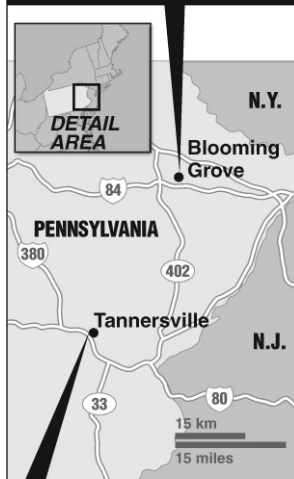
Troopers questioned Frein, but authorities would not disclose what he told them or discuss a possible motive. Authorities have said Frein had expressed anti-law enforcement views online and to people who knew him.

Joe Fagan was the first in line to enter the courtroom. "To be honest, I just wanted to see what evil looked like," he said. "He had zero emotion."

Until his capture, Frein had some people beginning to wonder if law enforcement was up to the task, given the rugged terrain and the evident skill with which he eluded dogs, thermal-imaging cameras and teams of heavily armed officers.

Sporadic sightings of the fugitive kept entire communities on edge: A woman claimed to have seen him outside a high school. A local cop spotted a mysterious man in green, prompting an intensive search that came up empty. There were other sightings in which Frein supposedly made himself visible to law enforcement, then vanished.

Sept. 12: Eric Matthew Frein, 31, ambushed the state police barracks killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson, 38, and wounding Trooper Alex Douglass, 31



Oct. 30: Frein was captured at an abandoned airport about 35 miles south of where the ambush occurred

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"To see him just walk past me was just a sigh of relief that he's not in the woods," said Welsh, who made sure she was on hand Friday as state police led Frein from his arraignment. "That everybody can continue on with their lives."

In fact, with Frein behind bars, plans for trick-or-treating in Barrett Township were back on, and hunting and trapping were given the go-ahead to resume.

A team of federal marshals stumbled across Frein during a sweep about 30 miles from the barracks where he allegedly opened fire, authorities said. He had no gun on him, but had weapons stashed in the hangar, state police said.

The marshals who captured Frein said he had a "defeated" look on his face when they took him into custody.

A three-man team had spotted Frein and sneaked up on him, taking him by surprise. Scott Malkowski, who helped make the arrest, said Frein made no attempt to flee and didn't put up a fight.

"He had nowhere to go. There is nothing he could've done," Malkowski said, adding: "From what I saw, he felt defeated because we'd won. We'd defeated him."

After the marshals turned him over to state police, Frein was placed in Dickson's handcuffs and driven in Dickson's squad car to the Blooming Grove barracks.

Authorities said they were trying to reconstruct his time on the run. They believe Frein broke into cabins and other places for food and shelter, and he evidently found time to shave — he had a neatly trimmed goatee when he was caught.

State police Lt. Col George Bivens put the cost of the manhunt at about \$10 million.

With the search over, officials began calculating the economic toll to motels, restaurants, shops and other businesses that lost money as tourists avoided the search area and locals stayed home.

Monroe County asked business owners to fill out a "snapshot of their losses" — a possible prelude to a disaster declaration and state and federal aid.

Peggy Fylstra, whose crafts and florist shop in the village of Mountainhome suffered during the manhunt, said it "felt like I hit the lottery" when Frein was caught. "That's what an impact it's made on business owners."

## Early Voters Top 15M In 31 States

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early votes soared past 15 million across 31 states on Friday, an outpouring that is giving hopeful Republicans as well as nervous Democrats cause for optimism heading into the final weekend of a campaign with control of the Senate, the U.S. House and 36 governorships at stake.

Republicans pointed to a strong early-vote performance in Iowa as evidence that Joni Ernst was a step ahead in her bid to capture a Senate seat for the GOP. "I feel real good about it," said Gov. Terry Branstad, campaigning with the party's Senate hopeful as he sought a new term for himself, as well.

But in Georgia, Democrats said a strong early turnout by African-Americans in the counties around Atlanta was a good sign for Michelle Nunn, running for a seat long out of the party's reach.

As candidates headed into a final weekend of campaigning, Democratic hopes of holding a Senate seat in Arkansas appeared to be fading, and Republicans already appeared assured of gains in West Virginia, South Dakota and Montana. They need to gain six to come away with the election's biggest prize — control of the Senate during President Barack Obama's final two years in office.

Strategists in both parties agreed privately that races in Louisiana and Georgia were probably headed for runoffs, and several Republicans expressed concern about Kansas, where polls showed Sen. Pat Roberts was in a tough race to keep a seat held by Republicans for decades.

## Maynard The New Face Of Right-To-Die

OREGON — Saturday was supposed to be the day that Brittany Maynard killed herself. She still might do it, but her latest message seems to suggest she intends to live, at least for a while.

Regardless, this 29-year-old woman suffering from terminal brain cancer has shared her journey to death with a transfixed world. Some have cheered her, while others have decried her choice and pleaded with her to let nature take its course instead.

Maynard's very public decision has made the right-to-die movement something real and immediate for a generation of millennials too young to have confronted their own mortality. Her youth, candor and simple but moving plans — to die in the Oregon bedroom she shares with her husband — have attracted a global following: A YouTube video has more than 9.3 million views; her fund's website has been visited more than 4 million times, including from such far-flung places as Tajikistan, Iceland, Syria and Burkina Faso.

"It's changed everything for us in terms of awareness," says Barbara Coombs Lee, co-author of Oregon's death-with-dignity law and president of Compassion & Choices, which seeks to expand such measures around the nation and has partnered with Maynard. "The general public has sort of an unspoken expectation that this is what old people deal with. Brittany Maynard's situation is so different. She's young, she's vibrant. She could be my daughter. She could be a granddaughter, a neighbor, a school friend."

Maynard's right-to-die arguments are not new, but her unfolding tragedy — relayed through tweets, videos and other social media — has broadened the conversation to include more of her peers, says Abraham Schwab, a medical ethicist at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

"She's changed the debate by changing the audience of the debate," he adds.

## Gas To Be Under \$3, 1st Time In 4 Years

NEW YORK (AP) — The sight is so surprising that Americans are sharing photos of it, along with all those cute Halloween costumes, sweeping vistas and special meals: The gas station sign, with a price of \$2-something a gallon.

"It's stunning what's happening here," says Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "I'm a little bit shocked."

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 33 cents in October, landing Friday at \$3.00, according to AAA. Kloza said the average will fall under \$3 by early Saturday morning for the first time in four years.

When the national average crossed above \$3 a gallon in December of 2010, drivers weren't sure they'd ever see \$2.99 again. Global demand for oil and gasoline was rising as people in developing countries bought cars by the tens of millions and turmoil was brewing in the oil-rich Middle East.

# Peshmerga Fighters Head Toward Syria

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SURUC, Turkey — Iraqi peshmerga fighters left the area where they had stayed for days and headed Friday toward the Syrian border town of Kobani where they were expected to join the battle against Islamist militants besieging the town.

The fighters left in a convoy Friday night while waving Kurdish flags and giving the victory sign. As soon as the news spread in Suruc, fireworks were let off.

It was not immediately clear when the force was supposed to cross the border, and Turkish police moved journalists away from the road the force was supposed to take.

The peshmerga fighters came out cheering "Kobani, Kobani," while honking the horns of their vehicles and waving their rifles in the air. A line of Turkish riot policemen stood in front to prevent photographers from taking pictures of the fighters as they left.

Earlier in the day a Kurdish official blamed Ankara for the delay of the peshmerga force deployment for days.

The official with Syria's powerful Kurdish Democratic Union Party, or PYD, claimed Turkish leaders had been hoping that militants from the Islamic State group would capture the town before the Iraqi fighters entered.

"There have been so many delays and the pesh-

merga are not to blame. The Turks are behind the delays," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. He added that attacks by IS on Kobani have increased meanwhile.

His comments illustrated the deep distrust between Syria's Kurds and Turkey. Relations between Turkey and Syria's Kurds have long been strained, in large part because Ankara believes the PYD is affiliated with the Kurdish PKK movement that has waged a long and bloody insurgency in southeast Turkey.

On Oct. 22, lawmakers in Iraq's largely autonomous Kurdish region authorized peshmerga forces to travel to neighboring Syria and help fellow Kurds. The peshmerga fighters arrived in Turkey on Tuesday and have been staying in a facility in Suruc.

Anwar Muslim, a Syrian Kurdish official in Kobani, said earlier that the vanguard force that entered the town Thursday discussed defensive positions and strategy against the Islamic State group with the town's Kurdish defenders before leaving the town. All 150 peshmerga fighters are supposed to return to Kobani later Friday, Muslim said.

Muslim told The Associated Press by telephone from Kobani that "zero hour hasn't been decided yet, but it will be today."

The hope is that the Iraqi Kurdish fighters will help reverse gains by Islamic State militants who have captured

parts of the town as well as dozens of nearby villages.

The senior Kurdish official said "the peshmerga want to go in as soon as possible. This is very important for us regarding Kurdish unity. When the peshmerga and People's Protection Units are fighting together, this boosts the morale of the Kurdish people."

He said the peshmerga fighters are bringing with them heavy machineguns and most importantly anti-tank missiles. The official said Kurdish fighters in Kobani don't currently have the weapons to stop the tanks that the Islamic State group is using.

Islamic State fighters have been using heavy armored vehicles they had captured from Iraqi and Syrian troops when they conquered large parts of Iraq and Syria in June. With modern weapons in Kurdish hands, the balance of power could start tipping in their favor in Kobani.

In Paris, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the international community is focusing too much on the battle over Kobani and called for strikes in other parts of Syria.

Speaking at a news conference with French President Francois Hollande, Erdogan said, "We're only talking about Kobani, a city on the Turkish border where there is almost no one left besides 2,000 fighters."

"It's difficult to understand this approach: why are coalition forces continually bombarding Kobani? Why

don't the coalition forces want to act in other zones?" Erdogan said.

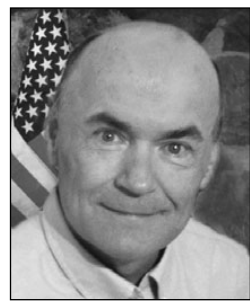
The expected peshmerga deployment, accompanied by 50 members of the Free Syrian Army, was condemned by Syria's government as an act of Turkish aggression and a "blatant violation of Syrian sovereignty."

The official's comments came as the U.S. Central Command said American warplanes conducted four airstrikes near Kobani damaging four Islamic State fighting positions and one building occupied by the group.

Muslim and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Kurdish fighters in Kobani fought heavy battles with the Islamic State group that launched an offensive in the town six weeks ago.

"We have 10 martyrs in the past 24 hours," Muslim said, adding that corpses of Muslim militants are on their ground and they can't pick them up.

The Observatory said 22 Kurdish fighters were killed and 19 jihadis were killed on Thursday alone. The group added that 21 fighters with the Islamic State's police force known as Hisba, were killed in airstrikes by the U.S. led coalition on Thursday.



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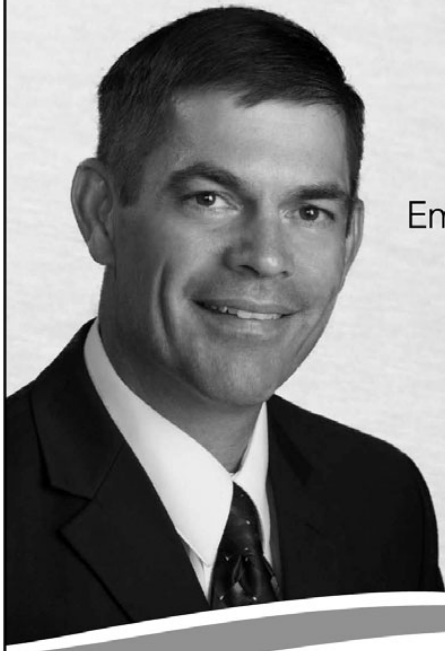
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