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Got it. Let us know. (b)(6); asked reporter for some time 11am. Salon owner also had a previously scheduled interview today also with the local paper.

I'm jumping on a flight to ORD for the DNC JIC training and ESC mtg. Back late tomorrow.

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So DHS front office is interested in this unfortunate incident. Received a call last night at 8:45pm. We will have to confer with them this AM.

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"Luckily, we have good relationships with other communities," he said of the items the city borrowed. That reduced expenses to paying city workers to fetch and return the items, and fuel for city trucks.

As for overtime: Morales said his departments needed extra help before, during and after the event, to ready the streets around the Colonial Theatre and then put them back to normal. "Falling on a Saturday and a Sunday, it was overtime and double time for some of the work," he said.

Between eight and 12 DPW workers were on different shifts through the weekend, and workers were excited to be involved, Morales said.

"I'm not speaking of political affiliations ... It's just that having the vice president visit is a significant event."

Berkshire County Sheriff Thomas Bowler's office said the department had 19 officers deployed on July 27 and incurred a little more than \$10,000 in overtime. That amount will not be charged to the city, VanBramer said.

According to Dawley, other agencies working with the Secret Service, state police and city agencies that day included the Hampden and Franklin sheriff's departments, County Ambulance, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Berkshire County Special Response Team, most Berkshire County police departments, Berkshire Medical Center, "and whomever else I have not mentioned."

[MA] Secret Service apologizes after breaking into Massachusetts salon to use bathroom before Harris fundraiser (FOX News)

FOX News [8/11/2024 7:41 AM, Anders Hagstrom, Neutral, Secondary]

The U.S. Secret Service was forced to apologize to a Massachusetts salon owner after using her building's bathroom without permission ahead of a fundraiser for Vice President Kamala Harris last week.

The salon owner, Alicia Powers, says Secret Service agents put duct tape over her security cameras and broke into her building by picking the lock. They then allowed various people to use the salon's bathroom over a two-hour period.

Powers told Business Insider that she was aware she had to close her salon but was not informed about the Secret Service's other plans.

"They had a bunch of people in and out of here doing a couple of bomb sweeps again – totally understand what they have to do, due to the nature of the situation," Powers told Business Insider. "And at that point, my team felt like it was a little bit chaotic, and we just made the decision to close for Saturday."

Footage from the salon's front-door Ring security camera shows a Secret Service agent approaching the door with a roll of tape and observing the locked door and the camera. The agent then grabbed a nearby chair and stood on it to tape over the security camera.

"There were several people in and out for about an hour-and-a-half – just using my bathroom, the alarms going off, using my counter, with no permission," Powers told BI.

"And then when they were done using the bathroom for two hours, they left, and left my building completely unlocked, and did not take the tape off the camera," she added.

The Secret Service says it has been in contact with Powers following the incident. The business owner said she received an apology from the Secret Service's Boston office.

"The U.S. Secret Service works closely with our partners in the business community to carry out our protective and investigative missions. The Secret Service has since communicated with the affected business owner," USSS spokeswoman Melissa McKenzie told Fox News Digital. "We hold these relationships in the highest regard and our personnel would not enter, or instruct our partners to enter, a business without the owner's permission."

Powers told the outlet that an EMS worker later told her the Secret Service agent in charge of security that day "was telling people to come in and use the bathroom." The Secret Service told BI that its agents "would not" have used the building without permission, but they acknowledged that an agent had taped over the camera.

"Whoever was visiting, whether it was a celebrity or not, I probably would've opened the door and made them coffee and brought in donuts to make it a great afternoon for them," Powers told BI. "But they didn't even have the audacity to ask for permission. They just helped themselves."

The building's landlord, Brian Smith, says no one gave the Secret Service officers permission to use the building or even enter it.

"Me and my dad own the building, and I have a crazy eccentric guy that lives upstairs," Smith told BI. "And he didn't tell the Secret Service they could use it, and I didn't tell them, and my father didn't tell them, and they had no permission to go in there whatsoever."

Powers says a representative for the Secret Service's Boston field office called her to apologize after BI contacted the agency about the incident.

"He said to me everything that was done was done very wrong," Powers told the outlet. "They were not supposed to tape my camera without permission. They were not supposed to enter the building without permission."

[MA] Secret Service hints it wasn't behind salon break-in during Kamala Harris campaign event (FOX News)

FOX News [8/11/2024 5:12 PM, Bradford Betz, Neutral, Secondary]

The U.S. Secret Service has hinted it was not involved in the break-in of a hair salon during a Kamala Harris campaign event in Massachusetts late last month.

The allegations of Secret Service involvement arose after the salon's owner, Alicia Powers,

alleged that agents put duct tape over her security cameras and broke into her building by picking the lock.

Security camera footage shows an individual dressed like a Secret Service agent approaching the door with a roll of tape and observing the locked door and camera before grabbing a nearby chair to put tape over the camera.

"The U.S. Secret Service works closely with our partners in the business community to carry out our protective and investigative missions," USSS spokeswoman Melissa McKenzie said in a statement.

McKenzie said the Secret Service has been in contact with Powers since the July 27 incident.

"We hold these relationships in the highest regard and our personnel would not enter, or instruct our partners to enter, a business without the owner's permission," McKenzie said, stopping short of saying who was responsible.

Powers told Business Insider that "several people" who were "in and out for about an hour-and-a-half – just using my bathroom, the alarms going off, using my counter, with no permission."

"And then when they were done using the bathroom for two hours, they left, and left my building completely unlocked, and did not take the tape off the camera," she added.

Powers later said that a USSS representative contacted her after Business Insider sought comment from the agency for comment on the incident.

Fox News Digital has reached out to Powers for a response to the Secret Service's latest comment.

The incident comes less than a month after the assassination attempt on former President Trump during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

The shooting put heavy scrutiny on the Secret Service, which was ultimately responsible for coordinating security with local law enforcement.

The scrutiny only intensified after it was revealed that law enforcement officers had observed the shooter, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, and identified him as suspicious more than an hour before the shooting, but lost track of him.

Crooks was able to scale the roof of a building owned by AGR International Inc., a supplier of automation equipment for the glass and plastic packaging industry, and fire an estimated eight shots with an AR-15 style rifle.

After mounting pressure, Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned, following heated testimony before the House Oversight Committee.

[MA] Secret Service apologizes for Pittsfield salon takeover (Boston Herald)

Boston Herald [8/11/2024 8:23 PM, Grace Zokovitch, 1506K, Neutral, Secondary]

The Secret Service broke into the Four One Three Salon in Pittsfield, used the restroom, taped over the security camera and left the door unlocked during Kamala Harris's visit in late July, the salon owner told reporters.

Salon owner Alicia Powers told the Berkshire Eagle she would have "set up coffee and doughnuts for them" if the Secret Service had asked permission, but no one contacted her or her landlord about the entrance.

Harris visited Pittsfield on July 27 for her first fundraising event since she became the presumed Democratic nominee for president. She was expected to raise about \$1.4 million at an event at the town's the Colonial Theatre. The local salon is located across from Colonial Theatre.

Powers told reporters the Secret Service agents appeared to tape over a Ring security camera on the property, broke in, used the bathroom without cleaning up after themselves and left the door unlocked on their way out. They even ate a few mints on the counter, she said.

Around 8 a.m. on July 27, Powers said, she got an alert from her security camera on the business's back porch and could see a woman tape over the camera. She was on a previously scheduled vacation to Cape Cod at the time.

At 11:15 a.m., she told reporters, alarms began to go off and continued through about 12:40 p.m. Others cameras on the property showed people entering and exiting for two hours, Powers said. She drove home and reached the salon after crowds dissipated around 4 p.m.

Powers said she then notified Pittsfield Police, who directed her to Secret Service representatives.

Secret Service's Boston office reached out to Powers to confirm that the agency entered the property, iBerkshire reported via a spokesperson for the agency.

"We hold these relationships in the highest regard and our personnel would not enter, or instruct our partners to enter, a business without the owner's permission," the spokesperson said according to iBerkshire.

Powers said the Boston office apologized on behalf of the agency and offered to pay for any damages, cleaning or the business's private alarm bill, which went off throughout the incident.

The business owner told the Berkshire Eagle she was "happy with the apology" and it brought some "accountability."

However, she added, the way the agency posed a real threat to her business and livelihood.

"When they cleaned up and they left the tape on my camera and they left my back door

completely unlocked,” Powers told the Berkshire Eagle. “What could have happened in that hour and a half or two hours that you guys left the building unlocked?”

[MA] Kamala Harris’ Secret Service Covers Up Security Cameras At Private Business, Breaks Into Building: Report (Daily Wire)

Daily Wire [8/10/2024 5:14 PM, Ryan Saavedra, 3836K, Neutral, Secondary]

Vice President Kamala Harris’ Secret Service detail was caught on video committing crimes against a local business owner during a Harris campaign event late last month in Massachusetts, according to a report.

Alicia Powers, owner of Four One Three Salon in Pittsfield, said that she would have been more than happy to let the Secret Service use her business as a comfort station during Harris’ event in the city on Saturday July 27 if they had simply asked her permission.

“I’m the kind of person that would have set up coffee and doughnuts for them had they asked me for permission,” said Powers.

“Instead, they taped over a security camera on the back porch, broke into the salon, helped themselves to the bathroom, ate the mints on the counter and left without tidying up the bathroom or locking the back door on the way out,” according to The Berkshire Eagle, a local newspaper.

The Secret Service agents never contacted her or her landlord to ask permission to enter the building.

Powers had decided to close her business for the remainder of the day on the 27th because the agents were doing intense bomb sweeps in the area and things became “a little bit chaotic.”

The Pittsfield Police Department has been supportive of her efforts to get accountability after what Harris’ agents did.

The Secret Service claims that they never would have entered the business if they were not given permission. Powers said that she did not give them permission and she feels violated, angry, and disrespected, the report said.

“When they cleaned up and they left the tape on my camera and they left my back door completely unlocked,” she said. “What could have happened in that hour and a half or two hours that you guys left the building unlocked?”

Brian Smith, the building’s landlord, told Business Insider that he did not give the Secret Service permission to enter.

“Me and my dad own the building, and I have a crazy eccentric guy that lives upstairs,” Smith told BI. “And he didn’t tell the Secret Service they could use it, and I didn’t tell them, and my father didn’t tell them, and they had no permission to go in there whatsoever.”

Powers had other cameras set up that alerted her that people were coming in and out of her

business for two hours.

“From the communication I’ve heard from the EMS workers, somebody dressed in all black was telling them to come in and use the bathroom all afternoon,” she said.

When she spoke to the New York Secret Service office, she said that they denied their agents would act that way and then tried to guilt her into letting go of the issue.

“And he kind of ended the conversation with telling me, ‘Do you think we need to deal with this right now with what we have going on?’ And my response was, ‘Sir, I’m not trying to be rude but I don’t deserve to deal with this right now either,’” she said.

Powers told Business Insider that the head of the Secret Service’s Boston-based field office called her and apologized after Business Insider published its report.

“He said to me everything that was done was done very wrong,” Powers said. “They were not supposed to tape my camera without permission. They were not supposed to enter the building without permission.”

[IL] Security preparations for Democratic National Convention begin in Chicago (WGN)

WGN [8/11/2024 11:21 PM, Brónagh Tumulty, Gabriel Castillo, Neutral, Secondary]
In just over a week, the Democratic National Convention will get underway in Chicago.

The quickly approaching convention means a lot of planning is in order to keep people safe and starting Monday, those changes may become more visible.

The build-out of the security perimeter is set to begin as the workweek gets underway, according to the Secret Service.

The Chicago Office-Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) also confirmed to WGN-TV that there will be intermittent traffic impacts and even some rolling street closures to begin the construction starting on Monday.

The security perimeter includes two zones, a red one that’s for credentialed personnel only, and a yellow one that is open to the public, but subject to security checks.

Starting Friday, there will be additional closures for pedestrians and vehicles, but authorities said they have been trying to keep folks as informed as possible, particularly those living and working within the vicinity of the United Center and McCormick Place.

While Milwaukee’s significantly smaller police force had to be bolstered by officers from as far away as Miami for the Republican National Convention, Chicago will be supplemented by other law enforcement from around the state and federal agents.

On Tuesday, new details about where demonstrations can be held are expected to be released by a federal judge.