

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024*

**Statement on the Possible Assassination Attempt Against Former President Donald J. Trump in West Palm Beach, Florida**

*September 15, 2024*

I have been briefed by my team regarding what Federal law enforcement is investigating as a possible assassination attempt of former President Trump today. A suspect is in custody, and I commend the work of the Secret Service and their law enforcement partners for their vigilance and their efforts to keep the former President and those around him safe. I am relieved that the former President is unharmed. There is an active investigation into this incident as law enforcement gathers more details about what happened. As I have said many times, there is no place for political violence or for any violence ever in our country, and I have directed my team to continue to ensure that Secret Service has every resource, capability, and protective measure necessary to ensure the former President's continued safety.

NOTE: The statement referred to Ryan Wesley Routh, who was arrested in connection with the apparent assassination attempt.

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