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Bombings in Boston

Boston Marathon Bombing

On April 15, 2013, at 2:50 pm, two homemade bombs planted in bags along the finishing stretch of the Boston Marathon exploded within 10 seconds of each other, injuring hundreds of spectators on the sidelines and killing three people.

One victim, Jeff Bauman, lost both his legs to the explosion. After regaining conscious in intensive care, he claimed he looked right into eyes of one of the suspects, who was wearing a hat and carrying a bag. The bag was placed down and exploded a few minutes later. The FBI was able to identify two suspected bombers through surveillance footage.

The brothers, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev and 19-year-old Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev, immigrated to America between 2000 and 2001 from the Caucasus Mountains Region of Russia. A massive manhunt ensued. On April 18, one of the suspects was seen robbing a 7-Eleven in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The police were able to track them to the campus MIT, where gunfire was exchanged and two police officers were assaulted, one dying and the other wounded. The suspects then stole a car, forcing the owner inside to take out $800 from a nearby ATM, where they apparently told him they were behind the Boston bombings.

Later that night in Watertown, Massachusetts, police exchanged fire with both suspects, injuring and capturing Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died later that night. Dzhokar was able to escape. On April 19, a Boston resident found a man covered in blood hiding in his covered boat. He notified police, who apprehended the man and indentified him as Dzhokar. He was in critical condition and brought to the hospital where he was treated for gunshot wounds. He was able to communicate to the police through writing on April 21, but could not speak due to a bullet shot through his neck, thought to be a suicide attempt.

Marathons are now increasing security to prevent another attack like the one in Boston.