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# Walmart shooter left 'death note'

Gunman bought weapon hours before killings

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CHESAPEAKE, Va. — The Walmart supervisor who shot six co-workers to death at a store in Virginia bought the gun just hours before the killings and left a note on his phone accusing co-workers of mocking him, authorities said Friday.

"Sorry everyone but I did not plan this I promise things just fell in place like I was led by the Satan," Andre Bing wrote on a note that was left on his phone, the Chesapeake Police Depart-

ment said Friday.

Police said the 9 mm handgun used in the Tuesday night shooting was legally purchased that morning and that Bing had no criminal record. They released a copy of the note found on his phone that appeared to redact the names of specific people he mentioned.

It was not clear when the note was written, but in it Bing claimed he was harassed and said he was pushed to the brink by a perception his phone was hacked.

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Former co-workers are struggling to make sense of the rampage at a Chesapeake, Va., Walmart that left seven people, including the suspected gunman, dead.  
BILL SCHUERMAN/AP



A tundra swan flies above other waterfowl Nov. 12 on the Mississippi River between Stoddard, Wis., and Brownsville, Minn. In a half-mile stretch of the river sheltered on the leeward side of restored islands, several thousand tundra swans congregate while on migration south from Alaska and northern Canada. PHOTOS BY MARK HOFFMAN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

# Wing in for winter

Migrating tundra swans refuel near La Crosse

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BROWNSVILLE, Minn. — On a blustery mid-November day, one that yielded the first significant snowfall of the season, you might expect things to be still and quiet on the Mississippi River near Brownsville, a small Minnesota city about 13 miles from La Crosse.

Instead, the air was filled with the bustling calls of thousands of tundra swans that rest there during their long fall migration from the arctic coast of Canada to Chesapeake Bay, a more than 3,000-mile journey. For these swans, the river is akin to a stop at Kwik Trip during a



Tundra swans gather with other waterfowl Nov. 12 on the Mississippi River between Stoddard, Wis., and Brownsville, Minn.

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# UW's smallest campus to cut in-person classes in fall

Richland finances, low enrollment cited

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The University of Wisconsin System's smallest campus next fall will no longer offer face-to-face instruction to students, with UW's top leader citing low enrollment and financial pressures making the sustainability of the campus' traditional education model "untenable."

UW-Platteville Richland Center isn't closing, at least for now. UW System President Jay Rothman directed interim UW-Platteville Chancellor Tammy Evetovich on Tuesday to develop a plan related to the "ongoing presence at and mission of" the campus, such as offering enrichment courses, online reskilling or upskilling courses for adult learners.

Rothman's letter asks Evetovich to offer reasonable arrangements for Richland Center's students to transfer next fall to UW-Platteville's main campus or the Baraboo campus. The plan should also cover the campus's faculty and staff. The school's directory lists 25 employees, though some may have responsibilities on other campuses, too.

Richland Center's major shift will come five years after the 13 small UW campuses merged with some of the larger universities as a way to improve the transfer process, create administrative efficiencies and avoid campus closures. UW-Platteville, for example, absorbed UW-Richland Center and UW-Baraboo as branch campuses.

Richland Center had about 225 students at the time of the 2018 restructuring. Enrollment nosedived to an all-time low of 60 degree-seeking students this fall. At its enrollment peak in 2014, the campus located between La Crosse and Madison had about 580

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**'Tis the symphony season**

MSO will perform or present 20 shows during holiday season, and many will have Christmas content. **11B**

**Black Friday shopping**

Festivities continue into Small Business Saturday, when many local stores will be welcoming holiday shoppers. **12A**

**Weather**

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