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Less than 24 hours after two bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and wounding scores more, authorities descend on an apartment building in Revere, Massachusetts to interview two men. This story may be unsuitable for younger viewers.

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Transcript
Boston Marathon Investigators Search Apartment
MATT LAUER, anchor:
We can tell you that overnight, we-- we know some developments took place. Police went to Revere, Massachusetts, that’s about ten miles from here to the north, it’s a suburb and they served a search warrant at an apartment there. They interviewed two men this morning. They’re only saying that that search warrant and those interviews were related to the investigation. They’re saying nothing more than that.
SAVANNAH GUTHRIE, anchor:
A lot of questions still this morning, Matt. And, of course, we’re also learning more about the victims. Now, at least three people have died, including an eight-year-old boy. He’s being identified this morning as Martin Richard by our affiliate WHDH in Boston. More than 140 other people were wounded. Witnesses are describing horrific injuries, the kind you might expect to see in a warzone, given the nature of the devices here, Matt.
LAUER: Yeah. We’ve had some in-depth coverage this morning. We’re going to begin with NBC’s Lester Holt. He’s joined us here in Boston. We flew in together yesterday afternoon. Lester, and I know you’ve been on the ground trying to talk to people.
LESTER HOLT, reporting:
Well, I think that-- I think it’s fair to say this city, this country waking up to a new sense of vulnerability this morning. Lots of reports of suspicious packages and the like. You know, Matt, the last leg of this race runners refer to it as Heartbreak Hill and I think none of it-- none of us knew how heartbreaking the day would turn out. Terror on the streets of Boston. A day of inspiration turned into a living nightmare--
MAN #1: There’s multiple people down here, okay. I don’t know what the cause is. Stand by.
HOLT: --as two explosions went off within seconds of each other near the finish line of the Boston Marathon.
MAN #2: Have the bomb squad called?
MAN #3: I knew immediately it was a bomb, I mean, you could smell it, it was like a gun powder smell.
HOLT: For runners prepared to celebrate the end of a 26 mile race, it was an incredible turn of events
with emergency workers rushing to the scene at Copley Square, working fast to save injured athletes and spectators.

MAN #4: I was carrying somebody who lost both of their legs in the explosion. It was a lot of them were lose-- lost limbs, catastrophic.

HOLT: At the time of the bombings approximately half the runners in the marathon had finished with the other half quickly approaching the final mile. Confusion, shock and fear struck those now separated from loved ones.

WOMAN: There were just families all around us with kids, I mean, yelling and screaming and-- I mean, we just wanted to try and get away as quick as possible.

HOLT: A scene of chaos usually reserved for the battlefield.

DR. ALASDAIR CONN (Chief of Emergency Services, Massachusetts General Hospital): This is like a bomb explosion that we hear about on the news in Baghdad or Israel.

HOLT: Over 100 injured were rushed to Boston’s major hospitals for treatment. More than 23,000 runners from 96 countries plus thousands of fans were gathered downtown for the annual race. A third explosion was rumored to have occurred around 4:20 PM on Monday at the nearby John F. Kennedy Library, though further investigation indicates it may have been an unrelated maintenance fire. This morning, the National Guard has secured the area where the blast occurred, and officials say the FBI is now leading the investigation.

RICHARD DESLAURIERS (FBI Special Agent): It will be an ongoing investigation. It is a criminal investigation that is a potential terrorist investigation.

HOLT: Initial reports indicate the bombs included BBs and other objects aimed at inflicting the most harm possible. Overnight, police went to an apartment building in Revere, Massachusetts, and interviewed two men. Security has been increased in other major cities including New York and Los Angeles. From the White House, President Obama pledged to hunt down those responsible.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: Make no mistake, we will get to the bottom of this and we will find out who did this. We’ll find out why they did this. Any response-- any responsible individuals, any responsible groups will feel the full weight of justice.

HOLT: Monday was Patriots’ Day in Massachusetts, and the Boston Marathon is usually a day of celebration. For many, it will now be remembered as a day of shock, sorrow, and terror. To be (AUDIO CUT) Boston will be back in business today except for this huge crime scene that extends behind me for about a mile, three blocks on either side, an area closed off to business owners and even residents who live in this area. And Savannah, we should note public transit passengers have been warned there will be random searches on the T here of bags and other objects.

GUTHRIE: All right. Lester in Boston. Thank you so much.