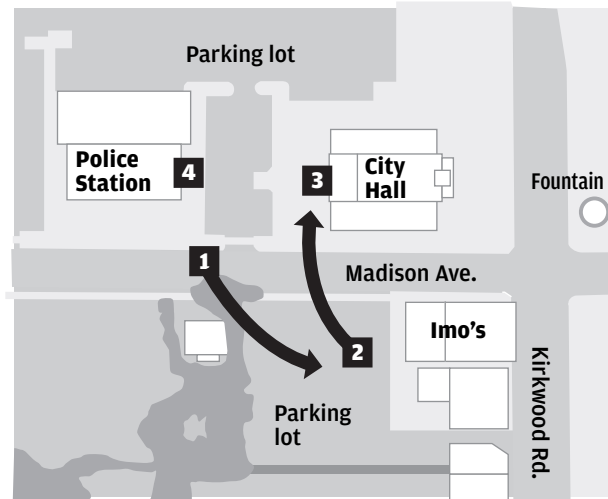


ANATOMY OF A RAMPAGE

Interviews with eyewitnesses inside the Kirkwood City Council chambers – along with other official sources – show the rapid progression of events that left six people dead Thursday night.

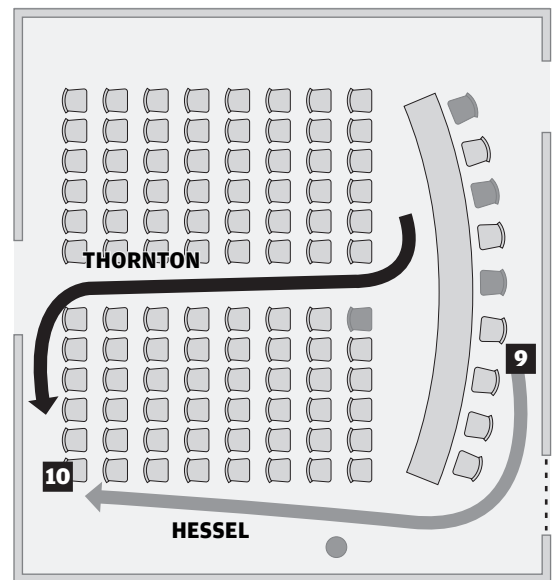
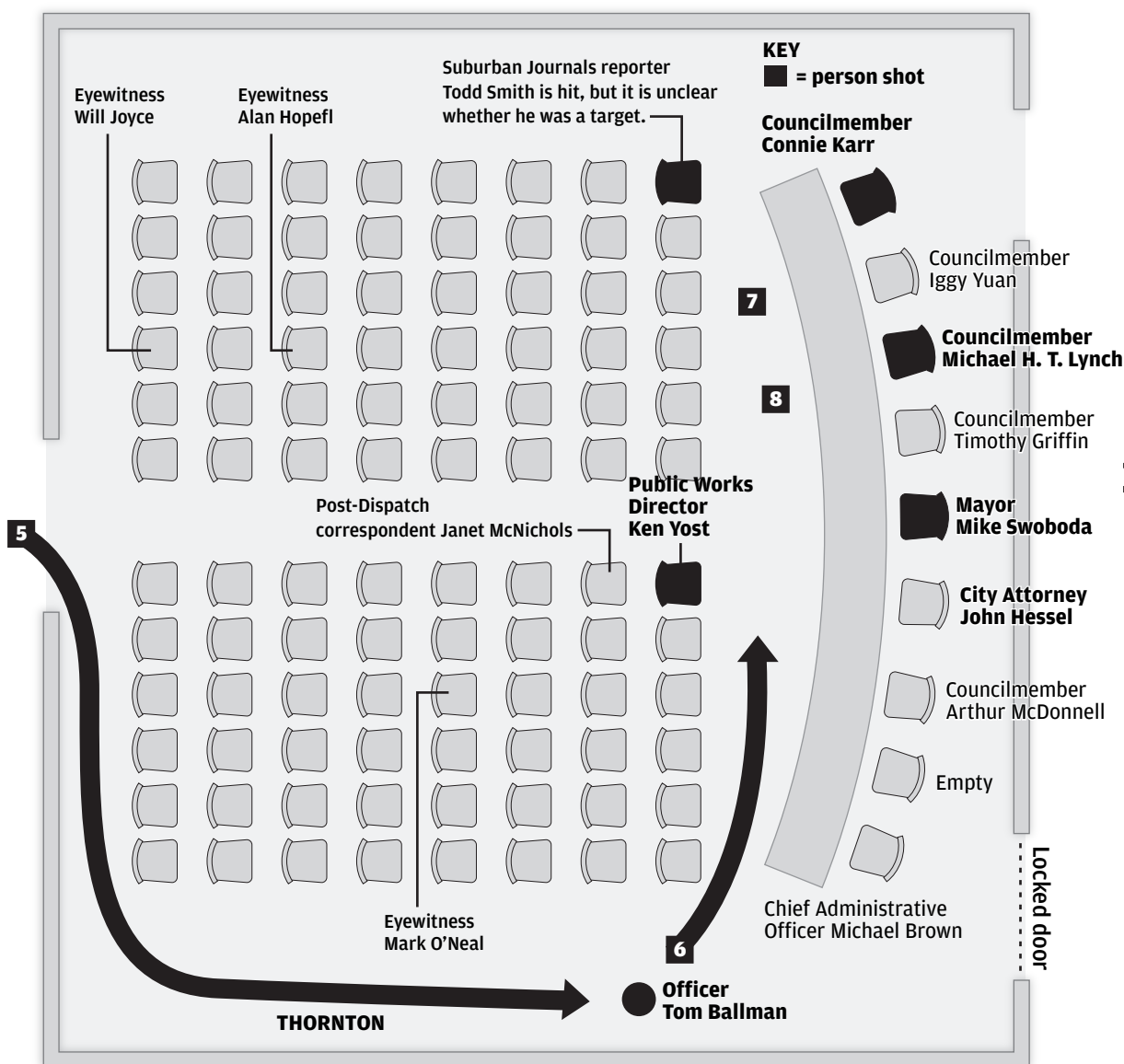
- 1 Charles Lee Thornton** parks along Madison Ave. near the Kirkwood Police Dept.
- He crosses the street into a parking lot where he confronts and kills **Sgt. William Biggs**. Before Biggs dies, he pushes an alert button on his radio. Thornton takes his weapon.



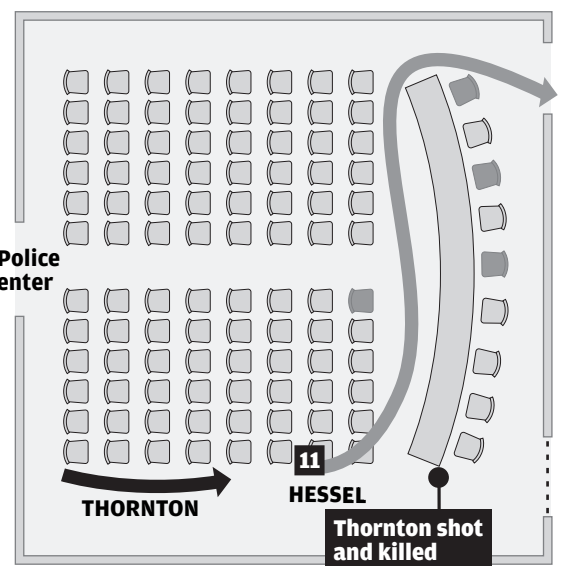
- Thornton heads into City Hall through the back entrance.
- Police responding to Biggs' alert hear gunshots and head straight for City Hall.

INSIDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- Holding a posterboard to conceal his weapons, Thornton walks into the chambers and up to **Officer Tom Ballman**. Thornton tells him to "put his hands up." He shoots and kills Ballman.
- Thornton then shoots and kills Public Works Director **Ken Yost**.
- Councilmembers **Connie Karr** and **Michael H. T. Lynch** are shot and killed.
- Mayor Michael Swoboda** is shot and critically injured.



- As the mayor is shot, City Attorney **John Hessel** runs to the back of the room.
- As Thornton comes after him, Hessel begins throwing chairs at him.



- Hessel runs back to the front of the room to look for escape with Thornton chasing him. Hessel jumps over Yost's body, but Thornton trips over Yost. Two police officers enter from the back and shoot Thornton.

NOTE: Drawing is not to scale
SOURCE: Eyewitness accounts: Will Joyce, Alan Hopefl, Todd Smith, Janet McNichols, Mark O'Neal and John Hessel

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