

## **BOSTON ATTACKS AND MIT INCIDENT UPDATES**

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Here is the last “state of the play” of the Boston attack investigation and the MIT Incident.

- Thursday night, in a very short press conference, **FBI Special Agent in charge (SAC) Richard DesLauriers** uncovered videos of two men considered as “**suspects**” (and not “persons of interests”) in Monday’s terrorist attacks.
- The two men seem to be of “Caucasian type” and in their 20’s to early 30’s.
- SAC DesLauriers said **the men must be considered “armed and extremely dangerous”**.
- A few hours later, **a violent incident took place in or near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, in Cambridge, near Boston.
- They are conflicting reports and it still unclear how the incident began. It seems that **a police officer** responding to a call related to a hijacking in or near the MIT campus **was shot dead** when arriving on the place.
- **A manhunt followed the incident and ended in Watertown**, near Laurel and Dexter streets, where dozens of police officers confronted to young men in a dramatic and chaotic standoff.
- It seems that the two men, taking cover behind a black Mercedes SUV, were wearing backpacks. **Dozens of shots were fired and sources say that “explosives” were used against the police.**
- At least **one of the suspects was caught** and media video showed him completely naked (obviously to ensure that he was not wearing explosive belt or other explosives or arms) and handcuffed embarked in a patrol car. He was rushed to an hospital.
- **The second men got back in the SUV, broke the police cordon and left the scene.**
- At 08:00 AM GMT (04:00 local), **it seems that the second suspect is still at large**: police asked residents to stay at home and no approach windows as a large

police operation was going on. The police will search “door by door” and residents are told not to open to others that clearly identified police officers.

- **FBI, State Police and Boston Police Department are working to establish if there is a link between the “MIT incident” and Monday’s attacks.**

- Various media sources named the two suspects but, due to the erratic reporting, the ongoing incident and the conflicting news, we prefer not to name them for the moment.

- **At 08:30 GMT, media report that the arrested suspects died in hospital. The second one is still on the run.**

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