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Tanker burns on I-795



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A tanker truck filled with fuel overturned and caught fire on the entrance ramp to Interstate 795 North early Friday morning, closing lanes on I-795 North past Interstate 695, according to the Baltimore County Fire Department. Fire and hazmat crews were dispatched about 6 a.m. to I-795 between Owings Mills Boulevard and the Beltway for a motor vehicle crash with fire. Crews found the 8,500-gallon truck on fire and firefighters freed the driver from the truck, the fire department said. The driver of the truck was transported to Shock Trauma for treatment of injuries, the Maryland State Police said. No other injuries were reported as a result of the crash.

FATAL BELTWAY CRASH

By blood or by work, six victims linked in a kinship

Investigations continuing; driver still in fair condition

By Jean Marbella and Dillon Mullan

Two were brothers. Two were father and son. One was a woman in what remains a largely male field. All were part of a common work family. Six construction workers died together Wednesday afternoon when a driver on the Baltimore Beltway that the crew was working to expand struck another vehicle, sending her car hurtling into the construction zone. The driver, Lisa Adrienne Lea, 54, of Randallstown remained at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center on Friday and was in fair condition, a spokeswoman said. The other driver, Melachi Brown, 20, of Windsor Mill, was unhurt. Police and state highway officials said Friday that investigations into the deaths are ongoing. The National Transportation Safety Board also is investigating. Still feeling shock at the loss of their loved ones, family and friends on Friday paid tribute as they began making funeral and memorial arrangements. That Mahlon Simmons II would be

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LANCE REDDICK 1962-2023



A poster of the late Lance Reddick, a cast member in "John Wick: Chapter 4," hangs at the premiere of the film Monday in Los Angeles. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Baltimore-born actor 'was a giant' on and off screen

Friends remember 'Wire' star who died last week

By Mary Carole McCauley

The Baltimore-born actor Lance Reddick could converse knowledgeably about the difference between hiring a doula and a midwife for help during childbirth. In high school, he dropped out of football — a sport at which he excelled — because it might interfere with his dream of playing and composing classical piano. For years, he began his daily workout routine by completing

200 pushups and 100 situps. "Lance was continually trying to become the best man he could be," said James A. Lutz, a childhood friend. "He had that quality in high school. And he talked about it a few weeks ago in the last communication I had with him." Reddick had mentioned underlying health problems occasionally, according to another friend, Quinn Stills. The 60-year-old actor collapsed March 17 in his Los Angeles backyard during his early morning workout routine. His body was discovered by his wife, Stephanie.

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN DERAILMENT

Plant to treat Ohio's water

Officials in Baltimore area express concern over EPA contract awarded to site

By Lia Russell

A Baltimore-area wastewater management company has informed city and county officials it plans to treat wastewater shipped by rail from East Palestine, Ohio, the site of a train derailment last month. Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski Jr. and Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott, both Democrats, said Friday they had received a letter saying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment had chosen Clean Harbors Environmental Services to receive and treat some of the Ohio wastewater at its facility in Southwest Baltimore. In February, 38 cars of a Norfolk Southern train carrying hazardous materials derailed in the eastern Ohio town. Concerns over a potential explosion led state and local officials to approve releasing and burning toxic vinyl chloride from five cars. Local officials ordered residents to temporarily evacuate. Scott and Olszewski said they were informed late Thursday that the EPA and MDE had awarded Clean Harbors a contract to accept and treat wastewater from the derailment at its facility in Baltimore City. After treatment, the water would go into the city's sewer system before arriving at the Back River treatment plant in Dundalk for processing. Clean Harbors, a Massachusetts-based

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McGrath hunt hits 12th day as fugitive experts discuss strategy

By Alex Mann and Reed Williams

The search for Roy McGrath reached day 12 on Friday with few signs that federal authorities are closer to apprehending the fugitive who once served as chief of staff to former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan. McGrath, 53, was supposed to stand trial on embezzlement and wire fraud charges in the U.S. District Court for Baltimore on March 13. He did not show up, prompting the presiding judge to issue a warrant for his arrest and triggering a multi-state search. Federal authorities have gone silent about their efforts to bring McGrath into custody even as the case took strange turns. Here's what we know:

**A welfare check, a search warrant and silence:** Within an hour of McGrath failing to show for his trial, an FBI agent in Baltimore called the Collier County Sheriff's Office asking that deputies conduct a welfare check at McGrath's

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Maryland coronavirus cases by the numbers

Confirmed deaths in parentheses

Source: Maryland Health Department

**Confirmed cases:** 1,370,057  
**Positivity rate (7 day):** 4.64%  
Female 744,904 (7,774)  
Male 625,153 (8,559)  
**Confirmed deaths:** 16,333  
**Probable deaths:** 277  
**Currently hospitalized:** 220  
**Acute care:** 198  
**Intensive care:** 22  
**Completed primary series:** 4,948,924  
**Received monovalent booster:** 2,836,277  
**Received bivalent booster:** 1,409,582  
**State population age 18 and over with at least one dose:** 95%

CONFIRMED CASES BY COUNTY					
Allegany	21,814	(390)	Harford	50,317	(668)
Anne Arundel	120,263	(1,264)	Howard	64,445	(456)
Baltimore	173,012	(2,798)	Kent	3,962	(76)
Baltimore City	150,057	(1,940)	Montgomery	246,829	(2,333)
Calvert	14,834	(174)	Prince George's	230,127	(2,347)
Caroline	7,354	(90)	Queen Anne's	8,876	(130)
Carroll	28,276	(469)	St. Mary's	24,642	(250)
Cecil	20,447	(282)	Somerset	6,200	(78)
Charles	38,838	(408)	Talbot	7,262	(112)
Dorchester	9,591	(115)	Washington	41,077	(638)
Frederick	58,716	(614)	Wicomico	24,956	(366)
Garrett	7,243	(123)	Worcester	10,919	(187)

BY AGE RANGE					
0-9	131,567	(10)	50-59	185,051	(1,427)
10-19	160,823	(18)	60-69	130,484	(2,801)
20-29	225,161	(84)	70-79	71,441	(4,071)
30-39	230,407	(236)	80+	43,042	(7,099)
40-49	192,081	(585)			
BY RACE/ETHNICITY					
African American (NH)	458,630	(5,371)	Note: NH =		
Asian (NH)	56,960	(511)	Non-Hispanic		
White (NH)	547,680	(9,181)	(Updated		
Hispanic	163,428	(1,074)	Friday		
Other (NH)	67,385	(181)	morning)		

Reddick

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Lutz and Stills saw aspects of their friend in his on-screen characters: Lt. Cedric Daniels on “The Wire”; Charon, the hotel concierge with a double life in the “John Wick” movies; Commander Zavala in the blockbuster Destiny video games. They were upright men with a strong moral backbone; they were multifaceted, intelligent and complex.

Baltimore viewers can catch one of Reddick’s defining roles this weekend. “John Wick: Chapter 4” opens this weekend in movie theaters nationwide.

“Lance was a Renaissance man,” said Stills, who met the 4-year-old future star in the late 1960s when both were enrolled in Miss Redmond’s nursery school. They later attended The Wilkes School at Grace & St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and finally Friends School of Baltimore.

“When I would turn on the TV and see him playing some tough detective, that was hilarious to me,” said Stills, now a Los Angeles investment adviser.

“This is a guy who was a voracious reader, a guy who performed two public concerts at an elite private school, a guy who was taking high-level calculus and eating it for breakfast. He was a giant, and not just on the screen.”

‘A lot of things he wanted to do’

Reddick was born June 7, 1962, the youngest of two sons to Solomon Reddick, a public defender, and

Dorothy Gee Reddick, a teacher. The family lived in a middle-class neighborhood in north Baltimore east of Charles Street.

According to Lutz, the city where Reddick grew up and the high school he attended were hugely influential in his development.

“Baltimore and Friends created an environment where we could seek out and explore,” said Lutz, an ecologist who studies forests at Utah State University.

“You might call it a safe space. They helped make Lance the good person that he was,” he said.

“They taught us that we live in a society where some people are fortunate, some people are less fortunate, and we needed to consider that in our journey through life.”

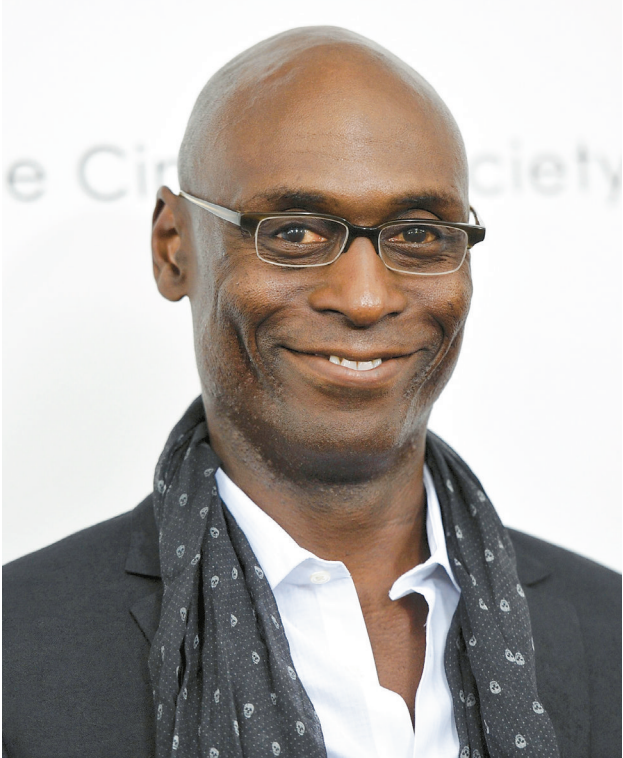
As a boy, Reddick was known for his musical gifts, particularly his beautiful singing voice and his piano technique. Stills said the 6-foot-2 Reddick quit the football team to the dismay of the Friends School coach because he was afraid he would injure his fingers.

“He had a really soft touch on the piano,” Lutz said. “He knew how to make music come alive with emotion.”

After graduating from Friends, Reddick enrolled in the University of Rochester’s prestigious Eastman School of Music, only to drop out with dreams of becoming a rock star like his idol Sting. He later returned to the school, earning a bachelor’s degree.

“Typical Lance,” Stills said. “He was brilliant, but there were a lot of things he wanted to do.”

Though he later found his calling as an actor, Reddick’s



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passion for music persisted his entire life. The Baltimore actress Maria Broom, who played his TV wife on “The Wire,” recalls that during breaks in filming, Reddick enjoyed discussing music and movies.

“When you’re on the set you have a lot of time to talk in between scenes,” Broom said. “He talked about working on his CD.”

Reddick released his jazz-pop album, “Contemplations & Remembrances” in 2007. The album contains nine of Reddick’s original compositions and he also supplied the vocals.

Jamie Hector, the actor who played drug kingpin Marlo Stanfield on “The Wire,” remained close to Reddick after the series

ended, later starring alongside him in the TV series “Bosch.”

“Over the years I had a front-row seat to the amazing person Lance Reddick was,” Hector wrote in an email to The Baltimore Sun. “He was tremendously talented, with a great sense of humor and kind heart. He elevated every scene he was in.”

The actor also stood out from his colleagues — literally — on “The Wire” set.

“Lance had an unbelievably erect posture at all times,” Broom said. “He always stood ramrod straight.”

She later learned that was a result of a severe back injury Reddick suffered in the early 1990s.

Married and the father of a 3-year-old daughter, Reddick was working three jobs to make ends meet: a double shift waiting tables and a third gig delivering newspapers, according to a 2019 interview with Variety magazine. One day he bent over the wrong way to picked up a heavy stack of papers and ended up bedridden. That convinced him to find a new career.

‘He had high standards’

Reddick had acted occasionally at Friends School, and on a whim, he applied to the Yale School of Drama, earning a master’s degree in 1994.

No one was more surprised than he was when he was admitted, friends said.

“That changed his whole life,” Stills said. “Lance was this gifted intellect, but he was not this stuck-up bookworm. He had high standards, and that made him humble.”

Soon after graduating, Reddick was cast in small television roles as drug addicts. Two big career breaks followed: roles as undercover police officer Johnny Basil in HBO’s “Oz” in 1997 and as Lt. Cedric Daniels on “The Wire” in 2002.

Other memorable roles included fixer Matthew Abaddon on the NBC series “Lost,” special agent Philip Broyles in the Fox television network’s “Fringe” and Chief Irvin Irving in Amazon Studio’s “Bosch.”

Reddick also gained a younger and passionate new set of fans by providing the voice for the character of Commander Zavala

in the Destiny video game franchise.

“Lance was important for a lot of reasons,” said Ana Rodney, founder and director of MOMCares, a Baltimore nonprofit that aims to combat Baltimore’s high mortality rate among Black mothers and infants by providing supportive services.

Stephanie Reddick posted a message Saturday on Instagram requesting mourners and fans make donations to MOMCares, an organization her husband supported for the past four years.

“I am humbled that Lance thought so highly of us,” Rodney said. “He continues to be important for a lot of reasons. I’ve already had two or three players from the video gaming community reach out about setting up fundraising events in his honor.”

Reddick became involved with MOMCares in 2019 after Rodney was selected as a 2019 Baltimore Homecoming Hero. At the awards ceremony, Reddick approached and offered to help MOMCares.

“Lance already knew that a doula and a midwife do different things,” Rodney said.

“He could talk about water births and the different options for natural, holistic births. Lance was a genuinely, kind, generous, giving person. There wasn’t any pretense about him in the way you would expect from someone having that level of notoriety.”

Rodney estimated that “conservatively \$30,000” had been donated to MOMCares within five days of Reddick’s death, or about 3% of her agency’s annual operating budget.

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home in Naples, Florida. The FBI agent said she was concerned McGrath could have died by suicide.

The sheriff’s office said McGrath was not home.

Federal agents descended on McGrath’s gated community the next day, March 14. They appeared to focus on the house McGrath shared with his wife, Laura Bruner, and another home a few doors down.

The same day, the U.S. Marshals Service, which is leading the manhunt, distributed a wanted poster picturing a wide-eyed McGrath, wearing a sport coat and tie.

March 15, two days after McGrath disappeared, agents armed with long guns came to McGrath’s door at dawn and raided the residence. Equipped with a search warrant, they went through the house and confiscated Bruner’s phone.

It’s unclear what else they took that day.

Mounting speculation about McGrath’s whereabouts reached a crescendo this week with the release on Amazon of a self-published book about his brief

stint as Hogan’s top aide. The digital book allegedly was written by a mysterious author whose identity could not be verified.

**Setting a trap: How do the feds typically find fugitives?** Such searches typically begin with the gumshoe detective work common in any criminal investigation: canvassing the missing person’s neighborhood, interviewing people close to them, looking for video of their movement.

“[Investigators] try to reconstruct from the home base. In other words, is this somebody who’s hiding out at a relative’s house? Is this somebody who was seen loading a moving van last night?” said James Trusty, a former federal prosecutor who led the Justice Department’s gang unit.

A fugitive’s family members and close friends can expect to face a “tremendous” amount of pressure from law enforcement hunting a wanted person in a high-profile case, said Kevin Connolly, a retired U.S. marshal who conducted thousands of fugitive investigations in his career.

“Everyone is going to be interviewed who knew this person,” Connolly said.

At the same time, law enforcement seek legal access to the fugitive’s financial and phone records and anything else that could reveal their level of planning or provide clues as to their whereabouts.

“The amount of money being accessed can tell you a little bit about planning: Is this somebody who took out \$100 to eat? Or is this somebody who took out \$5,000 for some kind of international travel?” Trusty said.

If the marshals know someone fled, or believe they will flee, the country, they often seek a “Red Notice” with Interpol — the International Criminal Police Organization that facilitates police collaboration around the world — asking authorities in other countries to detain the person if they encounter them, Connolly said.

Interpol’s website did not list a Red Notice for McGrath as of Friday afternoon.

Richard Henry, who was a marshal for almost three decades, likened the typical fugitive investigation to casting a vast fishing net and waiting to see what it snags.

“Eventually, it’s going to be the fugitive who trips up, calls their family, reaches

out to someone in desperation,” Henry said. “In this case, you’ve set your trap. Now you’re just waiting to see if what you set is going to catch the person.”

**Faked deaths, aliases, foreign countries:** A Maryland businessman accused of stealing \$28 million fled the country in 1988. Tom J. Billman lasted four years on the lam, living under an alias and using a fake British passport, until authorities arrested him outside a Paris apartment.

Having originally absconded to live with family friends in Rome, former Prince George’s County politician Anthony J. Cicoria spent the last months before his 1993 capture hiding from the law in cheap motels in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida. From his jail, he told The Washington Post, that fugitive life “was hell.”

More recently, Samuel Israel III, a hedge fund manager who pilfered \$450 million from investors, faked his death in 2008 by parking his car on a bridge over the Hudson River in Upstate New York and leaving a suicide note. Israel spent about a month living at a Massachusetts camp-

ground before surrendering, as authorities closed in, shortly after a phone call with his mother.

John Ruffo was convicted in Virginia, along with an accomplice, of a fraud scheme worth \$350 million. He was released on a \$10 million bond before he was supposed to report to federal custody to serve a 17-year prison sentence.

He disappeared in 1998 and has been wanted ever since.

The marshals service says Ruffo has extensive connections around the globe, and now counts him among its “15 Most Wanted Fugitives.”

**A former marshal on how fugitives like McGrath might avoid detection:** In high-profile cases like McGrath’s, a fugitive likely would have to flee the country to have a chance at avoiding detection for any substantial time frame, said Connolly, who worked for the Marshals Service in the Washington, D.C. area and supervised the regional fugitive task force in Richmond, Virginia, for 17 years.

From Florida, Connolly said, one might head to the Keys and pay for a boat ride to the U.S. Virgin Islands as a first stop on the way to a

country that doesn’t have an extradition treaty with the U.S.

“There are people who will take you on a ‘fast boat,’ as they call them, and circumvent customs and you can just get off and pay cash,” he said.

Even if a fugitive doesn’t have contacts in the criminal underground, “money talks,” he said.

Once abroad, someone with means may be able to shop for a fake birth certificate. They might be able to take up residence in a place like the U.S. Virgin Islands and apply for an American passport under their assumed identity.

“Then you can go anywhere,” said Connolly, adding, however, that “all that would mean is you’re delaying the inevitable arrest.”

He said a life spent trying to avoid capture can be lonely and stressful.

“It’s not like you just kick back underneath a coconut tree,” Connolly said.

“The average white-collar fraud guy will crumble under the pressure that being a fugitive requires,” he said. “You’re a big shot and you’re being driven underground and you’re being hunted.”

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