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By **ANDREA ZELINSKI**, *Houston Chronicle*

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As teams of investigators continued to interview neighbors and gather evidence, local authorities also increased to \$65,000 the reward for information leading to an arrest in

the case, more than quadrupling the reward originally set by state officials.

"We're not saying that we believe terrorism or hate is in play, but we absolutely have to consider that because we don't want to limit what we are investigating, what we are considering and how we are approaching this case," Austin Police Chief Brian Manley said. Two of the victims are black and one is Latino.

Austin's NAACP President Nelson Linder, who knows relatives of two of the victims, said the reward for information should be higher.

"We're talking about human life here," he said.

The three bombings happened in a span of 10 days, leaving two people dead and two others seriously injured. Two of the bombings came within hours of each other Monday.

Seventeen-year-old Draylen Mason was killed in an explosion after he picked up a package off his **front porch** and carried it inside the house, according to police. His mother, who was with him, is in stable condition. A few hours later, a 75-year-old woman who picked up a similar package on her **doorstep** in another neighborhood was injured in an explosion. She remained in critical condition late Tuesday with life-threatening injuries.

The first bombing in northeast Austin on March 2 killed 39-year-old Anthony House, who picked up a similar package on his **front porch**. At the time, investigators theorized that the package was meant as retribution and was delivered to the wrong address, Manley said.

Police had raided a drug stash house earlier that week that had a similar color and vehicle, he said.

In all three cases, an unexpected package was left on doorsteps overnight, police say. Law enforcement sources said all three explosions were caused by pipe bombs but have declined to go into further detail about similarities.

Family connections

The families affected by the March 2 bombing and one of the Monday bombings are known through their activism in the community, Linder said.

The grandfather of the teen killed Monday morning is Norman Mason, a well-known dentist who is now retired. His wife, LaVonne Mason, is co-founder of the Austin Area Urban League, the Austin American-Statesman reported. According to Linder, the Masons are friends with Freddie Dixon, stepfather of Anthony House, the victim of the March 2 bombing. Dixon is a retired United Methodist minister who is considered the "father of the Austin Area Urban League," according to the University of Texas, where he works in community engagement.

Business records indicate that Dixon was a leader of Austin's African American Cultural Heritage District, or "Six Square," which the city defines as six square miles of East Austin that was originally created as the "Negro District" by the Austin City Council in 1928.

He also was a longtime pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church, one of the city's oldest historically black churches, the Associated Press reported.

Dixon was quoted by the Austin American-Statesman in 2015 lamenting how Austin's population growth and prosperity were effectively creating economic segregation by raising the cost of living.

"Austin is quickly becoming a city of the privileged and the non-privileged," Dixon told the newspaper. "Is that the kind of Austin we want?"

Linder was unsure how the 75-year-old woman killed in the second bombing Monday could be linked to the prior bombings, but said there are too many coincidences for him to rule out racial motivations.

"Racial tensions is definitely a concern," Linder said.

"We're telling our community there appears to be a pattern here."

Manley, the Austin police chief, said the city is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the case. That reward is on top of a \$15,000 reward Gov. Greg Abbott offered on Tuesday. Anyone with tips is encouraged to call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

South by Southwest

The bombing happened as hundreds of thousands of people descended upon Austin for the annual South by Southwest conference and festival, which brings together tech, music and film industries in a 10-day lineup of panel discussions, concerts and film screenings.

Officials with the program say safety is always a top priority for SXSW, and officials continue to work with law enforcement and their venues to address the safety of attendees.

"At this time, the Austin Police Department does not believe that the incidents are connected to the event. The substantial security operation already in place for SXSW has been instructed to be extra vigilant," SXSW officials said in a statement released Tuesday.

Many conference-goers had heard about the bombings, but few said it would change how they approach the festival, which last year attracted some 422,000 people to official events.

"These days, I'm paranoid," said Donlyn Turnbull, a 49-year-old video producer from Austin, while sitting in a side section waiting to see a panel discussion featuring the cast of the hit TV show "This Is Us."

Turnbull generally keeps track of the exits at big events, pays attention to people around her and tries to stay out of the crowd. But she's not too worried about the bombs.

"I can't worry about it," she said. "It sounds kind of personal."

Across the street near a beer tent, digital strategist Fahd Lakhani from Houston said the bombing was too removed from the downtown area for him to be concerned.

"It's certainly new for a city like Austin," he said, noting he lived in the city for about a decade. "I think we're desensitized as a population."

Juliana Gouvea, 32, flew to Austin from Brazil, a country known for high crime rates. Hearing about the explosions here is depressing, she said, but it's not going to scare her off from the festival.

"It's kind of normal to hear terrible news like that," she said.