

DelGuzzi, 41, has run numerous marathons but was not running in Boston. Her friend reported to her that she was OK.

Jim Davis, one of the marathon's official photographers, told TheDes Moines Register he was about 50 feet from where the first blast ripped through a glass storefront.

"Debris was falling. Fortunately I was far enough away that there weren't any glass shards," said Davis, 65, of Fairfield, Iowa. "Then people started running and screaming and I realized this is not an accident – I should get out of there."

After the second explosion, about a block away, Davis returned for his camera gear and saw one man who had lost both his legs and others who were severely cut.

"I'm not a war correspondent," he said. "I'm not used to seeing people blown up with injuries."

Tom Beusse, president of the USA TODAY Sports Media Group, had just finished the race and was about 150 yards away from the explosion.

"There was this giant explosion. All of us turned around, the runners, and had these looks on their faces like 'Oh my God.' ... Immediately, it turned into mayhem. People were screaming. Cops told us to keep moving away from the finish line in the direction we were going. No one knew what was coming next – and thankfully, nothing was next."

Massachusetts General Hospital was treating 19 victims, spokeswoman Susan McGreevey said. Six were in surgery in

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“traumatic amputations” from having legs cut off by the force of the explosions.

Tufts Medical Center had nine patients “and we’re expecting more,” said spokeswoman Julie Jette. Brigham and Women’s Hospital reported receiving 18 to 20 injured from the explosions, two in critical condition.

As night fell at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, a Level 1 trauma center, three police officers with rifles stood guard at the front entrance. Inside, physicians cared for 28 victims of the Boylston Street blast, including two in critical condition, two at risk of losing limbs and nine who needed surgery.

Staff throughout the hospital felt the impact of the day’s events. Social worker Laura Taylor was among those not allowed to leave at 4 p.m. due to a lockdown to ensure security, but instead stayed past 7 p.m. As she checked on patients, other social workers and psychologists tended to family members in expanded waiting areas.

“We’ve had other emergencies over the seven years I’ve worked here, but nothing where we had to go into lockdown,” Taylor said. “This had a level of intensity greater than anything else, just knowing what was happening outside.”

Others gathered outside to comfort one another. Marathoner Kirsten Scott was still wearing her number as she talked with a friend and thought about her husband, a surgery resident tending to patients. “We’re just praying,” she said.

The most common injuries were to bones and tissues. Among the youngest, a 3-year-old was transferred to Boston Children’s Hospital for treatment.

Michael Malcolm, a concierge at the Bryant Back Bay apartment building who was a couple of blocks from the race finish line, heard the blasts, but said they didn’t register until he saw crowds of runners coming up the street, some knocking on the front

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