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SPOTTER REPORTS

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE UPTON NY

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...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGISTS CONFIRM EF-2  
TORNADO IN NEW YORK CITY TODAY...

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGISTS ALONG WITH NEW  
YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED  
THAT A TORNADO SKIPPED ALONG AN APPROXIMATE 9 MILE LONG PATH  
FROM STATEN ISLAND TO BROOKLYN EARLY THIS MORNING.

THE TORNADO FIRST TOUCHED DOWN IN STATEN ISLAND AT  
APPROXIMATELY 6:22 AM IN THE VICINITY OF ST. AUSTINS PLACE IN THE  
LIVINGSTON - RANDALL MANOR AREA. THE TORNADO MOVED  
EAST...WITH ADDITIONAL DAMAGE OCCURRING IN THE TOMPKINSVILLE  
AREA. MOST OF THE DAMAGE IN STATEN ISLAND WAS TO TREES...AND  
ESTIMATED TO BE EF-1...WITH WINDS OF 86 TO 100 MPH.

THE TORNADO HEADED EAST ACROSS THE VERRAZANO NARROWS...AND  
TOUCHED DOWN AGAIN IN BROOKLYN AT BAY RIDGE. THIS OCCURRED  
SOMETIME JUST AFTER 6:30 AM ON BAY RIDGE AVENUE BETWEEN THIRD  
AND FOURTH AVENUES...AND CONTINUED ON AN EAST-NORTHEAST PATH  
ACROSS 68TH STREET BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH AVENUES. ELEVEN  
HOMES IN THIS SECTION HAD MODERATE TO SEVERE ROOF DAMAGE. THE  
STORM CONTINUED TO MOVE EAST-NORTHEAST INTO LEIF ERICSON PARK  
SQUARE...WHERE SEVERE DAMAGE TO TREES OCCURRED. AS THE  
TORNADO LIFTED...IT TORE OFF THE ROOF OF THE NISSAN CAR  
DEALERSHIP AT THE CORNER OF 66TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE. THE  
TORNADO RETURNED TO THE GROUND FARTHER NORTHEAST...WITH  
SCATTERED TREE DAMAGE ALONG 6TH AVENUE. BASED ON THE  
ASSESSED DAMAGE...THIS TORNADIC DAMAGE IS CLASSIFIED AS EF-2  
WITH ESTIMATED WIND SPEEDS OF 111 TO 135 MPH.

THE TORNADO RETURNED TO THE GROUND AS ANOTHER POCKET OF  
SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE OCCURRED ON 58TH STREET BETWEEN FIFTH AND  
SIXTH AVENUES. THE ROOF WAS RIPPED OFF OF 5 HOMES...AND TREE  
DAMAGE INDICATES STRONG EF-1 DAMAGE.

THE TORNADO THEN HEADED EAST...AND TOUCHED DOWN AGAIN IN THE

FLATBUSH VICINITY AT APPROXIMATELY 6:40 AM. NUMEROUS TREES...APPROXIMATELY 30...WERE UPROOTED ALONG OCEAN AVENUE BETWEEN BEVERLEY ROAD AND CHURCH AVENUE. THE DAMAGE ALSO EXTENDED TO THE WEST TO ARGYLE ROAD.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAD ISSUED A TORNADO WARNING FOR PORTIONS OF STATEN ISLAND AND BROOKLYN AT 6:28 AM. A SECOND TORNADO WARNING WAS ISSUED AT 6:50 AM FOR SECTIONS OF BROOKLYN...QUEENS...AND NASSAU COUNTY.

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