

Two shot outside NY gov. hopeful Rep. Lee Zeldin's Long Island home while twin daughters inside

Two people were shot outside the Long Island home of GOP gubernatorial candidate [Rep. Lee Zeldin](#) on Sunday while his teenage twin daughters were at home, he confirmed to The Post.

"My daughters Mikayla and Arianna were doing homework on the first floor," said Zeldin, who was not home at the time. "They heard the shots. Boom! They went upstairs and locked themselves in the bathroom.

"They're freaked out," the congressman said.

The Suffolk County pol, who is running on a tough-on-crime platform, said the two people who were shot were taken to Long Island Community Hospital.

"I don't know who was shot," Zeldin said, adding that he is still awaiting details.

He said his front porch, where he was interviewed by The Post on Saturday, "is now part of the crime scene.

"The local police have cordoned off the area," he said.

Zeldin's twins, 16, called 911 from the home around 2:20 p.m., police said.



A Suffolk County police cruiser is on the scene near Zeldin's home.

John Roca



Police sources said neither Zeldin nor his family were targeted in the shooting.

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A law enforcement source said that while the shooting took place in front of Zeldin's home in Shirley, it had "nothing to do with him."

"Just happens to be irony," the source told The Post, noting the investigation was still active.

Zeldin is seeking to unseat incumbent Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul on a strong anti-crime agenda.

The 46-year-old pol has served the 1st congressional district in the House of Representatives since 2015.

Recent polls have Zeldin neck-and-neck with Hochul. The Republican challenger has [gained ground in recent weeks](#) by tapping into voters' concern over crime and high taxes.





Zeldin is shown at home in June with wife Diana and daughters Mikayla, left, and Arianna, right.

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“New Yorkers throughout the state are sick and tired of the attacks on our wallets, safety, freedom and kids’ education,” Zeldin said last week. “Crime Wave Kathy is driving New York right off a cliff.”

Zeldin has particularly harped on the state’s 2019 criminal justice reforms that prohibit judges from setting bail on misdemeanors and some felonies, laws that critics blame for higher crime.

He has repeatedly called for lawmakers in the Democratic-led legislature in Albany to repeal the measures.

Last month, the NYPD Sergeants Benevolent Association [endorsed Zeldin](#), saying he was best equipped to deal with the state’s “precarious times.”

Police in Long Island did not immediately provide details of Sunday’s shooting.