

5 Days Earlier

[New York Times](#): (On) Thursday, September 27th, Robert Stevens and his wife drove to Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit their daughter Casey.

[Dr. Barry Abrams/Dr Larry M. Bush, co-authors of *Index Case of Fatal Inhalation of Anthrax due to Bioterrorism*](#): Immediately on his arrival in North Carolina, the first symptoms developed; (including) muscle aches, nausea, and fever. The symptoms waxed and waned for the duration of the three-day trip.

[Esquire](#): (T)hey hiked a trail to the bottom of Hickory Nut Falls .. Bob .. scooped a handful of water , and drank it. He told Casey, "Tastes minerally."

[C. A Mimms](#): They (then took) a side trip to Durham to meet her boyfriend who was in school there. On the Sunday drive to Durham, flu-like symptoms of weakness, fever, and chills hit.

[Palm Beach Post](#) (interview with Maureen Stevens): They thought it was flu. On the way home (to Florida) .. Stevens .. drove .. [for ten hours](#) .. pulling himself together long enough to make it home. They turned in early because they both felt like they were coming down with something.

[Esquire](#): Home by 5, in bed by 8, with a temperature of 101.

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