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## The Inside Edge: Glenn gearing up for return to ice

Skater relieved to learn police officer father unharmed in Dallas attack

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*Amber Glenn and boyfriend Nathan Chen take a selfie at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. - courtesy of Amber Glenn*

When the news broke that several law enforcement officers had been shot at a demonstration in Dallas on July 7, skater [Amber Glenn](#) was worried. Her father, Richard, is a police officer in Plano, Texas, a Dallas suburb, and she didn't know where he was.

"I started calling him when I heard. I didn't know he was home," she said. "It was so unreal."

Her father was off duty at the time and sleeping safely at home. The 27-year veteran of the force said that while he didn't personally know any of the officers who were killed, he has a lot of friends who did.

"Something like this brings the community and the police department together," he said. "We've had a lot

of support from the community."

Glenn, the 2014 U.S. junior champion, has been working toward a return to competition this summer after taking most of last season off. She finished third at the Broadmoor Open, winning the short program with a Scott Brown-choreographed interpretation of "Send in the Clowns" that included a nice triple flip-triple toe.

"I felt great about the Broadmoor short," Glenn said. "Scott did a fantastic job with the choreography, and I love doing it. 'Send in the Clowns' is a beautiful piece. I saw Yu-Na Kim skating to it, and it just took my breath away, how gorgeous it was."

Glenn competed at a small local competition last weekend, despite having equipment issues.

"My boots were very broken down, and I've had to put a quick order on some new ones," she said. "My free skate was improved from Broadmoor, but it wasn't my best, for sure."

Glenn plans to include a triple lutz-triple toe and a triple flip-triple toe in her "Rhapsody in Blue" free skate, which was choreographed by her coach, Darlene Cain. She intends to compete at the Cranberry Open next month.

"I do [lutz-toe] every day in practice, but we're trying to look at the big picture and the whole program," Glenn said.

Last season, Glenn started out with a sixth-place finish at the 2015 Skate Canada Autumn Classic International and a fifth-place result at the Junior Grand Prix (JGP) in Latvia. Instead of moving ahead with qualifying competitions, however, Glenn got off the ice completely. She realized that she hadn't really been loving the sport ever since the 2013-14 season.

"[Last season] started out OK, but I kept having setbacks, both personally and on the ice," she said. "I had to step back from the sport and reevaluate. I took almost six months off to gather everything together."

In February, Glenn decided to get back to training -- only in a new place, and with new coaches. She switched to working with Peter and Darlene Cain in Euless, Texas, alongside Ashley Cain and Aleksei Krasnozhan.

"It's been great, honestly," Glenn said. "Since I've known them for a long time, it hasn't been too hard on me. Being able to skate with Ashley and Alex has been a huge motivation for me, and it's a happy and competitive environment."

Glenn did attend the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, and she went to the world championships as a spectator, too. A lot of U.S. skaters who weren't competing came to watch, and Glenn and her boyfriend, Nathan Chen, enjoyed getting to hang out with everyone in the stands.

"It was nice to get to see them and talk to them while we're not all stressed out competing," she said.

Glenn loved watching the competition, and she became very motivated witnessing Evgenia Medvedeva win the title. In 2014, Medvedeva won a JGP event in France in which Glenn competed and took bronze.

"It was so awe-inspiring," Glenn said. "It was so crazy to see Evgenia, a girl I've competed against, become the world champion. She's a very sweet, loving girl, and I was very happy for her. During Ashley [Wagner] and Gracie [Gold's] programs, I was screaming so loud, and you couldn't even hear yourself in the arena. I just thought, 'I want this to be me. I will do whatever it takes to do this.'"

### **Kerrigan at the flea market**

Nancy Kerrigan and her son, Matthew Solomon, appeared on Home & Garden Television (HGTV) Sunday night, in an episode of the show *Flea Market Flip* entitled "Battle of the Olympians." The two were given \$500 to spend and had one hour to transform and re-sell three of their purchases; the team that came away with the highest overall selling prices won.

"I think we were most proud of the console table -- it took a lot of manpower to transform it," Solomon said. "My mom and I wanted to bring that one home especially. It was really beautiful and had some great history as well."

The two-time Olympic figure skating medalist and her son took on Olympic judo champion Kayla Harrison and her grandmother, Rachel, at the LIC Food & Flea in Long Island City, New York, and the Brimfield Antique Show and Flea Market in Massachusetts.

"We had a blast, and it was a lot of hard work, but I think it paid off, and we had a great experience," Solomon said. "You never get to see people like my mom do things like that. And Kayla is the greatest. I can't wait to see her in Rio!"

The show re-airs about once a week through Aug. 7.

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