

Deadly Shooting at San Diego Mosque Carried out by Teen Suspects

Gunmen opened fire at the Islamic Center of San Diego on Monday, the largest mosque and Islamic center in the city. Officials said three men are dead, including a security guard, a devoted father of eight, who police are praising for saving lives.

“I have deep gratitude to the security officer who was here and whose actions and heroism undoubtedly saved lives,” said San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria.

Two shooters, identified as teenage suspects ages 17 and 18, were found dead in a car a few blocks away from self-inflicted gunshot wounds.



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Authorities said one suspect's mother called police just hours before the attack.

“She believed her son was suicidal, and she began to share information that several of her weapons were missing,” said Scott Wahl, Police Chief of San Diego.

The campus houses the Al Rashid school for students K through 8th grade. Heartbreaking aerial footage captured school children holding hands as police evacuated them to safety.

“I tell you what got me, watching the kids come running out just thankful to be alive,” Chief Wahl said as he choked up.

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