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## Death toll from California massacre rises to 11 as police look for motive

MONTEREY PARK, Calif., Jan 23 (Reuters) - An 11th victim died from injuries on Monday after an elderly gunman's deadly rampage at a Los Angeles-area dance hall, California police said, as authorities were still searching for a motive behind one of the state's worst mass shootings.

Police identified 72-year-old Huu Can Tran as the suspect in the massacre, which took place during a Lunar New Year celebration at Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park, a dance hall popular with older patrons of Asian descent.

Tran allegedly killed 10 people on Saturday night and wounded 10 others, then traveled to another dance hall where his attack was thwarted. He later fatally shot himself.

An 11th person had died on Monday from injuries sustained during the shooting, Monterey Park Police Chief Scott Wiese told reporters. All of the deceased were between the ages of 50 and 80.

On Sunday, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said "everything is on the table" in terms of identifying the reasons for the shooting.

U.S. FDA proposes shift to annual COVID vaccine shots  
Officers in Hemet, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles, were assisting the county Sheriff's Department in a search of Tran's mobile home in a gated senior living community, said Alan Reyes, spokesperson for the Hemet Police Department.

Hemet police said in a statement on Monday that Tran had come to the department twice in early January alleging "past fraud, theft and poisoning allegations involving his family" dating back 10 to 20 years. Tran had said he would return with documentation regarding his claims but never did, the police statement said.

Tran had an active trucking license and had owned a company called Tran's Trucking Inc with a post office box address in Monterey Park, according to online records. He had lived in the Los Angeles area since at least the 1990s and moved to the mobile home in Hemet in 2020, address records showed. A neighbor in his gated community described him as "meek" in an interview Monday.

But Adam Hood, a longtime tenant of the alleged gunman at a property in the Los Angeles area, told Reuters he had known Tran to be an aggressive and suspicious person with few friends. Tran had liked ballroom dancing, largely his only social activity, Hood said.

Hood said Tran complained that people at the Star Ballroom studio were talking behind his back.

Mass shooting during Chinese Lunar New Year celebrations in Monterey Park

[1/6] A woman holds her arms up in prayer as members of the community hold a prayer vigil near the scene of a



shooting that took place during a Chinese Lunar New Year celebration, in Monterey Park, California, U.S. January 22, 2023. REUTERS/Allison Dinner

"He was a good dancer in my opinion," Hood said. "But he was distrustful of the people at the studio, angry and distrustful. I think he just had enough."

### TRAGEDY AND A CHASE

Tran's rampage could have been worse. About 20 minutes after the shooting in Monterey Park, he entered the Lai Lai Ballroom & Studio dance club in the neighboring city of Alhambra. There, Brandon Tsay, who operates the family-run dance hall, wrestled a weapon away from the shooter before he could get a shot off.

"That moment, it was primal instinct," Tsay told the New York Times, saying that the gunman fled the scene after a 90-second struggle. "Something happened there. I don't know what came over me."

About 12 hours later, police officers in Torrance, 20 miles southwest of Monterey Park, cornered a white cargo van that Tran was driving. As officers neared the van, they heard a single gun shot from inside as Tran killed himself.

Authorities have not yet released names of all the victims, pending notification of their families. The Los Angeles Coroner's Office said two women, My Nhan, 65, and Lilan Li, 63, were among the dead. ABC News identified one of the deceased as dance instructor Ming Wei Ma.

Luna said the pistol that Tran used was likely illegal in California, having a magazine whose capacity exceeded the state limit of 10 rounds.

A woman holds her arms up in prayer as members of the community hold a prayer vigil near the scene of a shooting that took place during a Chinese Lunar New Year celebration, in Monterey Park, California, U.S. January 22, 2023. REUTERS/Allison Dinner

The shooting took place during a two-day Chinese Lunar New Year celebration in Monterey Park, which draws thousands of people from across Southern California.

As news about the shooting spread, some in the tight-knit community of Monterey Park initially feared it was a hate crime targeting Asians. The city of 60,000 people has for decades been a destination for immigrants from China. Around 65% of its residents are Asian, according to U.S. Census data. Residents describe it as a friendly community where such a tragedy was previously unthinkable.

At the entrance to the Star Ballroom dance studio on Monday, residents left flowers, fruit and candles to honor the dead.



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

01/23/2023

## Our Anger And Sorrow



In Monterey Park, close to Los Angeles, California, known as 'Little Taipei,' at 10:30 pm Saturday, a gunman opened fire inside a local dance studio and killed ten people and seriously injured ten others on the spot. It is reported that the Chinese American suspect has died by suicide.

After we learned about the tragedy there was infinite wrath and sorrow in our heart. At the place where the incident happened, it is also a place I am very familiar with. Every time I have visited LA, I always have passed by and enjoyed authentic Chinese food or meet with our old friends in the area.

We really don't understand why this 72-year-old murderer would have such a deep hatred against his innocent people.

Today we all came to this land because we were looking for a better life. We need to help each other, especially in this difficult time.

Congresswoman Judy Chao who represents Monterey Park expressed infinite anxiety and anger hoping this was not a hate crime.

The failure of our national safety and the proliferation of guns has become a national crisis. We want to strongly express our anger and helplessness to the government and to the representatives who represent us in the U.S. Congress.



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## Editor's Choice



Tons of floating waste float in the Drina river near Visegrad, Bosnia and Herzegovina. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic



Music fans attend a public memorial for singer Lisa Marie Presley, the only daughter of the "King of Rock 'n' Roll," Elvis Presley, at Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tennessee. REUTERS/Nikki Boertman



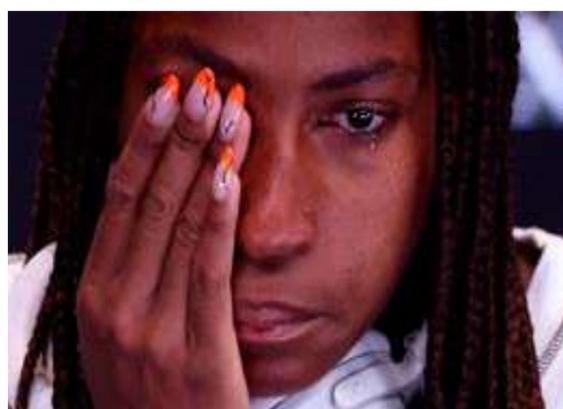
Republican Ohio U.S. Senate candidate J.D. Vance arrives with his wife Usha to declare victory at his midterm party in Columbus, Ohio. REUTERS/Gaelen Morse



A young girl watches as police use armored vehicles to surround a white cargo van, believed by law enforcement to be connected to the Monterey Park mass shooting suspect according to an ABC affiliate, at a parking lot in Torrance, California. REUTERS/Zaydee Sanchez



A reveler wears a local Carnival costume during the parade of "Carnaval de Sainte-Rose" in Sainte-Rose, Guadeloupe. REUTERS/Pascal Rossignol



Coco Gauff of the U.S. during press conference after losing her fourth round Australian Open match against Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko. REUTERS/Loren Elliott

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BUSINESS

The Suspect Died Of A Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound According To Police

Asian Gunman Kills 10 At Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration – 10 More Hospitalized In Critical Condition

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Police block off the street in front of the location of the attack in Monterey Park.

Key Points
\*Ten confirmed dead and ten injured, following a Lunar New Year's shooting in Monterey Park, California.
\*The alleged suspect in the attack was located and has died of a self-inflicted gunshot during a standoff in Torrance, California.
\*According to authorities, the 'Isolated incident' occurred after a Chinese Lunar New Year celebration.

Police say the white van shown above is connected to Saturday night's mass shooting in Monterey Park. During a standoff Sunday in Torrance, the driver appears slumped over the wheel following a police standoff. (Jay L. Clendenin / Los Angeles Times)

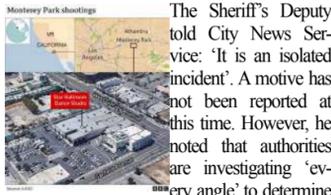
President Biden Has Been Informed Of The Incident
President Biden's Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre tweets that the president has been briefed on the incident and giving full support to local authorities. The FBI's Los Angeles Field Office has joined the sheriff's department and Monterey Park Police in the investigation.

Monterey Park shooting
The Sheriff's Deputy told City News Service: 'It is an isolated incident'. A motive has not been reported at this time. However, he noted that authorities are investigating 'every angle' to determine whether or not the shooting was racially motivated.

Year celebrations in other parts of the community, the investigation that was launched today is large and 'will go on for many days and perhaps many months.'



Los Angeles Sheriff Robert Luna spoke with media during a Sunday morning press conference. Local resident Wong Wei told the Los Angeles Times that his friend was at the dance club, and was in the bathroom when the shooting broke out.



Daytime aerial view of the dance hall where 10 people were shot dead Saturday night. The deadliest shooting in California history was in 1984 when a gunman killed 21 people at a McDonald's restaurant in San Ysidro, near San Diego.



She added that investigators are working to determine whether the shooting was a manifestation of 'Asian hate,' and said that her heart goes out to Monterey Park and the families and friends of those lost.



Entrance to the Star Ballroom Dance Studio in the 100 block of West Garvey Avenue in Monterey Park where the shooting took place. Multiple investigators remained on the scene throughout the morning.

Tens of thousands of people had attended the two-day festival earlier in the day, which is one of the largest in Southern California. Following the attack, footage posted on social media showed deserted, cordoned-off streets guarded by police cars.

Monterey Park is home to one of the largest Asian communities in Los Angeles County and many were out celebrating the Lunar New Year.



According to demographic data, Monterey Park is home to an Asian majority population. About 65 percent of community residents are Asian. California Governor Gavin Newsom wrote Sunday morning: 'Monterey Park should have had a night of joyful celebration of the Lunar New Year. Instead, they were the victims of a horrific and heartless act of gun violence.'



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The Star Ballroom Dance Studio opened a decade ago and is owned by Maria Liang, a former banker for the East West Bank - a popular bank among the Chinese-American community.

It has since become one of the most popular professional ballroom studios in Southern California.



As members of the Chinese-American community in Monterey Park celebrated the incoming year of the rabbit on Saturday night, they were expecting to embrace a coming year full of relaxation, quietness and contemplation - all concepts that are emblemized by the rabbit.

The outgoing year of the Tiger was meant to be filled with positive and active thought, according to Chinese cosmological philosophy. But those celebrating the Year of the Rabbit suffered a rude awakening Saturday evening when the year broke out with a mass shooting.



Dr. Hongling Liang, a lecturer at University of Glasgow's School of Modern Languages and Culture told the BBC, 'The rabbit is a very gentle and clever animal. It may not be the strongest of the 12 animals, but its charm and speed attracts good qualities such as money, partnership and success.'

According to Chinese tradition the year of the rabbit is meant to be 'calm and gentle, bringing an energy that will help those looking for more of a balanced life.'

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COMMUNITY

2,120 Hate Incidents Against Asian Americans Reported During Coronavirus Pandemic

What Do Attacks On Asians Tell Us About American Identity?



Attacks on East Asian people living in the US have shot up during the pandemic, revealing an uncomfortable truth about American identity. (Photo/ Getty Images)

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More than 2,100 anti-Asian American hate incidents related to COVID-19 were reported across the country over a three-month time span between March and June, according to advocacy groups that compile the data. The incidents include physical attacks, verbal assaults, workplace discrimination and online harassment.

references to China and the coronavirus. One assailant yelled about "bringing that Chinese virus over here" during an attack against an Asian-American man at a San Francisco hardware store on May 6.



The assailant reportedly also said "Go back to China," "F--- you, Chinaman" and "F--- you, you monkey." In another San Francisco incident on June 9, someone threw a glass bottle at a woman putting her child in a car seat and yelled, "Go home Ch---k."

Wednesday." Though she was not born in the US, nothing about Tracy Wen Liu's life in the country felt "un-American". Ms Liu went to football games, watched Sex and the City and volunteered at food banks.

That has changed. With the outbreak of the pandemic that has killed around 100,000 people in the US, being Asian in America can make you a target - and many, including Ms Liu, have felt it.



Members of the Asian American Commission gather in Massachusetts to condemn racism. (Photo/Getty Images)

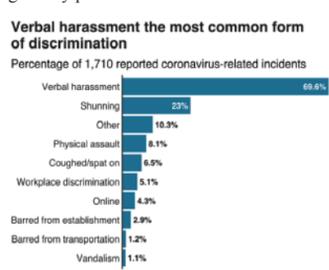
In states including New York, California, and Texas, East Asians have been spat on, punched or kicked - and in one case even stabbed. Whether they have been faced with outright violence, bullying or more insidious forms of social or political abuse, a spike in anti-Asian prejudice has left many Asians - which in the US refers to people of east or southeast Asian descent - wondering where they fit in American society.

by advocacy groups and San Francisco State University says it received over 1,700 reports of coronavirus-related discrimination from at least 45 US states since it launched in March.

And for many Asian Americans, it can feel as though, in addition to being targeted, their identity as Americans is being attacked.

Statistics on Anti-Asian incidents in the US:

One third of people surveyed said they had witnessed someone blaming Asian people for the pandemic; 1,710 incidents reported to STOP AAPI HATE - 15% of those cases involved physical assault or being coughed on or spat at.



More than 100 alleged hate incidents reported to civic groups and police departments in Los Angeles. Six reports of bias incidents reported to police in Seattle.

York City Commission on Human Rights, New York City Police, Los Angeles County Commission on Human Rights, Seattle Police, Network Contagion Research Institute, BBC research

Some Asians have also reported being refused service from hotel rooms, or Uber rides, as a result of their ethnicity. Matt (not his real name), a Chinese American emergency room doctor in Connecticut, noticed that several patients asked to be admitted to hospital because they said an Asian person had coughed near them.

"I had my protective equipment on, walked in and introduced myself. Once they heard my surname, they were like 'don't touch me, can I see someone else - can you just not come close to me'."

Many other minorities face more "overt types of discrimination which are worse", Matt says - but he fears that incidents such as what he experienced would be demoralising for medical workers.

"This is a pretty stressful time - we're working a lot more, wearing very uncomfortable equipment all the time, and a lot of us are getting exposed to Covid-19."



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