

**Islamic Center of San Diego Shooting Preliminary Timeline  
(as of May 22, 2026)**

9:42 a.m.	<p>After initially calling the San Diego Police Department’s non-emergency line, a mother called 9-1-1 to report that her 17-year-old son, Cain Clark, was missing.</p> <p>During the call, the mother reported that Clark left their home at 6:24 a.m. with an unknown man. She said the man might have been named Caleb, a person her son met online, but she didn’t know his last name and had never seen him before. She told the dispatcher a firearm was missing from the home, but she did not know if her son or the man he was with had taken it. She said the pair left in her son’s car and that he did not look like he was being forced from the home. The mother shared that her son is in a home study program, but is registered at Madison High School. She said he was supposed to take his finals online sometime that day.</p> <p>She provided a description of her son and Caleb, who were both wearing camouflaged clothing. She also described her son’s vehicle.</p> <p>The dispatcher advised the mother to call back with any updates.</p>
	<p><i>Based on the information available at the time, which did not include any mention of suicidal or violent behavior, the call was classified as a Runaway Juvenile, a Priority 2 call. The call was added to the dispatch queue.</i></p>
9:45 a.m.	<p>Dispatchers shared details of the call, including descriptions of Clark, Caleb, and Clark’s vehicle, to all officers who were logged in to their mobile police computers.</p>
10:41 a.m.	<p>Mother calls 9-1-1 again to report that additional weapons are missing from the home, and she believes her son took them. She also described finding a possible suicide note near her son’s computer and threatening, hate-filled writings on his computer.</p>
10:47 a.m.	<p>Because of Clark’s possible connection to Madison High, police notified the San Diego Unified School District Police Department, which already had a unit at the campus.</p>
10:50 a.m.	<p>The call is upgraded to a Priority 1 because of the potential for acts of violence.</p>
10:54 a.m.	<p>A two-officer unit and a patrol sergeant head to the mother’s house.</p>
11:04 a.m.	<p>Information about the call was shared with all dispatch centers countywide.</p>
11:06 a.m.	<p>Information that the call may lead to acts of violence is sent to the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center and the Department’s Criminal Intelligence Unit and Threat Management Unit.</p>

	<i>Following this notification, SDPD's Threat Management Unit worked to contact the juvenile's mother directly. They also requested the Department's Real-Time Operations Center hot list the vehicle's license plate in the License Plate Reader system. The Threat Management Unit also started working on a Suspicious Activity Report for Clark and started looking into his companion, who is still only identified by first name.</i>
11:10 a.m.	Officers arrive at the mother's house and begin gathering additional information. Officers also learn Clark and Caleb had possibly written a suicide pact.
11:31 a.m.	Clark's vehicle hits the ALPR system headed east in the Mission Valley area, and units are sent to check.
11:37 a.m.	Clark's mom says he may be at a store he liked in Mission Valley. Units are sent to check.
11:42 a.m.	SDPD receives calls of shots fired at the Islamic Center of San Diego. The call is immediately aired to all units.
11:46 a.m.	The first officers arrive at the Islamic Center.
11:52 a.m.	Another call comes in about additional shots fired in the 7100 block of Salerno St. A landscaper at the location was shot at. He was struck on the helmet he was wearing and suffered minor injuries.
12:03 p.m.	The two suspects were found dead in Clark's vehicle in the 3800 block of Hatton St.