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Islamic Center of San Diego Shooting Investigation Update

San Diego – On May 18, 2026, two suspects attacked the Islamic Center of San Diego, killing three adults before being found dead in their vehicle.

The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) continues to grieve for everyone impacted by this week's horrific event.

We understand the public's desire for answers and will continue providing information that is confirmed, verified, and will not compromise the active investigation being conducted by SDPD and the FBI San Diego.

We appreciate everyone's patience and shared commitment to understanding what occurred in this week's tragedy.

Timeline:

The San Diego Police Department has released a preliminary timeline on the [Islamic Center Shooting Information website](#).

SDPD Staffing:

The San Diego Police Department, like many law enforcement agencies nationwide, continues to face staffing shortages. SDPD has spoken openly about those challenges.

We understand why people would ask whether staffing levels played a role in this week's tragedy, and that will be a part of our ongoing review.

Based on what we know now, this response was largely driven by the information officers and dispatchers had at the time. Once the call was elevated to a Priority 1, officers were on their way to continue the investigation within approximately 5 minutes. Later, when reports came in of an active shooter at the Islamic Center, the call was elevated again to a Priority 0, triggering an immediate countywide response. Officers were on scene within four minutes.

There will be greater clarity in the weeks and months ahead as more information is learned.

Runaway Juvenile Calls:

Over the last five years, the San Diego Police Department has received, on average, 1,891 Runaway Juvenile calls per year.

Misidentified Person:

SDPD is aware that incorrect photos of one of the suspects in this case are being shared online. We will not be providing any images of the suspects to give them any further publicity. We continue to remind the public to use caution with online information and to use only verified information when reporting serious incidents like this.

The FBI has also [released a statement on this](#).

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