

Mass shooting in Minneapolis, MN

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Two mass shootings within 24 hours

On Tuesday August 26, 2025, around 1:30 p.m., police responded to a ShotSpotter in the 2900 block of Clinton Avenue. The ShotSpotter activation detected 30 rounds fired. A gunman opened fire with a high-velocity .223 rifle at a group gathered on a sidewalk. When the police arrived, they found two of the seven people that had been shot. One male was killed upon police arrival, and the other was wounded. Five other victims, four males and one woman were also shot. Three of them are listed in critical condition but are expected to recover. This shooting was across the street from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, which was in session at the time of the shooting. The suspect fled from the scene in a vehicle and is still at large. Police are still gathering evidence to locate the suspect.

On August 27, 2025, around 8:30 a.m., police responded to call of an active shooter at the Annunciation Catholic Church. The church had started at 8:15 a.m. to mark the first day of the school year. The doors had been locked for the service for safety. The first call to 911 was at 8:27 of an active shooter. The police arrived at 8:31 a.m. and were directed to the shooter's location. The shooting appeared to last for about two minutes before the shooter Robin Westman shot herself. Westman was shooting through the Church windows and even barricaded the doors from the outside to prevent escape.

Westman killed two children and injured 18, 15 were children and three adults. It was determined the gunman shot approximately 116 rifle rounds and three shot gun shells.

It was found that Westman had visited the church weeks prior to conduct surveillance. The shooter also purchased the firearms legally. One teacher gave a statement saying she taught the shooter and remembers Robin being odd, different kid who was goofy. But at the same time someone who needed help. She noticed signs of self-harm and reported it but did not know what happened after.

Police executed a search warrant of the home and electronic devices and found hundreds of pieces of evidence. Police said Westman had a wide variety of hate to various individuals and groups. Investigators said they were aware of a video she was going to post that day on YouTube as the shooting was occurring. It was described as a manifesto that also included disturbing writing. The channel and video have been taken down and the FBI are investigating it.

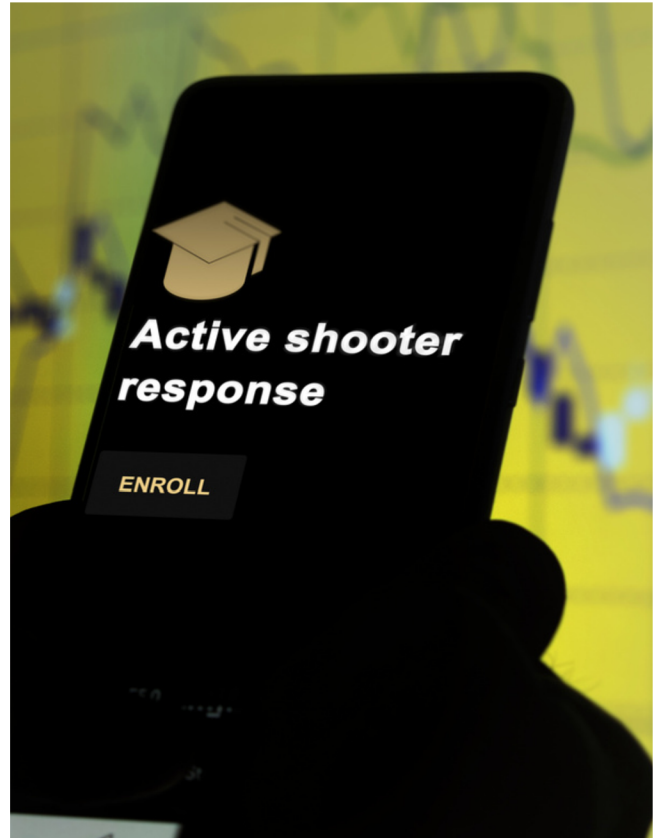
Robin attended the school, and her mother works for the school as well. Investigators interviewed the mother to find out if she knew Robin was going to shoot at the school. It was determined that she did not, and they are also interviewing the rest of the family.

This is being investigated at an act of domestic terrorism and hate crime toward Catholics. The shooter left "multiple anti-Catholics, anti-religious references," expressed "hatred and violence toward Jewish people" and "wrote an explicit call for violence against President Trump on a firearm magazine."

Recommendations

My recommendation would be that every school, both private and public, needs to have a school resource officer or armed security. Another safety tool would be to install a panic alarm in the rooms or panic alarms for each teacher to wear on their person. This would alert security to the location and can be linked to 911 as well.

There is no one set thing that is going to prevent this tragedy unfortunately.



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