



AP News Downplayed Islamic Links Of Fresno Shooter

Fresno, California: Kori Ali Muhammad, a 39-year old black man, was arrested for killing three white people while shouting “Allahu Akbar!” AP reported the gunman as saying “God is great” and later corrected their story after being accused of trying to downplay the shooter’s ties to Islam. The shooter told police he hates white people. He is being charged with a hate crime, instead of terrorism. –GEG

The Associated Press edited the words of a Muslim man who allegedly killed three white people in downtown Fresno Tuesday afternoon and shouted “Allahu Akbar!”

The suspect, 39-year-old Kori Ali Muhammad, holds fervent anti-Trump beliefs according to his social media profile, and he told police afterward that he hates white people. [\(RELATED: Muslim Shooter Kills Three Whites In Fresno\)](#)

Rather than reporting the gunman’s literal words, however, the AP reported the gunman as saying “God is great.”

On Twitter, the AP’s report gave no indication that the suspect’s words were said in Arabic.

The AP’s original [story](#) on the shooting noted that Muhammed said the words in Arabic, but still reported it as “God is great” instead of “Allahu Akbar.” A later edition finally noted that Muhammed said “Allahu Akbar.”

The AP announced late Wednesday morning that it was retracting the tweet.

“We deleted a tweet about a Fresno slaying suspect shouting ‘God is great.’ It failed to note he said it in Arabic. A new tweet is upcoming,” the AP [said](#).

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