

Las Vegas: 'Lone Nut' Kills 58 Concertgoers

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Las Vegas: Stephen Paddock, 64, was identified as the gunman who opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel and shot people attending an open-air music festival below, leaving at least 58 dead and an estimated 527 wounded. ISIS claimed credit and said that Paddock was a recent convert to Islam. However, Paddock's brother says he was neither religious nor political. Paddock was a wealthy, retired accountant with two homes and an airplane who may have had gambling debt. Police say that he was dead when they entered his room and assume he killed himself. His father was a bank robber who once was on the FBI's Most-Wanted List after escaping from prison. Hillary Clinton and other liberals are calling for gun control on the assumption that taking guns away from law-abiding citizens somehow would have prevented this carnage. -GEG Stephen Paddock has been identified as the gunman **who opened fire on concertgoers at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival** in Las Vegas on Sunday, leaving at least 59 people dead and 527 wounded in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, police said.

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
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Police have also not yet released a motive. Paddock does not have any known ties to terrorist organizations, [NBC’s Pete Williams reports](#). ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack, claiming, without evidence, that Paddock is a “soldier” who converted to Islam months ago and was fighting for the so-called Islamic State, [The Associated Press reports](#).

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Stephen Paddock pictured in a photo on Marilou Danley’s Facebook page.

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“We have determined to this point no connection to an international terror group,” FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Aaron Rouse said at a press conference. He said they are continuing to investigate to ensure that is a fact.

“The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department identified the lone suspect involved in the late night mass shooting on the Las Vegas Strip as 64-year-old, Stephen Craig Paddock, a white male from Mesquite, Nevada,” police [said in a press release](#).

The concert festival was taking place in an outdoor area across from the Mandalay Bay and Luxor casinos on the famed Las Vegas Strip. A video taken by someone at the concert

shows the moment when gunfire, described by police and witnesses as coming from an automatic weapon, erupted, with several shots fired in rapid succession:

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