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Ex-Marine apparently acted alone in California bar shooting: FBI

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (Reuters) - A former U.S. Marine combat veteran opened fire in a Los Angeles area bar and dance hall filled with college students, killing 12 people in a mass shooting that stunned a Southern California community with a reputation for safety. The gunman, identified by police as 28-year-old Ian David Long, was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound following the Wednesday night massacre at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, a suburb 40 miles (64 km) northwest of Los Angeles, law enforcement officials said. Paul Delacourt, assistant director in charge of the Los Angeles FBI, told a news conference that it was too early to speculate on the gunman's motives but that he appeared to have acted alone. "We will be sure to paint a picture of the state of mind of the subject and do our best to identify a motivation," Delacourt said, adding that the FBI would investigate any possible "radicalization" or links to militant groups. Long opened fire seemingly at random inside the Western-themed bar at about 11:30 p.m. PST (0730 GMT Thursday), using a .45 caliber Glock handgun equipped with a high-capacity magazine, Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean said. Long was in the Marine Corps from 2008 to 2013, reaching the rank of corporal and serving as a machine gunner in Afghanistan. The sheriff said it was possible that Long had suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder. "Obviously he had something going on in his head that would cause him to do something like this," Dean said.



A procession for the body of Sergeant Ron Helus, who died in a shooting incident at a Thousand Oaks bar, drives down Ventura Highway 101 in Thousand Oaks

A procession for the body of Sergeant Ron Helus, who died in a shooting incident at a Thousand Oaks bar, drives down Ventura Highway 101 in Thousand Oaks, California, U.S. November 8, 2018. REUTERS/Mike Blake Dean told reporters that in April officers had gone to Long's home in nearby Newbury Park, about 4 miles (6 km) from the bar to answer a disturbance call and found him agitated. Mental health specialists talked with Long and determined that no further action was necessary. Dean said he had been told that 150 to 200 people were in the Borderline at the time. "It could have been much, much worse."

Asked what the scene inside the bar was like, Dean said, "Like ... hell." Earlier he had described it as "a horrific scene in there. There is blood everywhere and the suspect is part of that." Dean estimated 10 to 15 people, including one with a gunshot wound, had gone to hospitals. The massacre was the latest mass killing in the United States and was sure to revive the debate on gun control. After a man fatally shot 11 worshippers at a Pittsburgh synagogue last month, U.S. President Donald

Trump said their deaths could have been prevented if there had been an armed guard inside the temple. Long shot an unarmed security guard outside the bar before going inside, where he shot more security staff, CNN reported. Ventura County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ron Helus, a 29-year veteran with a wife and son, was shot and killed inside.

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People wait in line to donate blood after a mass shooting in Thousand Oaks



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Marine officers stand as French Defence Minister Florence Parly visits the aircraft carrier "Charles de Gaulle", on the occasion of the completion of its 18 month-long renovation in Toulon



Britain's Prince William and Catherine, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, attend the Tusk Conservation Awards in London, Britain November 8, 2018. Jeff Spicer/Pool via REUTERS



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The Dancewicz-Doucet Duo To Present Season Opening Concert Titled "Identity"

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

The renowned Houston-based Violin and Piano Ensemble will be performing their 2018-2019 season opening concert at the University of St. Thomas Cullen Hall on Saturday, November 10th at 7:30PM.

Violinist Dominika Dancewicz and pianist Donald Doucet have been hailed as "passionate and charismatic", and their concerts have been described as "a force to be reckoned with". Their recitals attract wide audiences for their thought-provoking programming and compelling performances. The Duo's concerts are focused on music that carries powerful messages based on the historic context as well as social, political and personal circumstances surrounding the composers and their environment. The Duo delivers short talks introducing the context for their programs, which provides excellent educational opportunity to all audiences. The Duo's season opening concert titled "Identity" is no different, with music by three distinctly different composers. On the program is Ignacy Jan Paderewski's Violin Sonata, an extremely rare gem in the violin/piano literature. Paderewski (1860-1941) was a world-famous pianist, as well as politician and spokesman for the Polish independence. He was the prime minister of Poland in 1919, and an avid agitator for his country's freedom.



The Sonata will be followed by the light-hearted "Ragtime" by the Rice University professor and nationally and internationally renowned composer Arthur Gottschalk, and for the concert's finale, The Duo will perform the epic, ambitious Violin Sonata by the American woman composer of the Victorian era, Amy Beach. Proclaimed a prodigy when still a child, Beach was an extremely talented pianist and composer, whose prolific talent could be easily compared to that of Brahms.

Violinist Dominika Dancewicz has been praised as "passionate and charismatic",



and her performances have been hailed as "transporting and thought provoking". Ms.Dancewicz holds Master of Music degrees from Music Academy of Krakow (Poland) and from Rice University in Houston, Texas. She has also earned Artist Diploma at Denver University, Colorado.

As an orchestra and ensemble musician she has performed on the world's most prestigious concert stages: the Berlin Philharmonic, Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Salle Pleyel in Paris, Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and Carnegie Hall in New York. During her career she collaborated with artists such as Christoph Eschenbach, Krzysztof Penderecki, Krystian Zimerman, Barry Douglas, Tabea Zimmermann to name just a few. Her recording credits include Deutsche Grammophon, Dux and Navona labels. Since arriving in the United States Ms.Dancewicz has performed with sev-

eral renowned music groups: the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, Houston Ballet, Foundation for Modern Music, Opera Vista, Aperio Americas, Musiqua, Shreveport Symphony and Victoria Bach Festival. She is a member of the Classical Music Institute Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio (CMI). Ms.Dancewicz was appointed the interim concertmaster of the Opera in the Heights in Houston for the past two seasons.



An avid chamber musician, Domini-

University of St.Thomas in Houston. The Dancewicz-Doucet Duo is proud to present "Identity" as the opening of their 5th season. The concert is on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 7:30PM at Cullen Hall at the University of St.Thomas campus, 4001 Mt.Vernon St, Houston, TX 77006.

Admission is FREE, however, the artists will accept donations (suggested donations are \$20/adults and \$10/students and children). More information available at: www.theddduo.com concerts@stthom.edu or 713-525-3159.

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Following The Midterm Elections, America's Urban-Rural Divide Deepens

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



A deeply divided electorate delivered a split verdict on President Trump's first two years in office on Tuesday, one that reflects growing chasms along geographic and ideological faults.

On one hand, suburban voters delivered a stern rebuke to an unpopular president, ousting both Republican incumbents who had embraced Trump and those who had sought to distance themselves. Democrats made big gains in Midwestern gubernatorial races, a step in the direction of rebuilding once-favorable political terrain that Trump had claimed.

On the other hand, rural voters stormed to the polls in virtually unprecedented numbers, delivering once again for the president they voted for in 2016 in a handful of critical Senate and gubernatorial elections in ruby red states.

"We've got some big schisms out there," said Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), who won reelection in an exurban and rural district on Tuesday. "Rural America's much more Republican than ever before."

Exit polls showed three-quarters of voters said Americans are becoming more divided.

Trump's rhetoric in the closing days of the campaign exacerbated those divides, by turns strengthening Republican chances in Senate races where the GOP base turned out and weakening his party's hopes of keeping the House.



The exit surveys showed Trump was a major factor in Tuesday's elections. Nearly two-thirds of voters said they cast their ballot for Congress either to support Trump (26 percent) or oppose him (38 percent). More voters said they were casting a ballot to support Trump than oppose him in Senate races in Missouri, Indiana and North Dakota, three states where Republicans beat Democratic incumbents. The Senate Democrats who lost their reelection bids on Tuesday all saw their vote shares drop in rural areas.

Six years ago, Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) won 53 counties as she won a second

term; on Tuesday, McCaskill won only five counties — around Kansas City, St. Louis and Columbia — and lost her seat to Sen.-elect Josh Hawley (R). Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) won seven counties along Indiana's southern border in 2012; this year, he won only one, Vanderburgh County.

Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), who trails state Auditor Matt Rosendale (R) by a tiny margin with votes left to count, improved his performance in Montana's largest counties, around Missoula and Helena. But he lost by big margins in rural counties from Lincoln, along the Idaho border, to Carter, which borders South Dakota.



The same rural surge doomed Democrats, for a second election in a row, in the pivotal state of Florida. Tallahassee Mayor and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum (D) ran ahead of Charlie Crist, the 2014 Democratic gubernatorial nominee, in mega-counties like Miami-Dade and Orange.

But Republicans have improved on both their turnout and overall performance in rural areas for several elections in a row; Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis (R) ran ahead of Trump's 2016 performance or Gov. Rick Scott's (R) 2014 vote share in 13 of 16 counties in the Panhandle.

Where Democrats lost ground in rural areas, they won big in the suburbs. Democrats picked up big chunks of House seats in Minneapolis, southeastern Pennsylvania, Richmond, Va., and New York. The suburban wave even swamped Republicans who had prepared for a tough race, like Reps. John Culberson (R-Texas), Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.) and Dan Don-

van (R-N.Y.).

Farther down the ballot, the GOP blood-letting was worse: Democrats won five Texas state House seats in Dallas County, and several more legislative seats in suburban Denver, where the party won control of the state Senate.



In Chester County, outside Philadelphia, Republicans held eight of nine state House seats before the midterm elections. On Tuesday, Democrats won six of those nine.

"The suburbs were really good for us," said Jessica Post, the executive director of the Democratic Legislative Campaign

Committee. "We still have to compete and win in small towns across America."

The results exacerbate a divide between booming urban centers and struggling rural communities that has been growing since the recession a decade ago.

In some states like Florida, that divide has bedeviled Democrats, who have hit their vote targets but lost elections as swarms of rural voters turn out to vote Republican. In others, like Nevada, where Sen. Dean Heller (R) lost his reelection bid on Tuesday, it has doomed Republicans as growing cities come to dominate once-influential rural areas.

Both Republicans and Democrats said the schisms between two regions at political loggerheads will challenge each side moving forward.



"Urban, suburban America is a growing part of the country. From a Republican standpoint, you have to figure out how to get back a lot of what you lost," Cole said. "That depends on the president as much as it does on us. I'll be very interested in the lessons the White House takes from this, because the president is always the face of the party."

Democrats said their party should be encouraged by the number of seats won in states like Oklahoma, Iowa and Kansas — places where the party has failed to mount serious candidates in recent years, but where their candidates this year ousted Republican incumbents.

"I think Dems have finally heard loud and clear that you have to fight to win, you have to organize to win," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (D), a potential presidential contender who spent the midterms stumping for Democrats around the country.

"There's no question that Dems need to be everywhere," Garcetti said. "You've got to show up in these small towns, you've got to listen." (Courtesy <https://thehill.com/homenews>)

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