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ACUITY AWARENESS REPORT

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Fears of Anti-Asian Bias**

Message From MABPRO:

MABPRO offers our condolences to the families that have lost loved ones due to these horrible tragedies that have been taking place recently in our nation.

The purpose of this assessment is to provide information that will hopefully help people regain their confidence and sense of safety in public. There is no guaranteed fix, but we can, however, do our best to educate ourselves on what to do if we ever found ourselves in the midst of a crisis.



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A shooting spree occurred at three spas or massage parlors in the metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia. Eight people were killed, six of whom were women of Asian descent, and one other person was wounded.

A suspect, 21-year-old Robert Aaron Long, was taken into custody later that day. He told police he was motivated by sexual addiction.

He legally purchased a 9mm handgun at Big Woods Goods, hours before the shooting.

Surveillance footage showed Long arriving at Young's Asian Massage and sitting for an hour in the parking lot. He then entered the building at about 3:38 p.m.

Long left Young's at 4:50 p.m. Shots were fired at some point after. A customer who survived a gunshot wound said the gunman walked into Young's and began firing.



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Police arrived within minutes of Long leaving. There, they found 2 people fatally shot and 3 others wounded in different rooms; two of the wounded later died at a hospital.

At 5:47 p.m., the Atlanta Police Department responded to reports of a robbery at Gold Massage Spa about 30 miles from the first shooting scene.

There, they found 3 women dead. While Atlanta police were at Gold Spa, they received reports of another shooting across the street at Aromatherapy Spa, where they discovered another woman shot and killed.

At around 8:30 p.m. roughly 3.5 hours after the shootings, Long was spotted by police. Then he was initially arrested in connection to the Cherokee County shooting.



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