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#BREAKING: Deputies have Orange Avenue blocked off near Michigan Street, road closed for blocks, deputies have large assault rifles



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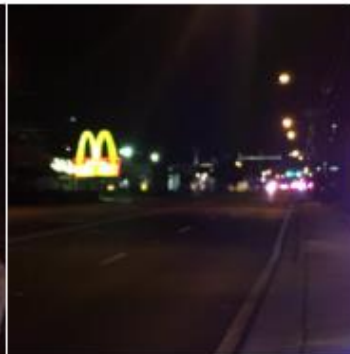
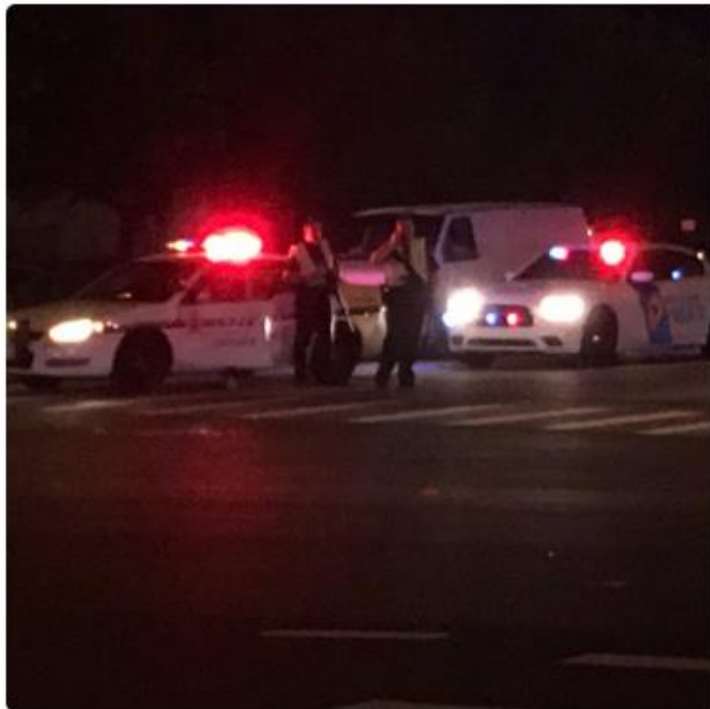
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The entire area is blocked off. Deputies and police are at nearly every intersection in the area



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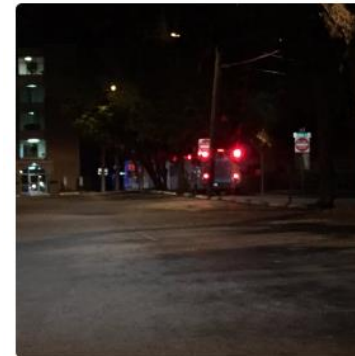
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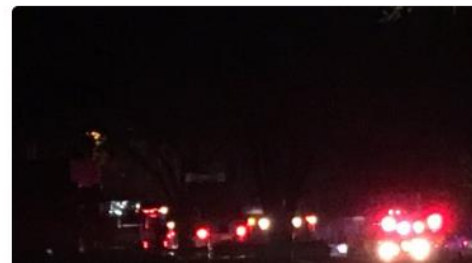
Just spotted an ambulance leaving the area going towards ORMC. Still unclear of injuries



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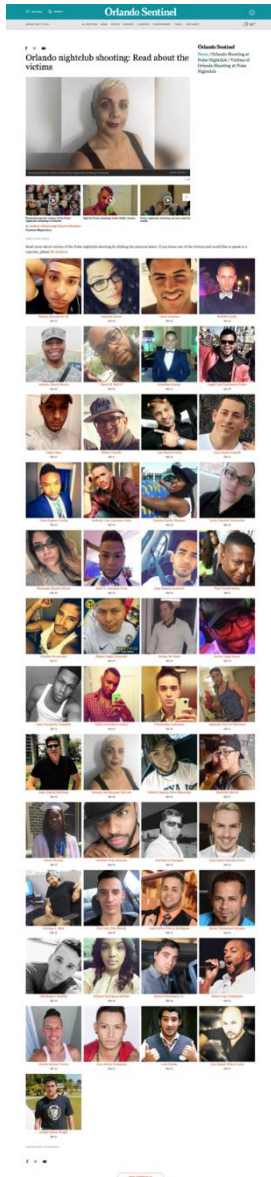
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HUGE law enforcement presence at Pulse nightclub. Fire trucks and more than a dozen patrol vehicles



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Wesley Almodovar (3)
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Amanda Adams
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Victor Arana
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Rodolfo Ayala
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Antonio Darné Batista
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David B. Best II
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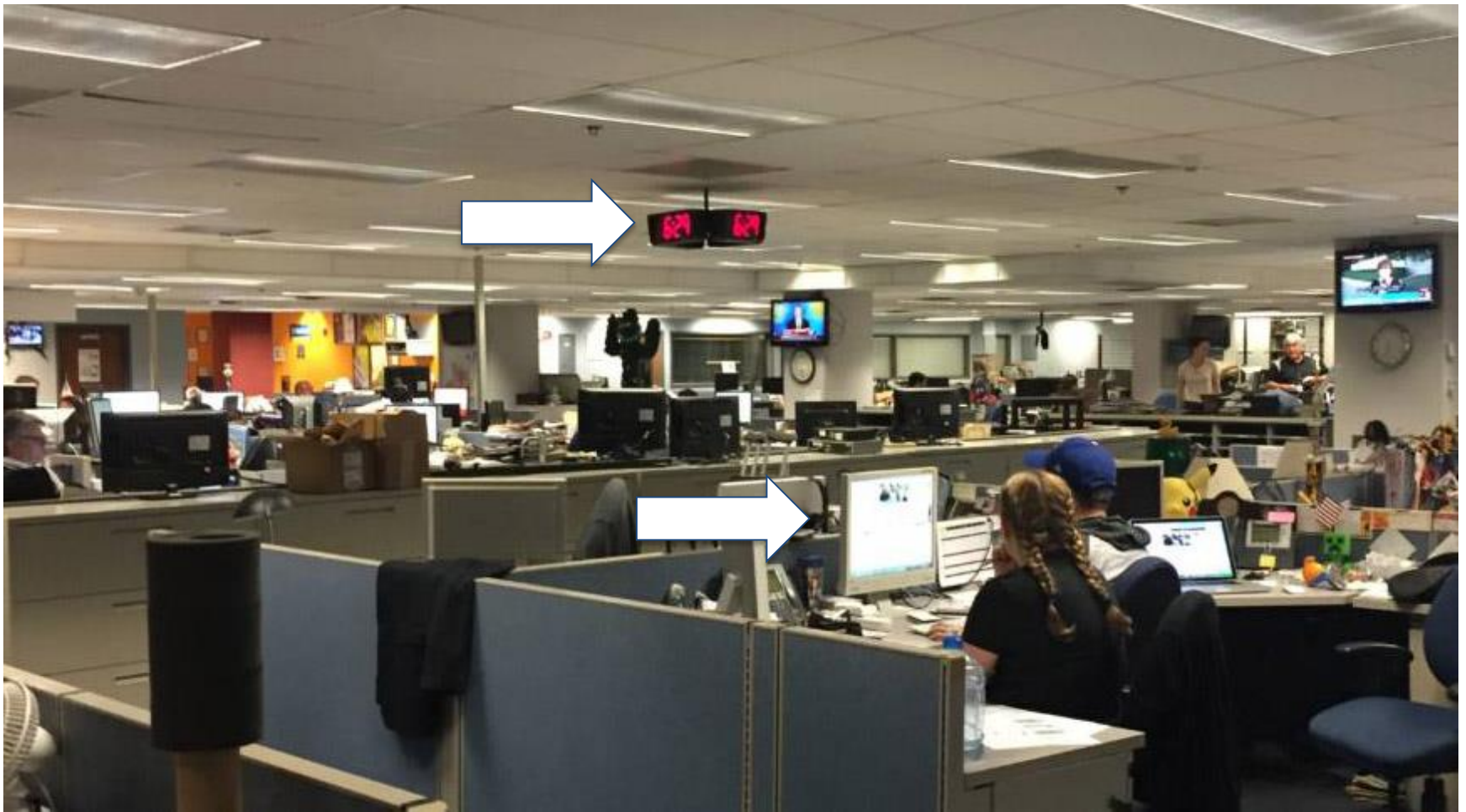


Paul Terrell Henry
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...AND THEN CAME PRINT

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It wasn't until about **15 hours** after the shooting that we had our first conversations about print.





Brett Morlan of Daytona Beach, right, hugs an attendee during the candlelight vigil at Ember on Sunday night.

OUR COMMUNITY WILL HEAL

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As terror has struck other cities around the world in recent months — Paris, Brussels, San Bernardino — our shock and anger have been mixed with a growing sense of unease. Orlando, as one of the world's most popular and iconic destinations for travelers, and a community that proudly cherishes its diversity, has long been considered a high-value target for would-be terrorists.

Now it appears our worst fears have been realized.

Investigators on Sunday were sorting out the details of the massacre following the carnage in the early-morning hours at Pulse Orlando, a gay-themed nightclub. They were studying what could possibly have motivated the shooter, identified by police as 29-year-old Omar Mir Seddique Mateen of Port St. Lucie, the U.S. born son of Afghan parents. He reportedly declared his allegiance to the Islamic State, and U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said ISIS had claimed responsibility for the massacre. But Mateen's father insisted his son was motivated by hatred of homosexuals.

Whatever conclusions investigators might reach, the loss of at least 50 souls, and the wounding of dozens more innocents, is an unbearable blow for any community. We join with the families, friends and neighbors of victims in mourning them. An outpouring of love and support from Central Florida is the bare minimum due them.

Beyond offering our abundant prayers and sympathy, we must ensure that those who survive — who will forever carry the scars from the trauma — know that they are not alone today, tomorrow or in the months and years to come.

Let our community define itself by our unequivocal response: United.

How we come together to remember and honor the dead, and comfort their families and friends.

How we help heal the victims wounded in body and spirit.

How we work with our leaders and our neighbors to close gaps in security and make Central Florida safer.

How we stand in defiance of anyone who would provoke fear and division in our community.

How we proudly reaffirm Orlando's identity as a welcoming, inclusive place for people who live here or visit, no matter their background or orientation.

We will unite, in an affirming bond that is more mighty, and enduring, than the twisted thoughts of a young man who allegedly unleashed this atrocity.

It's inevitable, and healthy, that the lead-up and immediate reaction to the shooting will be scrutinized for any shortcomings. But local, state and federal leaders deserve credit for responding in cooperation and solidarity. Gov. Rick Scott quickly declared a state of emergency to remove any barriers to federal and state assistance.

And lest we forget, there are heroes. They are the people who stepped up as community treasures in the midst of tragedy.

The police who converged on an active crime scene in the middle of the night to confront the shooter.

The trauma teams at area hospitals who responded to the overwhelming crush of gravely wounded victims.

The crowds of caring people who stood patiently in lines snaking from area blood-donation centers.

The neighbors who spontaneously provided food and drinks to the first responders on the scene.

Let us sustain and build on these efforts.

Central Florida is tested as never before. Our heartfelt response will grow stronger every day.

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VICTIMS NAMED IN PULSE ATTACK

Read more stories on the victims at OrlandoSentinel.com/pulsebes



Cory James Connell

Cory James Connell, 21, was among the victims from Sunday's mass shooting in Orlando. Connell's brother Ryan wrote on Facebook that his grieving family lost their "superhero" and a "family man through and through" when his brother died. "The world lost an amazing soul," Ryan Connell wrote Monday. "God just got the best of angels."

Cory Connell, a graduate of Edgewater High School, was studying at Valencia College and working at the Public in Orlando's College Park neighborhood, according to his Facebook page.

Friends who posted messages on Facebook said he wanted to be a firefighter and described him as "the greatest friend" and the one with a "single shining smile."

Shelley Kline, a science teacher at Lee Middle School, said she remembered Connell cheering even years after he'd finished there.

Nancy Robinson, a member of the Orange County School Board, said she would often see Connell at public and at a CVS where he used to work.

Connell was a young man with a warm, infectious smile who greeted me with a warm, infectious smile. "Mr. Robinson, and sometimes I was even blessed with a hug," she wrote. "I just saw him at Publix a week ago and one of those great hugs."

Laelle Postell, Kira Satchell



Juan Chavez Martinez

Juan Chavez Martinez, a 26-year-old who lived in Davenport, was remembered by his hotel colleagues as a kind and loving person.

Martinez, who city officials identified as Juan Chavez Martinez, was among the victims in the Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting. His Facebook page listed his hometown as Hialeah, Mexico.

Friend Tomas Martinez returned a call Monday.

"My heart is still breaking for my friend. It is very hard to talk right now. He had a lot of friends. I do not know any information about his family," said Tomas Martinez, a resident of Kissimmee.

Tomas Martinez said his friend worked at Remington Resort.

Facebook friend Robert Urdaneta posted a message in Spanish on Juan Chavez Martinez's page Sunday night.

The translated message read: "May God bless you and hold you in his glory. And rest in peace, my good friend. My brother is in work. An excellent boss and person. We miss him."

Jose Crisanto of Hialeah City said that Juan Chavez Martinez might have been at the Pulse nightclub on Saturday night.

"Other people were pointing to me and saying 'he was there during the shooting,' it was tragic," he wrote. "I heard it," Crisanto said.

Chris Hays



Jonathan Canmy

Jonathan Canmy moved to the city of Orlando to work for a Spanish TV network, where he was a producer for a popular children's talent competition, Canmy worked for La Voz Kids, similar to the NBC show "The Voice," according to a statement from Mubala Medina, president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. The show is produced in Orlando and airs on Telemundo.

Canmy is listed as Jonathan Antonio Canmy Vega on the city of Orlando's website, but Telemundo's site refers to him as Jonathan Canmy.

The 24-year-old was an member of one of the journalism organization's student chapters in Puerto Rico before moving to Florida to work for Telemundo, Medina wrote.

"The National Association of Hispanic Journalists' family is heartbroken and offers our condolences to Jonathan's family in Florida and Puerto Rico," Medina said. "We also have Jonathan's work family at Telemundo in our thoughts and prayers."

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Amie Martin



Oscar Aracena-Montero

Oscar Aracena-Montero returned from a vacation in New York and Canada just before he went to Pulse nightclub and became a victim of Sunday's mass shooting.

Vanilla Finkelot of New Jersey, who said she was a cousin of Aracena-Montero, said he flew back from Orlando and stopped briefly at his Kissimmee home before going to the club.

"He went to Canada on vacation. We saw pictures," Finkelot said. "They stopped in New York and went to Niagara Falls. They just flew back into Orlando the same day (the Pulse shooting) happened."

Aracena-Montero, 26, was killed in the early morning chapter in Puerto Rico before moving to Florida to work for Telemundo, Medina wrote.

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Buddy Callings



Angel Luis Candelario-Padro

The Facebook feed of 26-year-old Angel Luis Candelario-Padro tells the story of a young man from Guisela, Puerto Rico, who recently moved to Orlando from Chicago to start a new life.

Picture showed Candelario-Padro's adventures in Central Florida, visiting Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom and swimming in the lake.

He started his new job at the Florida Retina Institute as an ophthalmic technician on Thursday, just a few days before the mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub. In Chicago, he had been a Zumba instructor, an employee at Old Navy and a nurse technician.

On his Facebook page's about section, Candelario-Padro says of himself: "I'm an adventurous, easy going but responsible man that would like to live the life completely."

Candelario-Padro's aunt said the online Metro news organization of Puerto Rico said he was with a friend Sunday morning when he was shot three times in the leg. His friend said Candelario-Padro was 26 and the friend was 30 years old.

His death was confirmed by the Orlando Police on Sunday 1 p.m. Monday. A colleague at Medical City Hospital said Kassinian said the employees couldn't read to talk about his death.

Jason Butler

The doctor behind the bloody shoes

By NASEEM S. MILLER
Staff Writer

A week before the bloody massacre at Pulse nightclub, Dr. Joshua Corsa bought a new pair of shoes from the REI outdoor company.

They were Keens, and he liked them because he could put them on quickly — one of those important little details for a senior resident who has to rush around a busy Level I trauma center like Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Little did he know that in a few days those sneakers would become a symbol of all that's good and evil in this world.

It started with a text from an attending physician at the trauma center: possible active shooter and up to three injured with gunshot wounds.

Corsa had started his shift on Saturday about 5 a.m. and had wrapped up the last trauma case on that early Sunday morning. That text wasn't particularly alarming for him.

In recent years, he had treated patients injured in drive-by shootings and young children struck by a car that drove through the wall of an Orange County day-care center.

"So I started walking down to the trauma bay," Corsa recalled on Thursday afternoon in his first media interview since he posted a photo of his blood-stained shoes on Facebook. "And then I got the trauma page."

It was 2:16 a.m. and the page had two words: TRAUMA NOW.

"So then I started running and got to the trauma bay, and they were wheeling in the first two victims," he said. "Obviously I didn't have time to change. I just grabbed a handful of gloves and went to work."

Halfway through assessing the second patient, "I turn around and look down the hallway to where the patients were being



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Dr. Joshua Corsa still wears the blood-stained shoes he was wearing Sunday morning when the first victims from the Pulse nightclub shooting started arriving.

dropped off in the ambulance bay, and I just saw a line of stretchers coming at me," said Corsa, 35.

Corsa joined the Army after he finished high school in North Carolina.

He spent six years in the Army, where he was a medic. He came back home and got his bachelor's degree in two years and then went to medical school.

Throughout those years he worked full-time as a firefighter/paramedic.

But none of those experiences compared to what he saw on Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon, after all the pa-

tients were stabilized, Corsa finally got a chance to disrobe. He changed his shoes, and exhausted, went home to his dog, an American Dingo named Fenway.

He didn't think about his shoes until Monday morning when he got back to the hospital at 4 a.m.

"And really that's about the first time that it hit me. ... It felt so abstract. You see these mass shootings on the news and everywhere else and it's become so commonplace and I kept looking at TV and it kept saying Orlando, and I thought even though I'd seen it, that's wrong. It can't be. It still hasn't sunk in that it happened here," he said.

So he sat down right then and there in the call room and posted a picture of his shoes on Facebook, with a note about the blood stains.

"I don't know which were straight, which were gay, which were black, or which were Hispanic. What I do know is that they came to us in wave upon wave of suffering, screaming and death. And somehow, in that chaos, doctors, nurses, technicians, police, paramedics and others, performed super-human feats of compassion and care."

Corsa pledged to keep those shoes on until the last survivor of Pulse shooting is discharged from ORMC.

"They've become a part of me. It's in me. I feel like I have to carry that reminder with me as long as [those patients] are still under my care. So this is a tangible reminder that the work's not done. That there's still a long way to go," he said.

Corsa has one more year in ORMC. Starting next week, he'll be interviewing for jobs.

The suit he's planning to wear is still at the dry cleaner across from Pulse nightclub.

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Darryl Burt II

Darryl B. Burt II slipped a trip to New Orleans with his best friend last weekend to go to dancing in Orlando. The 26-year-old Jacksonville resident had just earned his degree in Human Resources Management and wanted to celebrate. "I wanted to dance. He loved to have fun," Mahogany Avert said. "He was my best friend. I can't believe he's gone."

He was one of the clubgoers going down at Orlando's Pulse nightclub.

Avert said the met Burt when they both worked as accountants at Forever 21 in South Carolina. When he accepted a promotion in Raleigh, N.C., she and her family moved out there with him.

"He would coach and develop all of the store managers — he was just amazing," she said. "He was always giving great advice to anyone who would listen."

She said he loved to go to beach and to shop. He also loved rap regularly, but was "addicted to Starbucks Passion Fruit Lemonade."

The two often vacationed together. Burt had recently traveled to Aruba. "He went to the beach. We did a shopping trip and eating," she said. They were planning a cruise with his parents in September.

Burt moved to Jacksonville in 2012. Friends described him as a dedicated volunteer.

Laura Kinard

Martin Benitez Torres

Martin Benitez Torres, 33, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, had been in Orlando for about a year, family a few days before the shooting. He was a resident at Pulse nightclub, where he was a student at Sistema Universitario de Miami, a friend for the past two years.

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Bob Moser, Rafael Pulcino

Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala

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Simon Carrillo

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Amanda Alvarez

Amanda Alvarez loved taking selfies.

The 21-year-old from Pulk County had reshaped herself over two years, about 180 pounds with the help of gastric bypass surgery and dieting.

She, the documented her "before" and "after" photos.

"Can you tell I look better?" she would ask her friends.

They were "like angels" after they learned their manager and his partner Oscar Aracena-Montero, were among those killed in the largest mass shooting in U.S. history.

Carrillo, of Kissimmee, was at Carrillo and his partner had just returned from Niagara Falls.

Ivonne Izziary, a general manager at McDonald's, met Carrillo when they worked together at the world's largest location. He was good with money, she said, always saving as he could from.

Carrillo had been to the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, to Mexico and he wanted to go to the beach and clearwater and Papaya Bay.

"He worked to be able to enjoy his life," Izziary said.

Carrillo and his partner had recently purchased their Kissimmee home. She said Carrillo and his partner had recently purchased their Kissimmee home. She said Carrillo and his partner had recently purchased their Kissimmee home.

He enjoyed dancing, reggaeton, bachata, salsa and merengue music. He rode bikes and water skis.

Stephen Haskins

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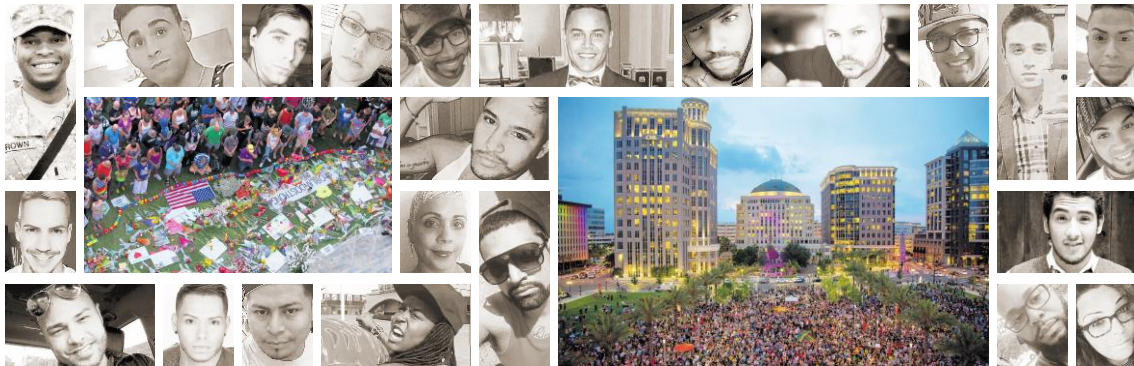
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"May God bless all who we lost here in Orlando. May He comfort their families. May He heal the wounded. May He bring some solace to those whose hearts have been broken. May He give us resolve to do what's necessary to reduce the hatred of this world, curb the violence. And may He watch over this country that we call home." — PRESIDENT OBAMA

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We bow our heads
and weep but
raise our hearts
to remember
the 49 we lost.

(From left to right, top to bottom)

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EDWARD SUTOMAYOR JR., 24
LEROY VALENTIN FERNANDEZ, 25
JAVIER JORGE-REYES, 40
JONATHAN ANTONIO CARMY VEGA, 24
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JOSE RAYAN PANDAKU, 32
LEIS ORAN OASIO-CAPO, 20
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RODOLFO AYALA-AVALA, 33
OSCAR A. ARACIO-MONTANO, 26
CORY JAMES CONNELL, 21



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