

Heavily armed teenage gunman kills two at U.S. high school



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St. Louis, October 25 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of Missouri, a teenage gunman shot and killed a teacher and a student at the Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in south St. Louis on Monday. Four other students were shot and wounded before the gunman was shot dead by police.

Police identified him as a 19-year-old recent graduate of the school. He was armed with a long gun and more than a dozen 30-round magazines. Witnesses say many more people could have died if the teen's gun had not jammed during the assault.

One high school student, Taniya Lumpkin, told reporters: “I was trying to run, and I couldn’t run. And me and him made eye contact. And I’m glad I made it out because his gun got jammed. We saw blood on the floor.”

In related news, a teenage gunman in Michigan pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree murder and terrorism for a mass shooting at Oxford High School in a Detroit suburb last November. Ethan Crumbley was just 15 years old at the time of the attack, which killed 4 students and injured six other people. Crumbley may be called to testify against his parents, James and Jennifer Crumbley, who face manslaughter charges for allegedly giving the gun used in the shooting to their son as an early Christmas present; and for failing to intervene when their son showed clear signs of mental distress ahead of the massacre.

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