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## 'UNSPEAKABLE'

Vigils and tears expressed the region's sorrow a day after the nation's deadliest mass shooting in three years.

But why a county worker and his wife fired dozens of bullets into a holiday luncheon remained

a mystery Thursday.

The FBI and other investigators are treating the shooting that left 14 people dead and 21 wounded as a potential act of terrorism, but the motives aren't yet known.

What is known is this: Investigat

ors found the couple's Redlands home stocked with thousands of rounds of ammunition, pipe bombs and other weapons.

And the first officer to arrive at the Inland Regional Center described what he saw this way:

"It was unspeakable," said Lt. Mike Madden, a 24-year police veteran. "The carnage we were seeing, the number of people that were injured and unfortunately already dead, and the pure panic."

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# THEIR STORIES

One young woman had been shopping for her wedding dress. A dad doted on his six kids. Another man loved to play Santa. The 14 people killed in San Bernardino were much more than victims.

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## FROM BABY GIFTS TO BUILDING PIPE BOMBS

The motives of shooters Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik remain mysterious.

By JERAM FILLMAN and JAMES HANCOCK (STAFF WRITERS)

Earlier this year, a young couple registered for gifts at Target for their newborn duo in May: diapers, cribs, baby stroller, a car seat.

Ordinary requests by a couple planning for a baby.

But at some point, Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik began making other plans, too.

In a Florida townhouse, the couple kept more than a dozen pipe bombs and stockpiled thousands of rounds of ammunition, authorities say.



Syed Farook

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## Alzheimer's group breaks away

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## WOMEN CLEARED TO FIGHT ON THE FRONT LINES

The decision overrules Marine Corps' ban, but secretary acknowledges challenges remain.



PAULA BRONSTEIN, GETTY IMAGES Defense Secretary Ash Carter ordered the Thursday to open to military jobs to women

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The Orange County nonprofit started in 1982 and joined the national organization in 1984. The local

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group provides services for 29,000 families a year, ranging from caregiver education to support groups for early-stage memory loss.

"I think to the people we serve it won't look very different," McAleer said. "We're going to keep all of our successful programs, the things that people love and care about. I think what we'll see is expansion."

The group's name has changed from the Alzheimer's Association, Orange County chapter, to Alzheimer's Orange County. It will remain headquartered at its current location in Irvine.

Also Thursday, the San Diego chapter cut ties with the national association. The New York City affiliate did the same on Monday.

Stewart Putnam, chairman of the board of the national Alzheimer's Association, said his organization will work amicably with local leadership during the transition but plans to create a new chapter in Orange County.

"The Alzheimer's Association needs to be in all parts of the country, including Orange County," Putnam said. "What that looks like and how we go about it is something that would yet need to be determined."

Putnam said the decision to create one unified nonprofit arose from a strategy to better attack the brain disease that he called America's biggest and most expensive public health concern. He said he's confident that most chapters will want to stay with the organization. They have until mid-January to give their consent.

"We hope and expect that coming out of that

process will be a core set of programs that are proven to be effective and allow us to take care of more people," Putnam said.

Roger Lisabeth, 68, of Mission Viejo has helped raise \$50,000 for the Orange County group since his wife's Alzheimer's diagnosis five years ago. He attends caregiver support groups twice a month while his wife does crafts with other Alzheimer's patients.

He said Alzheimer's Orange County has his full support.

"I think there's some risk," Lisabeth said. "You're out on your own. It's a big decision but they're big people and they've been doing it well. I'm sure they will do what is necessary to be successful."

On the group's Facebook page, one supporter expressed concerns about finding a cure now that research dollars will no longer be sent to Chicago.

McAleer said research with a local emphasis will remain a priority.

"I don't think it's going to reduce what's happening in research," he said. "We're not just going to look at raising money for research, we'll look at populating clinical trials. I think we can move the needle farther and faster."

The group has a new website, [alzoc.org](http://alzoc.org). Local phone numbers, including the main line - 949-955-9000 - stay the same, but the toll free number is now 844-373-4400.

Alzheimer's Orange County will hold a holiday open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, and the public is invited to attend. The event will be at 2515 McCabe Way in Irvine.

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