

Intelligence Bulletin

Charlie Kirk Assassination

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Executive Summary

- On September 10, 2025, right-wing political activist and Turning Points USA co-founder and Executive Director, Charlie Kirk, was assassinated at 12:23 pm local time by an unknown gunman in Orem, Utah. New York Times visual timeline available [here](#).
 - On September 12, 2025, federal authorities [announced](#) that they had arrested a 22-year old white male, Tyler Robinson, for the shooting of Charlie Kirk.
 - Robinson was allegedly convinced to turn himself into authorities by his family and he allegedly admitted to his father that he was the shooter.
- ICDE has yet to confirm an ideological motivation for Robinson's attack on Kirk. Though anti-fascist slogans may suggest anti-fascist ideology, ICDE notes that Groyper adherents have regularly used those same slogans in trolling, irony-laden discourse online. Groypers have also held deep animosity toward Charlie Kirk due to a feud between Groyper leader Nick Fuentes and Kirk.
- Kirk was speaking to a crowd of supporters for his first tour appearance at Utah Valley University when a single gun shot hit him in the neck.
- Social media images and videos [before](#) and [after](#) the attack from bystanders show a potential "black-clad" figure on a nearby roof of the university near where authorities believe the shot was fired.
 - On September 11, authorities stated that they [uncovered additional evidence](#) tied to the suspected shooter and that they are working to identify and apprehend the individual. Evidence included a "high-powered bolt-action rifle," and video footage of the suspect.
 - Also on September 11, the Wall Street Journal [published a story](#) based on right-wing influencer Stephen Crowder's social media post claiming that an internal bulletin in the investigation alleges that the shooter's recovered rifle had antifascist and pro-transgender messages inscribed on the ammunition. **This has been walked back by authorities.**
- Conspiracy theories proliferated in the absence of early official evidence or leads. Antisemitism, hired hit, Democratic responsibility, and anti-transgender sentiment are the predominant themes.

****This Intelligence Bulletin was intentionally held until preliminary details were confirmed about the alleged shooter.***