



SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SLCPD Detectives Arrest Murder Suspect

SALT LAKE CITY – The Salt Lake City Police Department has arrested a 38-year-old in connection to Saturday's fatal shooting in the Sugarhouse neighborhood.

Homicide detectives booked **Levon Garo Meguerditchian** into the Salt Lake County Jail. Meguerditchian is charged with Murder, Obstruction of Justice and Felony Discharge of a Firearm in the Direction of a Vehicle.

The deceased victim is identified as 18-year-old **Abdourazak Mouhoumed**.

At approximately 4 a.m. on Saturday August 28, 2021, SLCPD officers responded to 640 East Wilmington Avenue to investigate a shooting. A witness reported someone used a gun and started shooting at a vehicle. Another person reported hearing fireworks in the neighborhood. The initial responding officers did not find any signs of a shooting, did not find a shooting victim, and did not observe a crime scene. As such, officers closed the call and left the area.

Investigators now know Meguerditchian hosted a party at his residence at 609 East Wilmington Avenue. At some point, a group of party attendees allegedly stole a bottle of alcohol and ran from the house. Mouhoumed was among those who left the party and got into a vehicle.

It is alleged that Meguerditchian pulled out a gun and then shot several times towards the vehicle driven by Mouhoumed.

Mouhoumed's vehicle crashed into two homes along 600 East after being shot. Neither homeowner heard the crash. Furthermore, there were no 9-1-1 reports from either homeowners or neighbors about the collision involving the two homes.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. on August 28, 2021 SLCPD officers received a 9-1-1 call about a person with a weapon at Meguerditchian's residence on Wilmington Avenue.

Once officers arrived, now during daylight hours, they found the crash scene and found Mouhoumed inside the car with a gunshot injury. Patrol officers immediately started performing first aid, including CPR. Mouhoumed died on scene.

While responding to the person with a weapon call, SLCPD officers received information about a 17-year-old who was reportedly held hostage after being assaulted inside Meguerditchian's residence.

SLCPD SWAT personnel responded to assist with the tactical operations of this investigation. During their search, SWAT located the 17-year-old. The juvenile had been physically assaulted but the injuries are not life-threatening. No additional information can be released about this person given the ongoing investigation.

It is alleged Meguerditchian, and possibly others, used a flashlight to search for shell casings after shooting Mouhoumed.

The Salt Lake City Police Department is conducting outreach to Mouhoumed's family and others involved with this case to offer them support and case updates.

Investigators request anyone with information on this case to call 801-799-3000 and reference case number 21-155612.

No additional information on this investigation is being released at this time.

Charges are only allegations. Every arrested person is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Note: Media may contact SLCPD Communications Director Brent Weisberg at Brent.Weisberg@slcgov.com if they are interested in an interview between 11:30 AM and 1 PM on Sunday August 29, 2021.

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