

SCHOOL SHOOTING: WHAT THE MEDIA IGNORED

One of the accused shooters at a Colorado high school May 7 had a history of trashing Christians and glorifying Satanism; the other was a girl trying to transition to a boy; and the young man who died while heroically trying to save the lives of others was a Catholic who loved his faith.

Somehow, major media outlets missed all of these facts.

18-year-old suspect Devon Erickson had posted on Facebook his “hate” for Christians who he claims “hate gays.” His car had satanic symbols and “F*** SOCIETY” spray-painted on it.

The other alleged shooter, Maya Elizabeth McKinney, a 16-year-old female, goes by the name “Alec” and asked to be referred to as “he” in court. McKinney’s Instagram account, with the handle “thatgaykidalec,” revealed family issues: the teen’s mother “hates the new Alec,” and McKinney misses her dad. Friends posted on Instagram that McKinney had mental problems because of the trans issue.

None of these facts made it into major media accounts. Nor did the Catholicism of Kendrick Castillo, the 18-year-old who died as he rushed one of the shooters, trying to save his classmates. An altar server, usher and greeter at his parish church, he was described by a teacher at his former Catholic school as hungry for the faith.

Yet the closest any mainstream media came to mentioning Castillo’s Catholic faith was *USA Today* referencing his involvement with the Knights of Columbus. The *New York Times* reported that a friend said Castillo’s faith was important to him. What that faith was, the Times didn’t say.

Imagine if the situation had been reversed—if the shooter had

been Catholic and the victim gay or transgender. Think then the major media would have ignored those facts?