

Timeline of Lakewood Church Trans Shooter

2:53 PM ET, Sunday, February 11, 2024—The assailant began the attack on the Lakewood Church; however, the assailant was quickly neutralized by two off-duty law enforcement officials who were providing security to the church.

Approximately 5:30 PM ET, Sunday, February 11, 2024—Local law enforcement hold a press conference. Law enforcement confirms the shooter was killed in a fire-fight with the off-duty police providing security. The assailant is not identified. All law enforcement can confirm is the assailant is a woman, and they are investigating as to what might be the motive.

Monday Morning, February 12, 2024—During the morning of February 12, officials with the FBI, Texas Rangers, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Conroe and Houston Police Departments search the assailant's home. Local media begins reporting that the assailant has been identified as Genesse Ivonne Moreno.

10:33 AM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024— The Houston CBS affiliate KHOU11 reports that "Moreno had used multiple aliases, including Jeffery Escalante, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety records search."

10:44 AM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—BlazeTV reporter Sara Gonzales posts on Twitter results from a Texas Department of Public Safety request for information that show "Moreno, Genesse" primarily identified as "Jeffrey Escalantemoreno." The results also show that Moreno has a long list of arrests, including violent crimes. Additionally, the mug shots from the previous arrests look more feminine than the most recent picture of Moreno. This is the first reference to the shooter having a transgender identity.

11:02 AM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—The Houston NBC affiliate KPRC 2 reports online that "According to the warrant, Moreno, who is a transgender and identified as a woman, walked into the church with an AR-15 rifle."

11:54 AM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—The Daily Wire reports, "Questions have emerged regarding the gender-identity of the shooter, who according to [arrest records](#) had also identified as a man named 'Jeffrey' in recent years." The link is to Sara Gonzales's Twitter post.

1:01 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024— The Houston NBC affiliate KPRC 2 began its noon broadcast with "Developing now at noon, we are getting new details of the transgender woman police say shot 2 people at Lakewood Church yesterday."

1:23 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—Fox News reports that Moreno had been "born as a man—Jeffrey Escalante—from El Salvador."

3:27 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—Breitbart reports that local media had uncovered Moreno "previously identified as Jeffery Escalante." Breitbart followed up with the Texas Department of public safety to confirm Moreno used a masculine name and noted that the actual spelling was Jeffrey.

3:30 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—The Houston police department holds a press conference providing updates on the investigation. Police noted "discrepancies" that suggest a transgender identity; however, authorities insist that the shooter was female to their knowledge. Commander Christopher Hassig, Houston Police Department Homicide, said, "Our shooter is identified by driver's license as Genesse Moreno, 36 years old, Hispanic female." Hassig went on to add, "We do have reports she used multiple aliases, including Jeffrey Escalante. She has utilized both male and female names, but through all our investigation to this point, talking with individuals, interviews, documents, Houston Police Department reports she has been identified this entire time as female, she/her." Following the press conference, most news sources update their stories scrubbing references to a "transgender identity." A few continue to note the shooter "used a male name."

4:45 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—The Daily Signal reports that "the Houston police confirmed...in a phone call that the investigation has not ruled out a transgender identity." The article goes on to say that a public information officer with Houston Police referred to Moreno as "they," noting the discovery of "court documents where they identified themselves as Jeffrey." The officer stated that the department is treating the subject of the suspect's gender with "sensitivity."

4:48 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024—The Epoch Times ran a story with the headline, "Houston Church Shooter Identified as Transgender With a Long Criminal History: The shooter who opened fire in a Houston church has been named as Genesse Moreno, a woman who also identified as a man named 'Jeffrey.'"

6:57 PM ET, Monday, February 12, 2024— The Houston NBC affiliate KPRC 2 online reporting scrubs any reference to "transgender" when updating the original story from 11:02 AM (see page 1). Instead, the article says, "Houston Police Commander Christopher Hassig told KPRC 2 that there are some discrepancies as they have received reports that Moreno had used multiple alias, including Jeffrey Escalante. The suspect had used both female and male names but through the

investigation and documents, HPD stated that it will identify Moreno as a Hispanic female."

4:22 AM ET, Tuesday, February 13, February 2024—*The Washington Times* ran a story with the headline, "Houston church shooter had 'Free Palestine' on weapon, reportedly a transgender woman."

7:17 AM ET, Tuesday, February 13, February 2024—On "Fox and Friends," Carley Shimkus reported, "Police say the shooter was originally from El Salvador and had a long rap sheet and history of mental history. We are also learning she sometimes identified as a transgender man."