

Shootings in schools in the United States of America have been a major issue and more so, in the recent past. People are losing their lives, be it students, teachers or the shooters themselves. Anyone can fall victim to these events. They are a cause for concern which then puts the lives of different people in relation to the school in jeopardy. School shootings should never be the new normal in any society or country or anywhere in the world. It leads to major losses of people, most of them innocent especially since most of these shootings in the recent past are happening in the schools where young children are waiting to quench their education thirst. It 2018 alone, in the 15 weeks, there have already occurred shootings in schools. It has become an average of 1.25 shootings on a weekly basis. People have been hurt while others have lost their lives in the process. These are sad ordeals that are paining in themselves already. It has been said to be the price of freedom that the American people are paying for. The statistics, in this case, take into account the shootings on school grounds as well as those that have left at least one person shot with an exclusion of the shooter.

On the 20th of April, 2018, there was a school shooting at Forest High School which is located in Ocala, Florida. The ordeal left one student wounded from the gunshot while the suspect said to be behind the school shooting was taken into custody for further investigation to be conducted. In Raytown, Missouri, there was another school shooting that took place on the 12th of April, 2018. This school shooting left a man with a gunshot wound in the stomach following the shooter shooting him in the stomach while he was in the parking lot. This ordeal happened at Raytown South Middle School following a track meet being conducted within the school grounds. Gloversville, New York saw another school shooting on the 9th of April 2018. This left a student belonging to Gloversville Middle School shot by another who was the shooter. The shooting happened through the use of a BB gun.

Lexington Park, Maryland has also experienced its fair share of school shootings following the March 20th, 2018 shooting. Great Mills High School had two of its students shot following a student that was armed shooting at them before the shooter was killed by the school resource officer. In Seaside, California, an accidental gun discharge occurred at Seaside High School by a teacher which led to a student being injured while a public safety class was being conducted. This occurred on March 13th. On March 8th, an apartment building shooting occurred leading to the hospitalization of a person who was injured within the University of South Alabama grounds in Mobile, Alabama. Birmingham, Alabama experienced a shooting on March 7th where one student got critically wounded while the other lost their lives following a dismissal time accidental shooting. On the same day, Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi experienced the shooting of a single university student in the university dormitory which left the student with injuries, although not life-threatening ones (Ahmed & Walker, 2018).

On 2nd of March, Central Michigan University dormitory experienced shootings of two people who lost their lives with the source being said to be of domestic nature. 27th of February saw Norfolk State University, Virginia and Mississippi Valley State University, Mississippi have a student and another person shot but not seriously injured. Savannah State University, on 24th of February, experienced a shooting of a person on the campus who was not a student. 14th of February saw a shooting of 17 students and adults at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida with the being a former student of the school (Ahmed & Walker, 2018). Pearl-Cohn High School, Nashville experienced a five-time shooting of a student in its parking lot. Oxon High School saw a shooting of a student who underwent treatment following shootings by two teenagers. Four students in Los Angeles were shot by a 12-year old in Sal Castro Middle School on February 1st. Lincoln High School, Philadelphia experienced the fatally wounding

from the shooting of a man in the parking lot. A student from Marshall County High School shot 16 people while killing two other students on January 23rd. A shooting in Italy, Texas left a student wounded after being shot by another student in a high school. Lastly, Wake Forest University in North Carolina saw a football player in Winston-Salem State University lose his life following a shooting at a party within the school grounds on the 20th of January.