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# The Orlando Mass Shooting: CRS Experts

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The following table provides names and contact information for CRS experts on policy and legal issues related to the Orlando mass shooting. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has acknowledged that it had been investigating the shooter who killed 49 people and injured at least 53 others at an Orlando nightclub on June 12, 2016. The gunman has been identified as Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old security guard in Florida who was born in New York. Several issues have been raised by this tragedy. They include whether the assailant’s name was in a database that might have flagged him to local law enforcement and to gun dealers, whether certain firearms should be further regulated, what assistance is available to the victims and their families, and the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) policy on blood donation.

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