Resident reflects on Santa Monica shooting

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The recent shooting on a college campus in Santa Monica, CA, that left five people dead hit close to home for one Gothenburg resident.

Local resident Robert Wehnes, club house manager at Wild Horse Golf Club, was born and raised in Santa Monica which he still considers his hometown.

Wehnes was born in Santa Monica in 1969 and graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1987.

The alleged shooter, John Zawahare, attended the same high school and Santa Monica College where the shooting occurred on June 7.

Wehnes took classes at the college for two years.

As the tragedy unfolded on television and Facebook, Wehnes said it was a sad day to see the portrayal in an area familiar to him, particularly Santa Monica College where Zawahare allegedly killed people after carjacking a vehicle to get there.

"Knowing that I still have family and friends in the area, I was wondering if everyone was okay," he said.

Fortunately they were.

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