Students react to San Bernardino shooting

Continued from Page 1

“It was a very tragic and unfortunate thing that happened,” Ohlone student Jalil Dibbous said.

On Wednesday morning, Inland Regional Center, a social services center for disabled people in San Bernardino, was attacked by heavily armed assailants. It is the largest mass shooting the United States has encountered since the Dec. 14, 2012, shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

LaMone Mancias, a student at California State University, San Bernardino, told the Monitor that being so close to the attack was “scary and nerve-wracking.”

“No one ever thinks that something like that could ever happen around you, but this just shows that it can happen anywhere,” Macias said.

Two of the suspected shooters, a man and a woman, are dead following a police chase. Another suspect was detained by the police.

The man killed by police, Syed Farook, was an American citizen with connections to the social services center. The woman, who is believed to have been either engaged or married to Farook, was named Tashfeen Malik. Police had not named the person detained or provided any other details about the individual at press time.

During a press conference, David Bowdich, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Los Angeles field office, said terrorism “is a possibility, but we don’t know that yet, and we’re not willing to go down that road yet.”

The tragedy has brought gun control and mental health to the forefront of the national discourse once again. The weapons used in the San Bernardino attack reportedly were obtained legally.

“Gun control is the only solution,” Ohlone student Jamie Avery said. “More stringent background checks, longer waiting periods, the outlaw of automatic weapons for private citizens. It’s worked in other countries and it could be very effective in deterring gun violence in ours. It’s ridiculous to continue doing nothing in response to these horrible acts of violence and simply hoping they won’t happen again.”

New safety measures

Continued from Page 1

cameras in the parking structure. The cameras are being put in place in an effort to reduce incidents of theft or vandalism of student and staff vehicles.

For more information about campus safety, contact Campus Police Services at 510-659-6111 on the Fremont Campus and 510-742-2311 on the Newark Campus.