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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Colorado Nightclub Shooting; Alleged Gunman Expected to Make First Court Appearance Today]

MATT PIEPER: And we are learning more about the suspect accused of killing five people at an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado. The alleged shooter is out of the hospital and is expected in court today for the first time. The suspect faces multiple preliminary counts of first-degree murder and committing a bias motivated crime. It comes as some survivors are talking about what happened Saturday night at club Q in Colorado Springs. Bradley Blackburn is in New York with the latest. Bradley?

BRADLEY BLACKBURN: Matt, among those survivors now speaking out, one of the patrons who helped take down the shooter. Officials say that the exact motive is still under investigation, but court filings are telling us more about the suspect, who could face life in prison if convicted on those murder charges. Today the suspect in the Colorado Springs Club Q shooting is expected to appear in court by video for the first time. Court filings from 22-year-old Anderson Lee Aldrich's public defenders say Aldrich is nonbinary and goes by the pronouns they and them.

BARRETT HUDSON: I'm still waiting to wake up from a bad dream.

BLACKBURN: Barrett Hudson was shot multiple times before escaping the nightclub. Three bullets are still inside of him.

HUDSON: This is something that's going to stay with me forever in life. [SCREEN WIPE] The bullets will be right there with it, and I'll never forget.

“ANTHONY”: I will be uncomfortable going anywhere for a long time.

BLACKBURN: Shooting survivor Anthony says he doesn't feel comfortable around strangers after what he experienced that night.

ANTHONY”: I pretty much heard it first along with everybody up by the door. [SCREEN WIPE] They just hid.

BLACKBURN: Mourners returned to the memorial set up outside of the Colorado Springs nightclub, which now bears an altar with pictures of the five victims who were killed. One of them, Raymond Green Vance, was a family friend of Richard Fierro, one of two patrons celebrated as heroes after they subdued the suspect.

RICHARD FIERRO: Pulled the dude down, pinned him against the side. [SCREEN WIPE] And then I started whaling on this dude.

BLACKBURN: The White House said President Biden called the Army veteran and his wife yesterday to offer condolences and thank him for his bravery. Aldrich was arrested for an alleged bomb threat last year but not prosecuted. Even though no bomb was found, gun control advocates are asking why police didn't use Colorado's red flag laws to look and seize any weapons that Aldrich may have had at the time. Matt, still a lot of questions in the case.

PIEPER: Absolutely. Bradley Blackburn here in New York. Bradley, thank you.

BLACKBURN: You bet.