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SALT LAKE CITY, UT — It is with profound heartbreak that we acknowledge the passing of Afa Ah Loo, a peaceful protestor who was fatally shot during Saturday's Utah 50501 protest in Salt Lake City.

During the protest an individual was spotted holding an AR-15 style weapon. Our team of safety volunteers, who have been selected because of their military, first responder, and other relevant de-escalation experience, believed that there was an imminent threat to the protestors and took action. The safety volunteer who responded to the individual and who was questioned by police is a military veteran. The person currently in custody was apprehended thanks to a protestor who saw the rifle and brought it to police attention.

We are mourning Afa Ah Loo with everything we have, and we are holding his family and friends in our hearts. Afa's name, courage, and commitment to his people will never be forgotten. We express our dearest and deepest sympathy to all those who knew and loved him.

The investigation into these events is still currently ongoing. At this time, SLCPD has not chosen to charge any of the volunteers. We want to thank the SLCPD, first responders, and everyone else for their quick actions on this difficult day.