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## THREE GENDARMS KILLED BY A SURVIVALIST FRENZIED AS THEY WERE PROTECTING A WIFE

### ABUSED BY KILLER SHELTERED ON THE ROOF

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**USPA NEWS** - Three gendarmes were killed by a frenzied "survivalist" and a colleague injured, while protecting his wife, who was abused by the killer and took refuge on the roof of her house, in Saint Just on December 23. The three soldiers died in service, Lieutenant Cyrille Morel, 45 years old, Warrant Officer Rémi Dupuis 37 years old and Brigadier Arno Mavel the youngest is 21 years old, leaving four orphans on Christmas Eve. This tragedy moved all of France, and the President of the Republic Macron expressed on Twitter his indignation and his support for the bereaved families: "The Nation joins in the grief of families. To protect us, our forces act at the risk of their lives. They are our heroes. "Thus paid tribute to the three gendarmes killed and the fourth injured, Emmanuel Macron. The frenzied, 48-year-old man who opened fire was found dead Wednesday morning, allegedly committed his suicide. According to the public prosecutor of Clermont-Ferrand Eric Maillaud, the person responsible for the death of three gendarmes in Puy-de-Dôme on the night of December 22 to 23 is a "survivalist, extreme Catholic, convinced that the end of the world was imminent" [?]

#### ACCORDING TO PROSECUTOR ERIC MAILLAUD THE KILLER WAS AN "EXTREME CATHOLIC SURVIVALIST"

The three gendarmes killed by the madman, 48, who turns out to be a survivalist, had been called in to rescue a woman who had taken refuge on the roof of a house. The three gendarmes of Ambert's company were killed and a fourth wounded by a 48-year-old man in an isolated hamlet near Saint-Just (Puy-de-Dôme), on the night of Tuesday 22 to Wednesday 23 December, learned Agence France-Presse (AFP) from corroborating sources. They had come to the aid of the killer's wife, who had previously reported, repeatedly unsuccessfully, her "dangerousness" and her arsenal of weapons. Indeed, the madman had undergone military training, had at his side a whole arsenal: a Glock pistol, an assault rifle, a laser aiming system, and four knives. Shortly after midnight, two gendarmes, alerted for acts of violence against a spouse, were targeted by gunfire and retaliated, after trying to approach the house where the threatened woman had taken refuge on the roof. One of them died of his injuries, while the second, hit in the thigh, was transported by firefighters to Ambert hospital. "His days are not in danger," the interior ministry said.-----

After setting fire to his house, the man again shot at the gendarmes present in the vicinity of the house, killing two more soldiers, confirmed the Clermont-Ferrand prosecutor's office, specifying also that the woman could have been brought to safety. Firefighters are currently on site to try to control the blaze, which is not threatening other homes. After several hours of searches which mobilized the GIGN throughout the night, the suspect was found dead Wednesday morning, announced the Minister of the Interior, Gerald Darmanin and Police sources claimed that the man committed suicide near his car. (Source: Journal Le Monde and AFP) According to police sources, he was on the run after leaving the burning house. The security forces, which were the subject of major reinforcements during the night, had set up roadblocks to block all access routes to the site of the tragedy. The sub-prefect of this remote area in the south-east of Puy-de-Dôme as well as the mayor of Saint-Just, a small village of 157 inhabitants, are on site.

#### THE KILLER'S WIFE HAD REPORTED THE DANGEROUSNESS IN VAIN OF HER VIOLENT AND EXTREMISTIC HUSBAND AND HIGHLY ARMED-----

The woman (Killer's wife) who took refuge on the roof is currently being questioned, in the hope that the circumstances of the tragedy can be clarified. The perpetrator of the fatal shots is believed to be on charges of child custody issues. According to the public prosecutor of Clermont-Ferrand Eric Maillaud, the person responsible for the death of three gendarmes in Puy-de-Dôme on the night of December 22 to 23 is a "survivalist, extreme Catholic, convinced that the end of the world was imminent" [?]

#### THE THREE GENDARMS C. MOREL, R. DUPUIS, A. MAVEL KILLED IN SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

#### LIEUTENANT CYRILLE MOREL 45 YEARS OLD WAS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN-----

Lieutenant Cyrille Morel, was aged 45, originally from Roanne, he joined the ranks of the gendarmerie in 1999 at the Chaumont NCO School. He spent his entire career in the departmental Gendarmerie, first in the Tuchan brigade (Aude), then in Saint-Amant-Tallende (Puy-de-Dôme) and finally Combronde (Puy-de-Dôme). Succeeding in 2017, the competition of Officer of the gendarmerie of the rank, he had then taken the command of the Community of brigades of Ambert (Puy-de-Dôme), before being appointed second in command of the company of Ambert. A judicial police officer, Lieutenant Morel was also an irregular immigration investigator and local criminal

identification technician. He was married and the father of two children.

**OFFICER REMI DUPUIS WAS 37 YEARS HAD A COMPANION AND TWO CHILDREN-----**

Officer Remi Dupuis, was aged 37, from Martigues, and joined the gendarmerie in 2007 at the school in Libourne. After a time in the mobile, within the squadron of Saint-Amand-Montrond (18), with two overseas projections (Polynesia and Guyana), he joined the departmental brigade of Issoire (Puy-de- Dôme) then Ambert. Recently promoted to adjutant, this judicial police officer was very versatile, trained among other things in local criminal identification techniques, digital tools and the elementary mountain certificate. He had just completed training on how to take into account intra-family violence. Rémi Dupuis was in a civil partnership and father of two children.

**BRIGADIER ARNO MAVEL 21 YEARS SINGLE AND WITHOUT CHILDREN-----**

Brigadier Arno Mavel, was 21 years old, and had served in Ambert's Gendarmerie Surveillance and Intervention Platoon (PSIG) since 2018. Born in Montpellier, Arno Mavel was a volunteer deputy gendarme and had just learned that he was admitted to the competition for non-commissioned officers of the gendarmerie. He was single and had no children. They all now RIP.

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