

# Imam Lied About Philly Islamic State Shooter's Connection to His Mosque

Naturally, the only thing that has made it to television is the (usual) denial. Jordan Schachtel writes in [Reuters](#) report.

But in the past day, his tone has changed strikingly.

Imam Rashid now admits that Archer “regularly” attended morning, evening, and even midday prayers at his mosque, the Masjid Mujahideen. Mujahideen is plural for *mujahid*, the term used to describe a holy warrior who is engaged in jihad for Islam.

This is all a misunderstanding, Rashid now [received](#) a tip stating Archer is part of a larger terror cell.

Archer is “part of a group that consist of three others... the defendant is not the most radical of the four. And the three males still frequent the 6100 block of Pike and for the police to be careful,” read a statement taken by police from an anonymous female tipster. It is not clear whether all four suspects have ties to the Islamic State or other international jihadist groups.

She added that Imam Rashid “was lying” when he said Archer “had no association with” Masjid Mujahideen.

The Philadelphia Police, along with the FBI, have received the witness statement as a credible threat against the city.