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## CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

# 'EVIL VISITED THIS COMMUNITY TODAY'

● ATTACK ON SCHOOL KILLS 20 CHILDREN, 6 ADULTS.

● POLICE SAY GUNMAN SHOT MOTHER, HIMSELF.

● PRESIDENT URGES PREVENTIVE ACTION.



MICHELLE MCLOUGHLIN, REUTERS

Young children wait outside Sandy Hook Elementary School after the shooting there. The attacker killed at least 26 at the Newtown, Conn., school, including 20 children.

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**NEWTOWN, CONN.** • Gradually, the group of anxious parents shrank and was gently ushered to wait in a back room in the old brick firehouse around the corner from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The sounds of cartoons playing for other people's children came from another room, but this room was hushed. A police officer entered the room and put the parents' worst fears into words: Their children were gone. The wails that followed could be heard from outside.

The wails sounded the end of a horrifying shooting that took the lives of 20 children and six adults in the school.

It was about 9:30 a.m., when the

school locks its doors to the outside world and demands identification from visitors. What happened next sounded different depending on where you were in the school when a normal school day exploded.

Pops. Bangs. Thundering, pounding booms that echoed and kept coming and coming. Screams and the cries of children ebbed, until there was only the gunfire.

Countless safety drills learned over generations kicked in. Teachers sprang to their doors and turned the locks tight. Children and adults huddled in closets, crawled under desks and crouched in classroom corners.

Laura Feinstein, a reading support teacher, reached for her telephone. "I called the office and said, 'Barb, is everything OK?'" and she said, "There is a shooter in the building."

"I heard gunshots going on and on and on," Feinstein said.

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## HOW THE MASSACRE UNFOLDED

Authorities say this is how events took place:

- Adam Lanza, 20, who was believed to suffer from a personality disorder, shoots and kills his mother at their home in Newtown, Conn., a town of 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City.

- With two pistols and a rifle, he drives her car to Sandy Hook Elementary, where his mother taught kindergarten.

- Before 9:30 a.m., Lanza, wearing all black, carries two pistols into the school.
- He opens fire in at least two classrooms.

- As gunshots ring out, teachers herd children into closets and offices, locking hallway doors where they can. A custodian runs down hallways and shouts "Guys! Get down! Hide!" Someone turns on the public address system so the sounds of chaos can be heard throughout the school.

- Lanza kills 20 children and six adults.
- Lanza shoots himself to death.

- Just after 9:30 a.m., police respond to a 911 call. First rescuers and panicked parents looking for their children race to the school.



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