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MASSACRE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN, CONN.

28 dead, including 20 children

From Wire Services

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Twenty schoolchildren were slaughtered by a heavily armed gunman who opened fire at a suburban elementary school on Friday morning, killing at least 28 people including himself in one of the worst mass shootings in U.S. history.

The 20-year-old gunman, who law enforcement sources identified as Adam Lanza, fired what witnesses

described as dozens of shots at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., which serves children from ages 5 to 10.

Authorities found 18 children and seven adults, including the gunman, dead at the school, and two children were pronounced dead later after being taken to a hospital.

The shooter's mother was found dead at her home, as well.

The rampage, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, was the

nation's second-deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings.

"As a country, we have been

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An officer leads two women and a child from Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn., after a gunman killed 27 people there, including 20 children, on Friday.

Shannon Hicks Newtown Bee



Photos by John Valenzuela Staff Photographer

A University of Redlands chaplain and students participate in a candlelight vigil at the university chapel on Friday night in memory of those killed Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn. University chaplain John Walsh led the impromptu vigil.

University students gather in prayer

By Ed Castro Staff Writer

REDLANDS — University of Redlands sophomore Danielle Hillyer spent most of Friday trying to make sense of the mass slayings in Connecticut.

In the midst of finals, Hillyer, 19, was struggling.

"I saw the courage of the teachers who tried to help the kids," she said. "They have inspired me to be strong. It is still tough to see."

Hillyer was one of about 50 students to attend an impromptu candlelight vigil Friday night in the university's chapel.

University chaplain John Walsh conducted a quiet but emotional session.

"Tonight we want to be one with that community and to be part of that family," Walsh said. "We want them to know that a thousand miles away here in Southern California that we care and know what has happened."

Candles were distributed, lit and in the end raised in the air in memory of the

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University of Redlands student Kelsie McGee wipes tears during the vigil.

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Sacred Heart changed after 1995 shooting

By Ed Castro Staff Writer

REDLANDS — Sacred Heart Academy Principal Angela Williams went into prayer when she heard the news of Friday's mass killing in Connecticut.

Then, Williams reflected on the tragedy that hit her school in 1995.

She had been in the school for three years when then-Principal Rick Facciolo was shot in the face by a disgruntled 13-year-old student, who died leaving the scene, slipping on the rain slicked sidewalk and accidentally shooting himself in the chest with his sawed-off shotgun.

A motive was never officially given, but Facciolo reported that he had a disciplinary meeting with the boy earlier that day regarding the dress code, which prohibited baggy pants.

"You learn not to take anything for granted," Williams said. "That was a horrible tragedy. We are very much keen on safety for our kids. That was so unfortunate."

Several members of today's Sacred Heart Academy staff were part of the staff when

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