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Man kills 26 at Connecticut school, including 20 children

NEWTOWN, CONN.: Kids, neighbors describe horror as students, teachers hid, fled.

OBAMA: 'We've endured too many of these tragedies in the past few years.'

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Shannon Hicks/NEWTOWN (CONN.) BEE, AP

Connecticut State Police lead a line of children from the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Friday after a shooting at the school.

Shooter kills mother, goes on rampage at elementary school

The Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside an elementary school, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters covered in fear to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death toll to 28, authorities said.

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 claimed 33 lives in 2007.

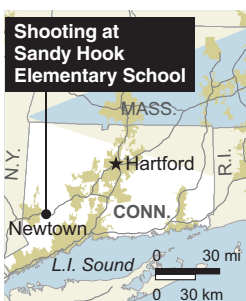
"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the

White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings, saying, "As a country, we have been through this too many times."

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack. The gunman, Adam Lanza, 20, was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it.

Panicked parents looking for their

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Counselor: Help your children cope with traumatic events

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Parents must watch and listen to their children to help them get through traumatic events such as the mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school, a counselor at Genesis Psychology Associates, Davenport, said Friday.

"If a kid is processing it well and is talking to the parents about it, then that's a good experience," said Steve Kopp, a licensed marriage and family therapist and mental health counselor. "So, we allow them to continue to watch things."

If, however, the child becomes emotional, erratic or flat emotionally, parents should "reduce exposure (to the news) and get them back into a regular routine of events."

The appropriate amount of exposure to news about the shooting depends on the child, Kopp said.

"The younger the child, the less exposure you want



Kopp

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DEADLIEST SHOOTINGS IN U.S. HISTORY

April 16, 2007
Virginia Tech campus, Blacksburg, Va.
32 dead and shooter, Seung-Hui Cho, 23, shot people in a dorm and classroom before killing himself. He used two handguns
Sources: Washington Post, The Associated Press

Friday
Sandy Hook Elem. Schl., Newton, Conn.
26 dead and shooter, Adam Lanza, 20, killed six adults and 20 children before killing himself. He also killed his mother at home. He used at least two handguns.

Oct. 16, 1991
Luby's Cafeteria, Killeen, Texas.
23 dead and shooter, George Henard, 35, drove his pickup through a restaurant window, climbed out and began shooting with two handguns. Police wounded him and he killed himself.

July 18, 1984
McDonald's, San Ysidro, Calif.
21 dead and shooter, James Oliver Huberty, 41, walked into the restaurant and began shooting with a handgun, assault pistol and a shotgun until a police sniper killed him.

Aug. 1, 1966
University of Texas at Austin
16 dead and shooter, Charles Whitman, 25, a former Marine sniper, hauled three assault rifles, three handguns and one shotgun in a rented dolly and shot victims from the observation deck of a campus tower. He was killed by police.



No charges filed in Davenport alderman email case

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Clinton County Attorney Mike Wolf has declined to prosecute a case of impersonating a public official that involved seizing Davenport Alderman

Mike Matson's work computer. Clinton County Attorney Mike Wolf informed Davenport police of his decision in a letter sent Thursday to Capt. Dale Sievert. Wolf's letter explained that the computer user and the computer that sent the emails to a

TV station in other aldermen's names couldn't be identified. Wolf was asked to review the case by Scott County Attorney Mike Walton to avoid any conflict of interest. Wolf declined further comment beyond what he wrote in the letter to

Davenport police. Matson was pleased with the county attorney's decision and asserted his innocence.

"I want to state for the record I had

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