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Gunman kills 20 children, 6 adults at school

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at home and then opened fire Friday inside the elementary school where she taught, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters covered in corners and closets and trembled helplessly to the sound of shots reverberating through the building.

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

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack on two classrooms. The gunman 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.

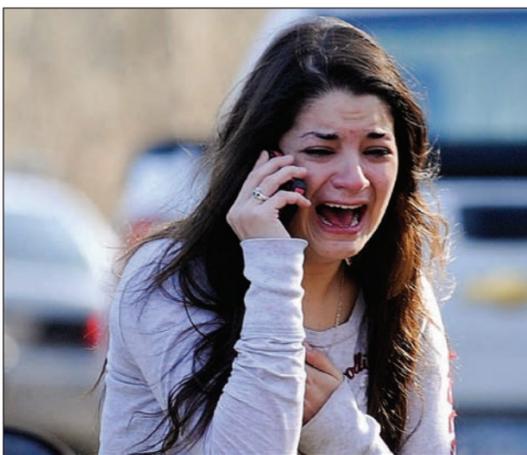
The rampage, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, was the nation's second-deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead in 2007.

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AP Photo/Newtown Bee, Shannon Hicks

Above: A police officer leads two women and a child from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where a gunman opened fire Friday, killing 26 people, including 20 children. Below: A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, following the shootings. (AP)



DETAILS EMERGE

- 28 dead, including 20 children, gunman and his mother
- Gunman suspected to be 20-year-old Adam Lanza, mother was a teacher at the school
- Second-deadliest school shooting after Virginia Tech massacre in 2007
- Newtown is located in southwest Connecticut, comparable in size and demographics to Eagle
- Gunman believed to suffer from a personality disorder, described as borderline "autistic"

“Evil visited this community today and it's too early to speak of recovery, but each parent, each sibling, each member of the family has to understand that Connecticut — we're all in this together. We'll do whatever we can to overcome this event.”

DANNEL MALLOY, Connecticut governor

Nampa School District makes cuts to transportation

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NAMPA — Starting Jan. 7, the Nampa School District will eliminate bus routes for after-school programs at the Boys & Girls Club of Nampa, the Nampa Recreation Center and The Salvation Army, district spokeswoman Allison Westfall said.

The decision is another step the district will take to climb out of the \$4.3 million budget shortfall.

Westfall said the district started alerting parents, faculty and staff of the district Friday. The after-school programs were notified Thursday.

The cut will affect about 220 students district-wide and will save the district about \$84,000. The decision

will not affect daily home-to-school and school-to-home bus routes.

Mary Anne Peck's daughter is a student at South Junior High School who elects to go to the Boys & Girls Club to get help with homework and socialize with other children. Peck said her daughter has been a victim of bullying at school, and the program helps her regain self-confidence.

Peck is a single parent who works across town, but lives near the school. Her daughter will be able to walk home and work on homework before Peck returns from work.

“She's not going to be able to go to the Boys & Girls Club. I don't have a way to get her there. She's old enough to be home, but if she was younger, I'd be scrambling.”

EDITOR'S NOTE

On the Comics page today, some readers may find the “Rhymes with Orange” panel inappropriate in the wake of the Clackamas mall shooting. The panel was created prior to the incident.

► Deaths

Glenda Chadwell
Delbert Chapman
James Crosswhite
Robert Dauphinais

Patricia Davis
Mary French
Mary Greenway
Aubrey Gross
Michael Hale

Blanche Heinrich
Doris Jefferies
Geraldine Knepper
Roy Matson
Wanda Peck

William Wheeler
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