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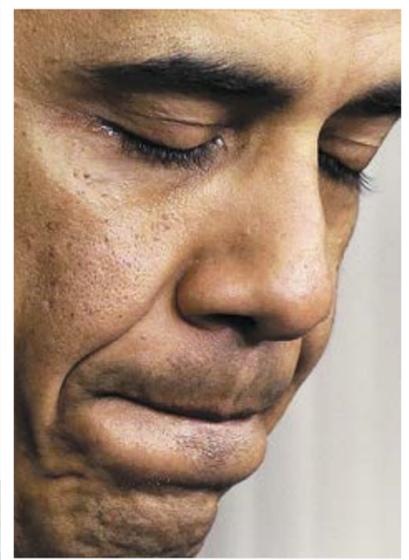
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# STOLEN INNOCENCE

20 school children among 27 murdered in Conn. rampage



Associated Press photos

**Top left:** President Barack Obama shows emotion as he speaks about the school shooting in Newtown on Friday in the briefing room of the White House in Washington. **Above:** In this photo provided by the Newtown Bee, Connecticut State Police lead a line of children from the Sandy Hook Elementary School after the shooting at the school. **Left:** A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, following the shooting.

By John Christoffersen  
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 cowered 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

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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, 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 children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, a prosperous New England community of about 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City. Police told youngsters at the kindergarten-through-fourth-grade school to close their eyes as they were

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## A few pointers when talking to children about tragedy

By Charly Haley and Helmut Schmidt  
Forum staff writers

FARGO — Protecting your kids is a natural instinct for parents.

But tragedies such as the mass shooting Friday that left 27 dead — including 20 students — at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., are so unnerving that instincts may offer little guidance to parents hoping to help children deal with the emotional aftermath.

Several local counselors weighed in Friday on how parents can help children navigate the reactions the shooting may prompt.

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Local school administrators react to news of the Conn. shooting. **BACK PAGE**

**Monitor your reactions**

Ron Schneider, a counselor for the Fargo School District, said parents need to monitor their own reactions to the tragedy because children take their cues from parents.

"(Parents are) going to have to try and keep their own emotions in check. If they get over-reactive, their children will be," he said.

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