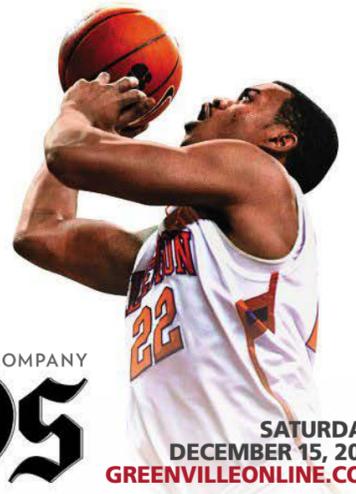


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CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING: 27 DEAD, INCLUDING 20 ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

HEARTBREAK

COMMUNITY MOURNS:

“Evil visited this community today”

THE SUSPECT:

Shooter may have had personality disorder

THE REACTION:

President Obama: “Our hearts are broken today”



Grieving people embrace in the aftermath of a school shooting Friday at a Connecticut elementary school that left at least 27 dead, including many children. AFP/GETTY IMAGES/DON EMMERT

POLICE SAY GUNMAN KILLED HIMSELF

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man opened fire Friday inside two classrooms at the Connecticut elementary school where his mother may have been a teacher, killing 26 people, including 20 children.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying two handguns, committed suicide at the school, and another person was found dead at a second scene, bringing the toll to 28, authorities said.

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

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to

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A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, after the school shooting in Newtown, Conn. AP

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SCHOOLS OFFER SAFETY ASSURANCES

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Phones began ringing in Upstate schools Friday after news of the deadly shooting at an elementary school in Connecticut, with worried parents checking to make sure their child's school is prepared to prevent something like that from happening here.

Greenville and Pickens County school district officials say they have emergency plans in place, and schools practice them regularly.

“While all of us work diligently to prevent this type of tragedy and to prepare an effective response to all manner of possible events, we do so in the hope that our plans will never have to be utilized,” Greenville Superintendent Burke Royster said in a statement released by the district.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Newtown, Conn. This is the kind of tragic event that shakes the very core of a community,” he said.

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