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## 'Our hearts are broken today'

### Man kills mother, then 26 at elementary school

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — 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 fear to the sound of gunshots echoing through the building and screams coming over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying 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 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 through this too many times," he said.

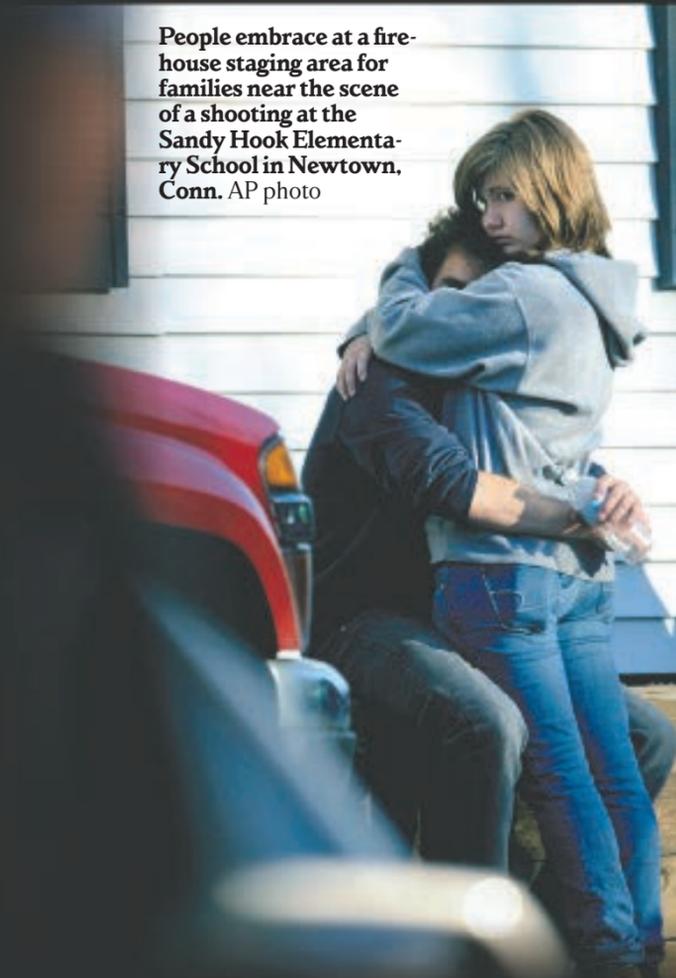
Police shed no light on the motive for the attack on two classrooms. The gunman was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it.

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, a prosperous 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 led from the building.

Schoolchildren — some crying, others looking frightened — were escorted through a parking lot in a line, hands on each other's shoulders.

People embrace at a fire-house staging area for families near the scene of a shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. AP photo



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Hoboken Police Chief Anthony P. Falco, Sr., talks on the phone Friday in Hoboken, N.J. AP photo

## 'TERRIFYING'

### Local officials react to shooting

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Julie Radosevich, an Albany County School Board member, paused between words Friday afternoon when commenting on one of the worst shootings in U.S. history earlier in the day at a Connecticut elementary school.

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## Local education official earns award

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Forgive Janice Marshall, a longtime Albany County School Board member, if one of her primary philosophies on life, work and service to community is borrowed from someone else.

Even so, she picked a knowledgeable source on the subjects.

"One of my mottos in life is, 'Whatever you are, be a good one,'" said Marshall, the School Board's clerk and a part owner of Marshall Contracting. "That's an Abraham Lincoln quotation. 'I feel like if I'm going to do this, I want to be serious about it and I want to be diligent about my professional training.'"

Marshall, a Georgia native and Laramie resident for 36 years, was elected to the School Board in 2006, after serving a short stint as an appointed member. She is a 1979 University of Wyoming graduate, with a bachelor's degree in botany.

During Wednesday night's School Board meeting, colleagues on the board recognized her two recent achievements — winning awards through the Wyoming School Boards Association.

One of those achievements was her induction into the organization's Hall of Fame, making Marshall the first Albany County representative to receive the distinction.

"I considered it an honor and it has really been a

pleasure to serve on the local School Board," she said.

A place in the Hall of Fame is earned by receiving at least 400 points through participating in professional development and conferences, said Marshall, who has earned 420 points.

While serving the School Board is voluntary, it's nonetheless time consuming, as is participating in conferences and trainings outside of Albany County through WSBA.

Still, Marshall said the time and effort are small prices.

"Really, the bottom line is improving achievement levels for all of our students by doing all that we can

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Janice Marshall, an Albany County School Board member, was recognized during Wednesday's board meeting for honors recently received through the Wyoming School Boards Association. Marshall, the local School Board's clerk, was inducted into the WSBA Hall of Fame, becoming the first inductee for the Albany County School District. JOSHUA ROBERTS/Boomerang staff

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