

Shooting

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the hysteria going on in the school office, a teacher said. Teachers locked their doors and ordered children to huddle in a corner or hide in closets as shots echoed through the building.

Authorities gave no details on exactly how the attack unfolded, but police radio traffic indicated the shooting lasted only a few minutes. State police Lt. Paul Vance said officers arrived instantaneously, immediately entered the school, searched it completely and found Lanza dead.

In addition to the 20 children, six adults were killed at the school; the principal was believed to be among the dead. A woman who worked at Sandy Hook Elementary was wounded.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity said investigators believe Lanza attended the school several years ago but appeared to have no recent connection to the place.

At least one parent said Lanza's mother was a substitute teacher there. But her name did not appear on a staff list. And the law enforcement official said investigators were unable to establish any connection so far between her and the school.

Lanza's older brother, 24-year-old Ryan, of Hoboken, N.J., was being questioned, but a law enforcement official said he was not believed to have had a role in the rampage. Investigators were searching his computers and phone records, but he told law enforcement he had not been in touch with his brother since about 2010.

The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the unfolding investigation.

At one point, a law enforcement official mistakenly identified the gunman as Ryan Lanza. Brett Wilshe, a friend of Ryan Lanza's, said Lanza told him the gunman may have had his identification. Ryan Lanza apparently posted Facebook page updates Friday afternoon that read, "It wasn't me" and "I was at work."

Robert Licata said his 6-year-old

son was in class when the gunman burst in and shot the teacher. "That's when my son grabbed a bunch of his friends and ran out the door," he said. "He was very brave. He waited for his friends."

He said the shooter didn't utter a word.

Stephen Delgiadice said his 8-year-old daughter heard two big bangs. Teachers told her to get in a corner, he said. "It's alarming, especially in Newtown, Connecticut, which we always thought was the safest place in America," he said. His daughter was uninjured.

Theodore Varga was in a meeting with other fourth-grade teachers when he heard the gunfire. He said someone had turned on the intercom so that "you could hear people in the office. You could hear the hysteria that was going on. I think whoever did that saved a lot of people. Everyone in the school was listening to the terror that was transpiring."

Also, a custodian ran around, warning people there was someone with a gun, Varga said.

"He said, 'Guys! Get down! Hide!'" Varga said. "So he was actually a hero." The teacher said he did not know if the custodian survived.

Retiring

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stated. "This job has been so rewarding, and it's because of the people and their volunteering, giving and commitment to the community."

Taking Kettering's place at United Way will be Lauren Hanson, who had been serving as the administrative assistant for the organization. The two have worked hand in hand since the latter was hired in August to take over as executive director.

Kettering said she is comfortable leaving United Way in the hands of Hanson and the United Way board members.

"Having Lauren here for a couple of years so she can see how everything operates and get to know the community — that has helped ease this step into retirement tremendously," she stated.

Hanson said Kettering has been a great mentor and role model for her during the past two years.

"Being able to learn from Pam while I was new to the community

is something I am extremely grateful for," she stated. "The United Way and Volunteer Services Board of Directors and myself are so thankful to Pam for her passion and dedication to the organization and to the community."

Kettering and her husband, Don, moved to Yankton in 1976. They both grew up in Brentford, which is located south of Aberdeen.

"Yankton feels like home and has for many years," she stated. Looking back, Kettering said she can still recall her first day on the job at United Way.

"I was supposed to write a press release, and I'd never done it before," she said. "I didn't know where to begin!"

At the time, Kettering was breaking new ground. She had been with the Volunteer and Information Center and, when the United Way director left, the two organizations consolidated and made Kettering the executive director. That oc-

curred in June 1992.

During the last 20 years, the staff of United Way has grown, as has its responsibilities. It currently provides funding for 20 community agencies and also assists other programs and initiatives.

Kettering said the work she has done in the meantime has been rewarding — and has at times required a good deal of patience.

"Yankton Transit is one of our major collaborations we worked on to meet community needs," she recalled. "I can't remember how many organizations were sitting around the table to try and provide transportation so people could get to their jobs or to get shopping done. They didn't have any other option than the taxi service, and the expense of that was beyond their budget. It took two or three years to get that going, and now look at it."

One issue that Kettering has been a part of and still wants to be a part of moving forward is more

oversight of Yankton's daycare providers. The issue has come before the City Commission on a couple occasions.

"I think registration for home child care providers is very important to the safety of kids," Kettering said. "I will continue to work with that."

Though she is retiring, don't expect Kettering to disappear from community activities. She plans to continue serving on some boards and will be the interim director for the Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference.

"This community is too important to me to just drop everything," Kettering said. "I think it is important to stay involved. You look at all the retired people in this community and everything they do. If they weren't out volunteering, we'd look a whole lot different."

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