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Answers Being Sought In Massacre

12 Killed, 59
Wounded In
Shootings At
Colo. Theater;
Suspect Is In
Custody



ERIC BELLAMY/ZUMA PRESS/MCT
An unidentified woman is comforted by members of the military after trying to learn the fate of her loved ones Friday outside Gateway High School in Aurora, Colorado. Twelve people were killed and 50 wounded, according to police, when a man entered a nearby movie theater during a midnight showing of 'The Dark Knight Rises.'

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AURORA, Colo. — As the new Batman movie played on the screen, a gunman dressed in black and wearing a helmet, body armor and a gas mask stepped through a side door. At first he was just a silhouette, taken by some in the audience for a stunt that was part of one of the summer's most highly anticipated films.

But then, authorities said, he threw gas canisters that filled the packed suburban Denver theater with smoke, and, in the confusing haze between Hollywood fantasy and terrifying reality, opened fire as people screamed and dove for cover.

At least 12 people were killed and 58 wounded — 11 critically — in one of the deadliest mass shootings in recent U.S. history.

"He looked like an assassin ready to go to war," said Jordan Crofter, a moviegoer who was unhurt in the attack early Friday, about a half-hour after the special midnight opening of "The Dark Knight Rises."

The gunman, identified by police as 24-year-old James Holmes, used a military-style semi-automatic rifle, a shotgun and a pistol, stopping only to reload.

The suspect marched up the aisle in the stadium-style theater, picking off those who tried to flee, witnesses said. Authorities said he hit 71 peo-



Holmes

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Court: Hines Filing Appeal

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A Yankton man convicted of manslaughter in a 2011 shooting has given notice that he will appeal the judgment of conviction and sentence.

Nicholas Stewart Hines, 30, was sentenced June 7 at the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center for the April 9, 2011, shooting death of his girlfriend, 25-year-old Brianna Marie Knoll.

Circuit Judge Glen Eng issued a 200-year sentence to a state penitentiary with 100 years suspended.

If Hines complies with the rules of the penitentiary, he will be eligible for parole in 50 years.

First-degree manslaughter is a Class C felony punishable by up to life in prison and/or a \$50,000 fine. According to South Dakota state statute, a homicide is classified as manslaughter if it was done without any design to cause death.

On July 5, paperwork was filed by defense attorney Dan Fox notifying South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley and Yankton County State's Attorney Rob Klimisch that Hines will appeal his judgment of conviction and sentence to the South Dakota Supreme Court.

During the June sentencing, Hines maintained that the shooting was an accident. However, Klimisch said the evidence showed that Hines had killed Knoll in cold blood.

After the shooting, Hines attempted to take his own life with a firearm.

When he underwent a blood test after the shooting, Hines had a blood-alcohol level three times

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CORRECTION

The USA Weekend photo and information published in Friday's Press & Dakotan was incorrect. We apologize for the error.

C Battery's Final Voyage



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

It's a high-powered road trip for Yankton-based Charlie Battery as the South Dakota National Guard unit rolls north along U.S. Highway 81 on Friday morning. The unit will spend the next two weeks at Camp Ripley, Minn. — its last annual training exercise before becoming Bravo Battery in a September ceremony.

Yankton Unit Begins Last Annual Training Mission Under Current Name

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Charlie Battery rolled out of Yankton Friday morning, headed to Camp Ripley, Minn., for its two weeks of annual training (AT).

But the South Dakota National Guard (SDNG) unit — part of the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery — was also starting a historic mission.

The Yankton-based unit is making its final annual training mission under the name Charlie Battery. In September, the unit officially becomes known as Bravo Battery under SDNG reorganization. The current Bravo Battery in Salem will officially close, and its title will transfer to the Yankton unit.

The transition has begun, with the Salem soldiers already divided up among other units, according to Sgt. 1st Class Brooks Schild, the unit public affairs representative for Charlie Battery.

"In April, Salem had about 40 guys attached with Charlie Battery. It's kind of weird — they will have been with Charlie Battery for about five months and then become part of Bravo Battery again," Schild said. "We had about another 30 others from Bravo

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CLAY STODDARD/P&D

Top United States archer and 2012 Olympic Games contender Brady Ellison takes aim during the USA Archery (USAA) National Field Championships last summer at the Gavins Point Recreation Area.

Local Archers Reflect On Connection With Olympians

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There was a fairly good chance the fellow archers standing alongside Jamie Van Lent a year ago were headed for bigger — more well-known — pastures.

Sure enough, they were. As the United States men's and women's archery teams prepare for next week's first rounds of the London Olympics, their connection trickles back to those archers who had the chance to compete with them at an international tournament last summer in Yankton.

"It's not every day you get to shoot next to the best in the world," said Van Lent, an up-

coming senior and club archery participant at Mount Marty College. "You can go up to them and talk to them. They'll talk about pretty much anything."

"They were just like normal people — except they're going to the Olympics and you're not," she added, with a laugh.

The United States men's trio of Brady Ellison, Jake Kaminski and Jacob Wukie, along the women's group of Miranda Leek, Khatuna Lorig and Jennifer Nichols, were all in Yankton last July for the 2011 U.S. National Target Championships.

Former Olympians dotted the hundreds of

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