

Authorities: Suspect Arrested In Michigan Shootings

WIXOM, Mich. (AP) — Police who arrested a suspect in a Michigan shooting spree that targeted moving cars and resulted in at least once injury were led to the man's home based on one of thousands of tips, authorities said Tuesday.

The suspect was taken into custody Monday night in Wixom, the Detroit suburb where the shootings began, a police task force investigating the four-county spree said.

"Why did he do it? I don't know. I don't know if we'll ever know," said Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wiggelsworth, who called the attacks "domestic terrorism."

He said a tip — one of close to 3,000 that have come in — led authorities to the man's home. He declined to disclose what the suspect told investigators.

The task force said in a written statement that the man drove a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect's car provided by a shooting victim. Authorities also seized potential evidence at his home, the task force said.

At least one gun was seized, said Donald Dawkins, Detroit spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The man had not been charged by Tuesday afternoon, and it was not clear when charges might be filed. Local and federal authorities were discussing whether the case should be pursued in state court

or federal court. Wiggelsworth said he wanted federal prosecutors to take the case.

A man who answered the door Tuesday at the home where police discovered the suspect declined to comment and told an Associated Press reporter to leave. Loon Lake Elementary School is a quarter-mile away from that home.

The shootings began Oct. 16 and stretched from Oakland County west to Ingham County. The targets in the 24 reported incidents were mostly cars traveling on roads near Interstate 96. Only a handful of shootings actually occurred on the interstate.

Janice Schumacher, 43, was pumping gas in Wixom when she heard that a suspect was in custody.

"I hope this is the guy," said the Commerce Township resident who for the past several weeks has been using alternate routes to run personal errands and shuttle her three children to and from school. "For weeks, I haven't been able to breathe while driving with my kids in the car. If they finally got this guy, that would be a major relief."

Before the arrest, clues appeared to be few: slugs and bullet fragments embedded in cars, metal casings on roadways, a simple black-and-white sketch of the shooter — a man believed to be in his late 20s or early 30s — and vague descriptions of the dark car he drove.

A LITTLE HELP



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Arianna Funtress, 18 months, left, and Aubrey Funtress, 4, help their grandfather, Darrell McDaniel, with voting on Tuesday at Blackburn Recreation Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Republicans Pick Up More Governors' Offices

ST. LOUIS (AP) — North Carolina voters elected their first Republican governor in two decades Tuesday, fanning the GOP's hope of broadening their party's hold on governor's mansions across the country.

The victory by former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory came two years after Republicans snatched six governors' offices in the midterm elections. Those victories gave the party 29 governorships to 20 for Democrats and one independent entering Tuesday's elections in which 11 gubernatorial races were to be decided.

When all the ballots are counted, Republicans could have as many as 33 governorships — the most since the 1920s and one more than they had in the 1990s.

McCrory defeated Democratic Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton to become North Carolina's first GOP chief executive since Jim Martin left office in early 1993. McCrory narrowly had lost his gubernatorial bid in 2008 to Democrat Beverly Perdue, who opted not to run this year.

Indiana voters went with Republican Mike Pence, a 12-year congressman who defeated Democrat John Gregg and Libertarian Rupert Boneham to succeed GOP Gov. Mitch Daniels, who is barred by state law from seeking a third term.

Democratic governors are leaving office in North Carolina, Montana, New Hampshire and Washington, raising Republican hopes that at least some of those offices can be flipped to the GOP. But New Hampshire's governor's mansion remained in Democratic hands Tuesday, as did those in Vermont, Delaware and West Virginia.

Chief executives of conservative North Dakota and Utah stayed in the Republican column with Tuesday's re-elections of popular incumbents. They included Jack Dalrymple, who took over two years ago in North Dakota when John Hoeven resigned to move to the Senate. Dalrymple won his first full term, defeating rancher and Democratic state Sen. Ryan Taylor.

Recent polls have shown a tight race in Washington state, where the GOP hasn't occupied the governor's mansion in more than three decades.

The GOP also is competing in Missouri, the latter a state where national Republican and Democratic governors' groups have poured millions into the race between Democratic incumbent Gov. Jay Nixon and Republican businessman rival Dave Spence.

While federal elections often can be referendums on the national economy, statewide races are often decided by matters unique to those states, including whether voters like and trust a certain candidate, a national political observer said Monday.

"The races for governor and races for senator are high-profile for each state, and the outcomes will be determined largely by the personalities of those candidates and the issues in those states," said David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Still, he said, heavy turnout in key swing states in the presidential contest could influence governors' race as well.

"If Republicans are fired up (at the ballot box) and Democrats are lethargic and staying home, it could tip some of the states in the Republican column" in governors' races, Yepsen said, pointing to the tight contest in neighboring Missouri. "In a state like that, what Jay Nixon is staying awake at night thinking about is if Romney wins big enough in Missouri, that could hurt Nixon. There is an undertow."

Kate Hansen, a Democratic Governors Association spokeswoman, said 2012 is a difficult year for Democrats, since they have more seats to defend.

But in at least three states, Democrats easily prevailed. Gov. Peter Shumlin won another term in Vermont, Gov. Jack Markell did the same in Delaware and state Sen. Maggie Hassan was elected to lead New Hampshire.

Aide: General In Sex Case Threatened To Kill Her

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — An Army captain testified Tuesday that her commanding general initiated a sexual affair during a combat tour in Iraq and threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone.

The woman said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair was extremely controlling, even telling her how much water to drink and when and where she could use the bathroom during a later combat tour in Afghanistan.

She said she repeatedly tried to end the relationship and asked Sinclair, a married man, for a transfer.

On two occasions, she testi-

fied the general ended such conversations by exposing himself and physically forcing her to perform oral sex. The Associated Press does not identify victims of alleged sexual assaults.

When a prosecutor asked if Sinclair should have been able to tell that she did not want to participate, the captain responded: "Yes, I was crying."

The woman testified on the second day of a military hearing at Fort Bragg on whether there was enough evidence to court-martial Sinclair on charges including forcible sodomy, wrongful sexual conduct and engaging in inappropriate relationships.

It is a rare criminal case against a general and the details

from the hearing are the first public narrative of the alleged offenses that prosecutors say involved a total of five women: four of them military subordinates and one a civilian.

During the testimony, the woman often broke down in tears as she recounted their 3-year relationship. As she spoke, Sinclair repeatedly rolled his eyes, sighed audibly and stared at his former aide from the defense table as she sobbed. She did not look back at him.

The woman says she was honored at first by the attention from Sinclair, who she said was highly regarded. They first had sex in 2008 at a forward operating base in Iraq, she said.

"I was extremely intimidated

by him. Everybody in the brigade spoke about him like he was a god," she said.

The captain testified that she believed Sinclair's threats to kill her because he had gone through Ranger training, knew how to kill with his hands and had a reputation as being unfazed by violence in battle.

Sinclair was deputy commander in charge of logistics and support for the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan before being abruptly relieved in May during the criminal probe. He has been on special assignment since then at Fort Bragg, the sprawling post that is home to the 82nd Airborne.

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VETERANS DAY

From the mid-1950s through 1975, nearly 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. permanently displays the names of the 58,195 men and women who gave their _____ in service to our country.

Sometimes called “The Wall,” the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a very _____ monument. It is a place for friends, family members and people from around the country and the world to _____ to remember the sacrifice of those who died.

Many visitors use paper and a _____ or chalk to make rubbings of some of the names as a keepsake and reminder of their _____ to the memorial.

Standards Link: Civics: Students know how Veterans Day reflects the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

Replace these words missing from the article.

GATHER VISIT LIVES THINKING PENCIL POWERFUL

The replica is 80% the size of the actual Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but it includes every one of the names.

Families can make rubbings of the names or spend time _____ about those who served in Vietnam and other wars.

The Memorial was designed by a Yale University student named Maya Ying Lin.

See ‘The Wall’
Can't travel to Washington, D.C. to see the wall? There is a traveling replica of The Wall that visits cities across America throughout the year. You can see the schedule at www.vvmf.org to find out where it can be seen.

Photo by Hu Toiya

Photo courtesy VFW Post 1543

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you pick three stars that add up to exactly 100?

48	82	2	25	10	69	66
76	98	18	16	39	19	94
23	11	90	17	52	99	3

HINT: There is more than one answer.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 100.

Online Scoop

Wearing a red poppy on November 11 is a way to honor veterans. Go to www.kidscoop.com/kids to find instructions to make a poppy.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	P	E	C	W	O	R	L	D	E
A	Y	A	M	D	I	P	A	I	K
Y	V	E	T	E	R	A	N	S	A
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C	E	N	U	R	T	E	M	L	P
H	T	I	G	E	E	R	E	A	E
A	N	L	R	S	Y	A	S	Y	E
L	A	I	R	O	M	E	M	N	K
K	M	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Heroes

Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a “Heroes” poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how participation in civic responsibilities helps preserve democracy.

Write On!

Winter Poem

Write a poem about winter. Make sure your poem is no more than five lines long.

Send your story to:
Press & Dakotan
C/o Noelle Schlechter
319 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078
605-665-7811, ext 112

Deadline: December 3 **Published:** Week of Dec. 30
Please include your school and grade.

Weekly Writing Corner

Best Friend!

Carissa Salvatori, Grade 5, Sacred Heart School, Yankton

I think dogs can be a person's best friend because if you care for them they will care for you. I agree with this opinion because dogs can be a person's best friend. If you have a cat it's the same thing if you care for them, they will care for you. If you cut yourself will a dog lick it? Yes, yes they will. Like I said if you care for a dog they will care for you.

Morgan, Grade 5, Sacred Heart School, Yankton

Yes! I think your dog can be your best friend. I have a dog named Dezzy she is a shepoo. I love her so much! She loves to play tug of war and fetch. A dog can be your best friend for ever because you can't get in fights with them, and you can do every thing with a dog.

Josephine Krajewski, Grade 5, Sacred Heart School, Yankton

I agree a dog is a person's best friend because they are always there for you. Dogs always want to play with you just like best friends. And they can always cheer you up even when you're feeling down.

Ava, Grade 5, Sacred Heart School, Yankton

I agree that a dog is a person's best friend. I don't have a dog but my cousins do and I love him so much! I think it's great that a dogs best friend is a person because what if a kid had no friends but one day their parents gave them one. It would probably be the best day ever! I would love to have a dog but I have two cats. That's why I agree that a dog is a persons best friend.