

Officers say others may have helped killers stage attack on high school

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turned up more than 30 homemade explosives, including pipe bombs and crude hand grenades. More may remain hidden, authorities said.

Two sawed-off shotguns, one 9mm semi-automatic rifle and one semi-automatic handgun also have been found.

The weapons did not belong to either of the gunmen's parents, and may be difficult to trace because they may have passed through many hands before the teen-agers got them, Bettendorf said.

Meanwhile, documents said court-ordered evaluations of the suspects, compiled three months ago after they were caught breaking into a van last year, called Harris "a bright young man who is likely to succeed in life" and found Klebold had "a great deal of potential."

Columbine will be closed indefinitely. Other schools in the district reopened Thursday to tight security.

At rival Chatfield High School, jittery staff and students walked past armed guards as classes reconvened. At one point, two bomb squad trucks sped

to the school after an unattended backpack was found. Students needed parental permission to leave the campus.

"You can't even go to the bathroom without permission, and then they time you," lamented Holly Bernside, 15.

Jefferson County school administrators began trying to return Columbine students' lives to normal by scouting for alternative class sites and planning events like graduation.

"The students are saying, 'We want to be back together. We want to be in school. We want to be with our teachers,'" said Superintendent Jane Hammond. She said students will return to the school next fall.

Klebold and Harris, members of the disaffected "Trenchcoat Mafia" at Columbine, finished a juvenile court program successfully in February, clearing their records. The District Court released copies of the documents, but blacked out the probation officer's name.

Investigators were questioning classmates and others who knew the gunmen. Two fellow members of the Trenchcoat Mafia apologized to

mourners on Wednesday.

"There was no sign they would do this," sobbed Nicole Makham. "We would just like to say that we're sorry for what they did."

On the Columbine grounds Thursday, there was some hint of the crisis lifting. Teachers trickled in to retrieve their cars, and an investigator rescued 30 baby chicks and a lizard from a science lab.

A mile away, Attorney General Janet Reno commiserated with relatives and community leaders as family members prepared for a weekend of memorials.

"This is not something that is dealt with in a day or a week or a month," Reno said. "This, as we have learned from Oklahoma City and other tragedies, is something that must be dealt with over time, and we are in this for the long haul."

In other shooting-related developments:

—Bree Pasquale said her life was spared when gunman Harris's nose was bloodied by a ricocheting shotgun shell. Harris had put a gun to her head and told her she was next when the injury distracted him, she told NBC's "Today" show this morning.

—Investigators confirmed they had found a note at one suspect's home but refused to discuss its contents.

—The sheriff's office said it planned to release tapes of some 911 calls today.

—Classmates said Klebold and Harris made several class-project videos last fall foreshadowing their spasm of violence. In one, "they had their friends pretend to be the jocks, and they pretended to be the gunmen shooting

them," high school junior Chris Reilly told the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*.

School officials said they hadn't yet determined whether such a video was made.

—Police defended their initial response to the school massacre. They insisted they were rescuing students

within minutes of the first 911 call but had to move cautiously because of the danger of bombs and bullets.

—The FBI sent a subpoena to America Online, seeking information on Web sites and member profiles thought to belong to Harris or Klebold.

Colby woman's grandson died a hero helping others

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she just can't find any solace in these excuses.

"Danny never in his life ever tormented or hurt anyone," she said, "so there are no excuses for them.

"He was an awfully good boy and he didn't deserve this," Maxine said about her grandson.

In some ways, she said, her grandson was a caretaker. Danny looked after his mom, dad, and grandparents and sometimes worried about them more than himself, she said.

His father's only child, he had celebrated his birthday on March 2. His great-grandmother, Velma, is coming up on her 88th birthday on Thursday.

"I think she would like very much to hear from friends in her community," she said, "and if anyone would like to send cards to Danny's mother and father, they can send them to our home at 7564 S. Ogden Way, Littleton, Colo., 80122.

"Danny was very close to his great-grandmother and he liked her mashed potatoes and pot roast and country-fried steak."

Funeral services are still pending, since Danny's body was not released until noon on Thursday. Monday is the tentative date, and the family has decided it will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, 251 E. Sterne Blvd., Littleton, Colo.

In Colby, Sharon Stramel, who is a good friend and close neighbor of Velma, affirmed what Maxine had said about Danny and his great-grandmother being very close.

"I think it's important that people show how much they care about Velma and her family with phone calls, visits or cards," Stramel said. "I know Velma will appreciate people thinking about her family during this tragic time."

Both Stramel and Velma said Danny was "an outstanding child."

"He would come out with his dad and grandfather to do Velma's wheat harvest every year," Stramel said, "and it was something to see when four generations of Rohrboughs were working in the harvest field together."

"Danny never missed a harvest," Velma said, "and he loved just about anything with wheels...tractors, combines, trucks, dirt bikes and motorcycles."

As a young child, she added, Danny liked soccer, but as he got older, he wanted to spend more time with his father and so he helped out at his shop in Littleton.

"We all have the same thoughts about what happened," Velma said Thursday evening. "This was such a useless event and it didn't need to happen, but it did.

"What did they do it for? I'm so sorry for what all the parents are going through and I'm still trying to understand what this was all about."

State the 'villain' in couple's trial

TOPEKA (AP)—The state is likely to be on trial in the criminal cases of a man who claims to be the true governor of Kansas and the man's wife.

An attorney for Mark and Paula Drake contends the couple is being prosecuted in Shawnee County District Court for their political views.

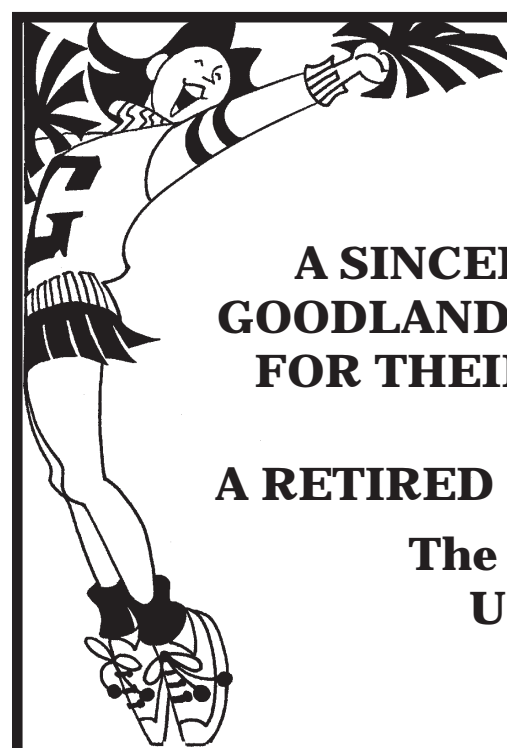
The attorney, Dennis Hawver of Ozawie, has the court's permission to review state records and investigate the reasons behind the arrests of the Drakes, as well as whether the event was planned in advance and, if so, who directed the planning.

Hawver is planning to make freedom of speech the central issue in the Drakes' separate trials. They were ar-

rested Jan. 11 in the Capitol's second-floor rotunda, shortly after Gov. Bill Graves took his oath of office for a second term.

The Drakes face a single misdemeanor charge each of holding an illegal Statehouse meeting. They did not get permission for their Jan. 11 gathering from the Department of Administration, which has jurisdiction over the Capitol's second floor.

The Drakes operate a "Supreme Court of Christian Jurisdiction," which initiates "trials" of public officials for supposed crimes, including treason. They believe that gold fringe on U.S. and Kansas flags denotes an illegal "British admiralty court" in control.



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