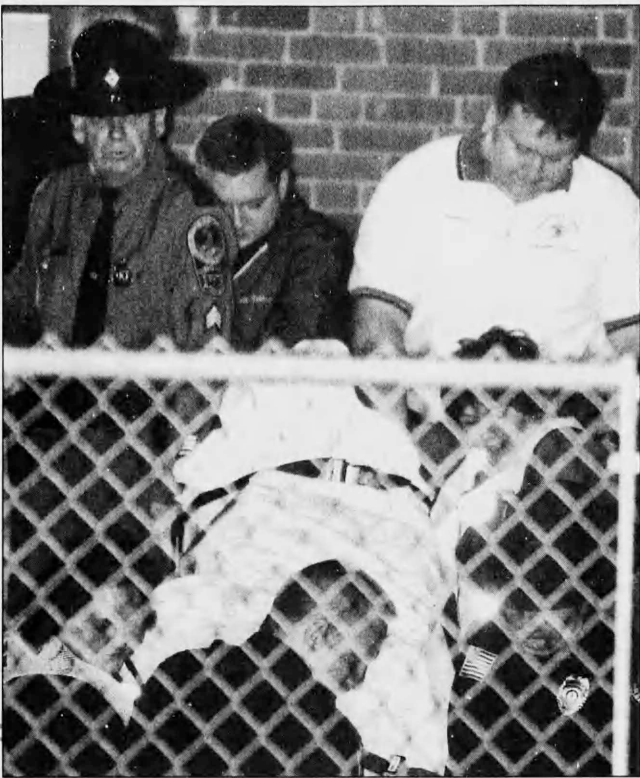


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Student goes on rampage

Three shot to death at Virginia law school

GRUNDY, Va. (AP) — A struggling Nigerian student at a Virginia law school went on a campus shooting rampage Wednesday, killing the dean, a professor and a student before he was tackled by students, authorities said.

The attack also wounded three students at the Appalachian School of Law. Two were in surgery Wednesday evening and the third was listed in fair condition.

"When I got there, there were bodies laying everywhere," said Dr. Jack Briggs, who was one of the first to arrive after the shooting in a tiny mountain community in western Virginia.

Dean L. Anthony Sutin and Prof. Thomas Blackwell were gunned down in their offices, school officials said. Police said the third person slain was student Angela Dales, 33.

The 42-year-old suspect, Peter Odighizuwa, arrived at school to meet

with the dean about his academic suspension, which went into effect Wednesday, State Police spokesman Mike Stater said.

Odighizuwa first stopped in the office of Prof. Dale Rubin to talk about his grades and as he left was reported to have asked Rubin to pray for him, police said.

He then walked to Sutin's and Blackwell's offices and shot them with a pistol, Stater said. Witnesses said Odighizuwa then went downstairs into a common area and opened fire on a crowd of students, killing Dales and seriously wounding three others.

Todd Ross, 30, of Johnson City, Tenn., was among the students who were outside when Odighizuwa left the building. Ross said the suspect was holding his hands in the air and dropped the gun at his prompting.

Odighizuwa was promptly tackled and "struggled after we got him on the ground but then just laid there," Ross said.

He said the suspect kept shouting: "I have nowhere to go. I have nowhere to go."

The suspect was being held at the

Buchanan County Jail on three counts of capital murder and three weapons counts, authorities said.

Ellen Qualls, a spokeswoman for Gov. Mark Warner, said Odighizuwa had a history of mental instability school officials knew about. Rubin, the professor who spoke with the suspect moments before the rampage, declined comment after the shooting.

First-year student Justin Marlowe from Richwood, W.Va., said the suspect had been in all of his classes.

"He was a real quiet guy who kept to himself. He didn't talk to anybody," Marlowe said.

He also said Odighizuwa failed a year ago and "the dean bent over backward to get him enrolled again."

The private law school, with an enrolment of about 170 students, was closed for the rest of the week.

The governor, who had served on the school's board until he took office last week, said he was shocked by the shooting.

"I commend the students who acted swiftly to apprehend the suspect," Warner said. "My heart goes out to the school and the community."

Charges laid against 'Shoe bomber'

BOSTON (AP) — An airline passenger accused of trying to ignite explosives in his shoes was indicted Wednesday on charges of being an al-Qaida-trained terrorist whose goal was to blow up the plane and kill the nearly 200 people aboard.

Richard Reid, a 28-year-old British citizen and convert to Islam, could be given five life sentences if convicted.

The indictment, issued by a U.S. federal grand jury in Boston, alleges Reid attempted to kill the 197 passengers and crew aboard a Paris-to-Miami American Airlines flight Dec. 22 before he was tackled and the jetliner was diverted to Boston.

Reid did "attempt to use a weapon of mass destruction...consisting of an explosive bomb placed in each of his shoes," the indictment said.

The indictment said Reid "received training from al-Qaida in Afghanistan."

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said in Washington the charges "alert us to a clear, unmistakable threat that al-Qaida could attack the United States again."

"We must be prepared. We must be ready. We must be vigilant," he said.

The charges against Reid include attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, attempted murder and attempted destruction of an aircraft. He also was charged with attempted wrecking of a mass-transportation vehicle, a new charge created by Congress in an anti-terrorism bill enacted in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Reid had been held since his arrest on the lesser charge of interfering with a flight crew.

"The charges contained in the indictment are exceptionally serious and reflective of our intention to prosecute Richard Reid to the fullest extent of the law," said Michael Sullivan, U.S. attorney for Massachusetts.



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In a statement, Tamar Birkhead, one of Reid's court-appointed lawyers, noted Reid is considered innocent until proven guilty.

She added: "We note that the indictment does not allege that any of the crimes charged were committed on behalf of, or to further the cause of, al-Qaida or any other terrorist organization."

Ashcroft credited passengers and crew on the flight with stopping Reid from detonating the shoe bomb and bringing down the plane. Reid was overpowered by flight attendants and passengers as he allegedly tried to light a fuse protruding from his sneakers.

"Our trust in the common sense of people who act in the face of terrorism was vindicated," the attorney general said.

Reid converted to Islam while in prison for petty crimes. He later worshipped at the same London mosque as Zacarias Mousaoui, charged with conspiracy in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity said Reid may be an al-Qaida target scout known as Abdul Ra'uff.

Weapons deal still being ironed out by U.S., Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two days of Pentagon talks by U.S. and Russian officials Wednesday produced a roadmap for friendly military co-operation. But the two nuclear powers continued to wrangle over the disposition of warheads removed from launchers as they scaled down their arsenals.

Relations between the United States and Russia have soured in the past few days, and the delegations made an obvious attempt to surmount the discord over human rights in Chechnya and a Russian crackdown on the media by setting up committees to work out exchanges of data and joint actions against terrorism.

The goal is a set of understandings for action by President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin when they meet this spring in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Douglas Feith, the undersecretary of defence

who headed the U.S. delegation, said several times his side was willing to codify any understanding in "the kind of document that is appropriate."

This reflected the Bush administration's acknowledgment of Russia's demand for formal treaties, which Feith criticized even Wednesday as the product of a "priesthood" of arms-control negotiators during the Cold War.

The two sides are committed to major reductions in the arsenals of their strategic nuclear weapons. Bush pledged in November to cut back to 1,700 to 2,200 long range warheads from the current U.S. level of about 7,000. And Putin, in his talks with Bush, said Russia, which has about 6,000 strategic warheads, would respond in kind.

But Bush's scuttling of a landmark arms control agreement to clear the way for his ambitious missile defence program continues to peeve the Russians.

Patty Hearst kidnappers face murder charge 27 years later

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Five former members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, including former fugitive Sara Jane Olson, were charged Wednesday with killing a woman during a California bank robbery 27 years ago.

Three of the former members of the SLA, the 1970s radical group that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patty Hearst, were taken into custody at their homes, authorities said. Olson, 55, known as Kathleen Soliah at the time of the robbery, turned herself in Wednesday night in Los Angeles. The fifth suspect remained at large.

Olson, Emily Harris, ex-husband Bill Harris, Mike Bortin and James Kilgore were charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of a bank customer during a 1975 holdup in Carmichael, Calif., authorities said.

Sacramento District Attorney Jan Scully said authorities had obtained more evidence in the case but declined to give details.

"Based upon the review of both old and new

materials, I believe there is now both direct and circumstantial evidence sufficient to file charges and begin criminal proceedings for the murder of Myrna Opsahl," Scully said.

In a book Hearst wrote about the holdup, she said she was waiting in a getaway car during the holdup. She placed Olson and Bortin at the scene and said it was Emily Harris who shot Opsahl. But none of them was ever charged in the case.

The case has been the subject of numerous investigations and Dr. Jon Opsahl, the son of the victim, had lobbied prosecutors for years to file charges.

"Our family has waited for 26 years for this day," he said Wednesday.

"I'm very happy that my mother's murder is getting the attention it deserves and I trust that justice will be served."

Emily Harris was arrested at her home in Los Angeles, her ex-husband was taken into custody in Oakland, Calif., and Bortin was arrested in Portland, Ore. Kilgore has remained at large since the 1970s.

DaimlerChrysler recalls minivans

DETROIT (CP) — About 1.3 million Chrysler minivans will be subject to a voluntary recall this month to fix fuel lines that could leak and spark a fire, the automaker said Wednesday.

Owners of 1996-2000 Chrysler Caravan, Voyager and Town & Country minivans — including about 182,000 owners in Canada — will be notified by month's end about the problem, DaimlerChrysler spokeswoman Angela Ford said from the company's Michigan headquarters.

A faulty fuel-line "O" ring may be the cause of 18 Chrysler van fires in the United States, the company said. Many of the vehicles were produced at DaimlerChrysler's Windsor, Ont., minivan factory.

The automaker has taken some heat in U.S. news reports this week that suggested the company was stalling on the safety recall. But spokeswoman Ford said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Washington was told in September of DaimlerChrysler's intention to notify owners of the recall by the end of January.

"We have been replacing parts in the interim for customers who have gone to dealerships and smelled gasoline, and where it's been identified that the fuel line 'O' ring was the problem," Ford said in an interview.

She said safety officials were first made aware of the need for a recall in 1998 after some internal company testing. But since there were "very few" customer complaints and the company was working on a repair strategy, it decided against issuing the recall earlier.

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The winning numbers in Friday's **Super 7** draw were **07, 10, 15, 23, 29, 34, 45**. The bonus number was **03**.

The four **EXTRA** winning numbers for British Columbia on Friday were **19, 62, 78, 98**.

The winning numbers in Wednesday's **Lotto-649** draw were **13, 17, 18, 28, 37, 44**. The bonus number was **32**.

The **BC-49** lottery winning numbers on Wednesday were **06, 09, 10, 25, 36, 38**. The bonus number was **15**.

The four **EXTRA** winning numbers for British Columbia on Wednesday were **54, 83, 84, 93**.

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