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## Woman shoots dead 3 children, 3 adults at Christian school in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, March 27 (Reuters) - A 28-year-old woman armed with several guns opened fire on Monday at a private Christian school she once attended in Tennessee's capital city, killing three children and three adult staffers before police killed her, authorities said.

There was no immediate official word on a possible motive for the gun violence, which unfolded on a warm spring morning not long after classes began at The Convent School, whose students consist mostly of elementary school-age children.

The woman was carrying at least two semi-automatic rifles and a handgun, police said.

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department began receiving calls at 10:13 a.m. of a shooter at the school, and arriving officers reported hearing gunfire coming from the building's second floor, police spokesperson Don Aaron told reporters.

Two officers from a five-member team shot the assailant in a lobby area, and she was pronounced dead by 10:27 a.m..

"The police department response was swift," Aaron said. Police Chief John Drake later described the suspect as a 28-year-old woman from the Nashville area who "at one point was a student at this school." But her identity was not immediately made public.

Deadly mass shootings have become commonplace in the United States in recent years, but a female attacker is highly unusual. Only four of 191 mass shootings cataloged since 1966 by The Violence Project, a nonprofit research center, were carried out by a female attacker.

Law enforcement officers and members of the U.S. marshalls work at a family reunification center after a mass shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville



Law enforcement officers and members of the U.S. marshalls work at a family reunification center after a mass shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee, U.S. March 27, 2023. REUTERS/ Kevin Wurm

Reacting to the shooting in Washington, U.S. President Joe Biden urged Congress again to pass more gun reform legislation.

"It's sick," he said, addressing the issue during an event at the White House. "We have to do more to protect our schools so they aren't turned into prisons ... I call on Congress again to pass my assault weapons ban. Three students were pronounced dead after arriving at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt with gunshot wounds, John Howser, a hospital spokesperson, said in a statement. Three adult staff members were killed by the shooter, police said.

Besides the deceased, no one else was shot, Aaron said. Students' parents were told to gather at the nearby Woodmont Baptist Church to be reunited with their children. Parents trickled out of the building with their youngsters in tow. One woman was visibly distraught as she was

escorted alone out of the church to an awaiting squad car by police officers.

The Covenant School, founded in 2001, is a ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church in the Green Hills neighborhood of Nashville with about 200 students, according to the school's website. The school serves preschool through sixth graders and held an active shooter training program in 2022, WTVF-TV reported.

Nashville Mayor John Cooper expressed sympathy for the victims and wrote on social media that his city "joined the dreaded, long list of communities to experience a school shooting."

There have been 89 school shootings - defined as anytime a gun is discharged on school property - in the U.S. so far in 2023, according to the K-12 School Shooting Database, a website founded by researcher David Riedman. Last year saw 303 such incidents, the highest of any year in the database, which goes back to 1970

## U.S. backstops Silicon Valley Bank sale to First Citizens

March 27 (Reuters) - U.S. regulators said on Monday they would backstop a deal for regional lender First Citizens BancShares to acquire failed Silicon Valley Bank, triggering an estimated \$20 billion hit to a government-run insurance fund.

The deal comes after the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) took over Silicon Valley Bank on March 10 after depositors rushed to pull out their money in a bank run that also brought down Signature Bank and wiped out more than half the market value of several other U.S. regional lenders. The deal was "momentous" for First Citizens, CEO Frank Holding told investors on a conference call Monday. "We believe this transaction is a great outcome for depositors."

The Raleigh, North Caroli-

na-based lender has completed 21 such government-assisted deals, including 14 since 2009 when CEO Holding was made chairman, according to a Piper Sandler note on Monday.

The FDIC fund does not take U.S. taxpayer money and is instead replenished by a levy on member banks. "The FDIC's sale of SVB helps show business can go on as usual for the banking industry," a team of Wells Fargo analysts led by Mike Mayo said in a note on Monday.

First Citizens will not pay cash upfront for the deal. Instead, it said it granted equity appreciation rights in its stock to the FDIC that could be worth up to \$500 million -- a fraction of what Silicon Valley Bank was worth before it failed.



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

03/25/2023

## The Ethnic Alliance is Being Organized

Leaders of the Houston community led by Congressman Al Green will continue to hold a preparation meeting to actively communicate on how to effectively form a united front. We all fully support this event to jointly carry forward the spirit of unity.

Over the decades, we all took root in this land. This is the period of time that our ethnic Asian community has unfortunately suffered the most obvious discrimination, which plainly means that a wave of anti-immigrants is forming in our society. This growing and unhealthy trend, if unchallenged, will affect many of our generations to come.

To be honest, most of us of this generation came here to pursue our studies and settle down as

professionals in all kinds of businesses. Today, we are considered to be good citizens.

Today the political ecology of our nation has dramatically and sadly changed. Consider the high-ranking officials and our representatives in the U.S. capitol. They were elected to govern the nation on our behalf, but their recent behavior has become divisive and shameful.



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## Editor's Choice



A Chinese student who calls herself Evie makes a video for her followers on Douyin, a Chinese social media network similar to Tiktok, on Tower Bridge in London, Britain. REUTERS/Kevin Coombs



Members of the gendarmerie run during a demonstration called by the collective “Bas-sines Non Merci” against the “basins” on the construction site of new water storage infrastructure for agricultural irrigation in western France, in Sainte-Soline, France. REUTERS/Yves Herman



Visitors fly kites during the annual Cherry Blossoms Kite Fest near the U.S. Capitol building on the National Mall, in Washington. REUTERS/Tom Brenner



KeUntey Ousley tries to salvage what he can from his mother's boyfriend's vehicle, as his mother LaShata Ousley and his girlfriend Mikita Davis watch, after a tornado cut through their small Delta town the night before in Rolling Fork, Mississippi. Barbara Gauntt/USA Today Network.



Security forces operate as supporters of Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro demonstrate against President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, outside Brazil's National Congress in Brasilia, Brazil, January 8. REUTERS/ Adriano Machado



People reach out to touch Pope Francis' hand during his meeting with the faithful of parishes from Rho at the Vatican. REUTERS/Yara Nardi



Berkley sees some hope in the experience in West Africa after the 2014–15 Ebola outbreak. “There was an unprecedented flow of finance and goodwill,” he says. “We did campaigns once Ebola was over and strengthened routine immunization. We not only recovered coverage levels, but exceeded them.” But that epidemic was largely confined to three countries with a combined population of fewer than 25 million people. This time, the entire world is affected. (Courtesy <https://www.sciencemag.org/>)