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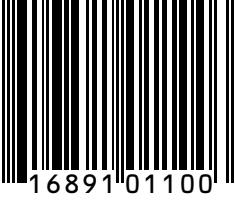
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**Murder-suicide**

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**Five people were murdered** Monday at this home on Sugar Grove Road, off U.S. 19.**Man kills 5 people in Mon County**

Runs over Pa. woman, shoots Kentucky man

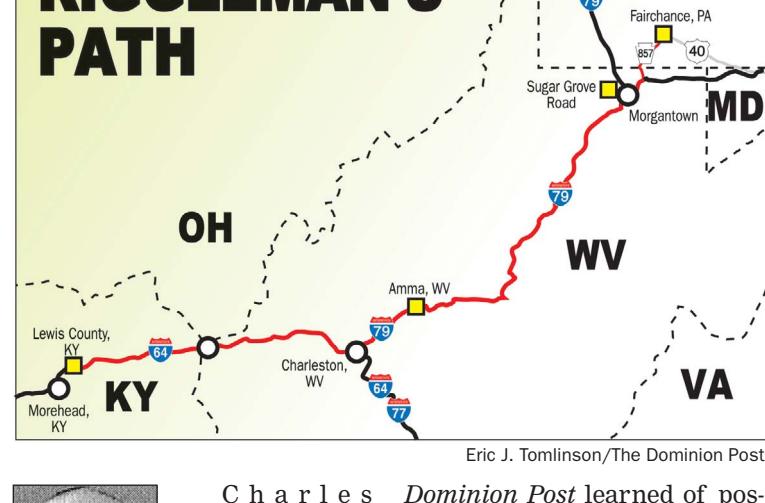
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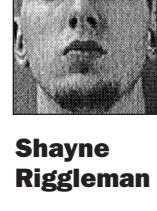
A Star City man shot and killed five people on Sugar Grove Road in a Labor Day crime spree that spanned three states and ended when he killed himself in Kentucky.

West Virginia State Police Capt. James Merrill said Shayne Franklin Riggelman, 22, used a high-powered rifle to shoot and kill Charles Richardson III, 49; his wife, Karin Richardson, 50; her children, Kevin Hudson, 17, and Katrina Hudson, 22; and Katrina's fiance, Robert Raber Jr., 30.

Katrina Hudson was six months pregnant, Merrill said. The unborn baby also died.

**RIGGLEMAN'S PATH**

Eric J. Tomlinson/The Dominion Post

**Shayne Riggelman**

Charles Richardson III's father also lived at the residence.

Merrill declined to provide details of the shootings, including how quickly they occurred, how

Riggelman was acquainted with the victims or what his motive might have been.

Through other sources, *The**Dominion Post* learned of possible motives. See article below.

"This is an active investigation," Merrill said. "We want to try to protect the integrity of the investigation as much as possible, but it was of a heinous nature."

The bodies were taken to the medical examiner's office in Charleston, where autopsies are still being conducted. Police do not yet know whether multiple

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**Ex-girlfriend: Shooter threatened her life****BY BRANDY BRUBAKER**

The Dominion Post

Brittany Harwood said she broke up with Shayne Riggelman because she was terrified of him, and that's why she refused to leave with him when he showed up at her father's house in Pennsylvania on Monday afternoon — not long after police said he murdered five people she considered family.

Harwood shared her story with *The Dominion Post* and cited one incident in June, before she broke up with Riggelman, in which he reportedly threatened to go on a killing

spree. She said she didn't tell anyone at the time because she was afraid he would hurt her.

"He said, 'I'm going to go on a shooting rampage and kill a bunch of people,'" she said. "He wanted to feel the power of being able to take someone's life."

Harwood said she thought Riggelman was serious and said he was trying to get guns. He also had previously threatened to shoot her and then kill himself, she said.

She broke up with him in August, after a three-month relationship that started when the two met at a local pet shop

— both were buying supplies for their Rottweilers. Harwood said Riggelman, who she said was bipolar and not taking his medications, began stalking her and would call her all the time.

She went to live with the Richardsons on Sugar Grove Road after she moved out of Riggelman's place above a bar in Star City. Harwood is good friends with Candice Richardson, the daughter of one of the murder victims, Charles Richardson III, and they let her stay. Harwood was in the

SEE SHOOTER, 2-A

**Sept. 11 — A decade later****9/11 attacks changed how Americans live****BY BRANDY BRUBAKER**

The Dominion Post

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, prompted changes to everyday life — everything from getting a driver's license to visiting the local courthouse.

"The biggest impact of Sept. 11, 2001, to the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and other DMV's nationwide, was the 9/11 Commission report that showed that many of the terrorists involved carried fraudulently obtained driver's licenses," DMV spokeswoman Natalie Harvey

said by email. "Due to this finding, new federal standards for states to issue driver's licenses were developed and mandated."

West Virginia recently completed the first step of the secure driver's license initiative, which was the issuance of driver's licenses compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005, Commissioner Joe Miller said in a statement. The licenses have a new look and are equipped with built-in microprinting to enhance security.

In 2012, the DMV will implement

the plan's second phase, which will involve scanning documents a resident brings to apply for or renew their license so that they will be on file. Drivers wanting to renew their licenses will need to bring their certified birth certificates, Social Security cards, and two forms of proof of residency so the documents can be scanned and compared with any previous or future documents.

A federal verification system is the final phase, Harvey said. It

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Kosnoski poisoned by carbon monoxide

**BY DAVID BEARD**

The Dominion Post

Westover Police have identified the man believed to have died Monday from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Chief James Smith said the man was Justin Kosnoski, 25, from Sterling, Va.

His wife, Diana Kosnoski, also 25, was treated at Ruby Memorial Hospital and released Tuesday, Smith said. The couple had just moved into the duplex at 31 Morrison Street, where the suspected carbon monoxide exposure occurred.

Smith said city code enforcement is working with a licensed contractor to determine the cause of the exposure. A federal investigator will also come to the site.

Westover Police Lt. A.A. Liven good previously said Diana Kosnoski had called for help at about 3:40 a.m. Monday when she couldn't wake her husband. She was "acting funny" when police arrived, Liven good said. Both of them were taken to Ruby Memorial Hospital, where Justin Kosnoski was pronounced dead.

Their duplex neighbors, at 31 1/2 Morrison St., had gone to Ruby about 30 minutes earlier, after they began feeling ill, and contacted emergency officials after they arrived at the hospital.

Smith identified the neighbors as Justin and Jennifer Woulard. He did not have their ages, but said they had two children, ages 21 months and 4 months.

Smith said the Woulards were all taken to a Pittsburgh hospital for treatment, but he did not have the hospital's name. They were still being treated early Tuesday.

Two hospitals that handle carbon monoxide poisoning — West Penn Allegheny Health System and UPMC Presbyterian — did not have their names on record Tuesday evening. A West Penn spokeswoman said it's possible they were never patients there, or they may have been treated and released. A UPMC Presbyterian spokeswoman said they do not treat children.

Smith said Tuesday he believed the medical examiner had completed the examination of Kosnoski's body to verify the cause of death, but he did not yet have the report.



AP photo

**Harbor, an 8 year-old** coonhound from Boulder, Colo., displays his winning ears.**Colorado dog has longest ears in the world**

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Harbor has over two feet of ears. Does that make him a 6-foot dog?

Probably not. But on Tuesday, the black-and-tan coonhound from Boulder, Colo., gets the 2012 Guinness World Records title for "longest ears on a living dog."

His left ear is 12.25 inches long and his right is 13.5 inches long.

Tigger, a bloodhound from Illinois who died in 2009, still holds the record for longest ears ever. One was 13.5 inches long, the other 13.75 inches long.

## TIMELINE

The following timeline was put together using information from West Virginia State Police and other sources and a Facebook page listed to "Shayne Franklin Samuel Riggelman":

**AUG. 31** — Facebook: "I can't catch all of you, but I can make an example out of a couple!"

Seriously people be way nicer and more understanding to others. I mean we're just human we make mistakes."

**SEPT. 1** — Facebook: "We're not promised tomorrow." "I mate for life, not like a penguin though. I mate for life like a praying mantis." "Even a mule tries to kick its (sic), come on human beings stand up!"

**SEPT. 2** — Facebook: "There is a direct correlation (sic) between the amount of love you have for someone and how crazy you go when you lose them."

"Revenge is a dish best served cold and God is the chef."

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 4, 5:43 A.M.** — Facebook: "and on ur machine I slur a plea for u to come home, but i know it's too late. i should have given u a reason to stay. — deathcab for cutie." (Deathcab for Cutie is the name of a band.)

**MONDAY, SEPT. 5, 2:59 P.M.** — Facebook: "I swear these doors keep locking, but they weren't locked when i (sic) got here!"

**4 P.M.** — Facebook: "why wouldn't they let me join the military? I'm fully capable, and there was no career for me!"

**SOMETIMES MONDAY AFTERNOON** — Riggelman shoots five people at 100 Sugar Grove Road.

**AT ABOUT 5 P.M.** — Riggelman meets Brittany Harwood in Fairchance, Pa.

**5:30 P.M.** — Riggelman strikes Sidney Bush in Fairchance, Pa.

**AT ABOUT 5:30 P.M.** — Harwood contacts state police.

**AT ABOUT 6:30 P.M.** — State police arrive at 100 Sugar Grove Road.

**AT ABOUT 8 P.M.** — Riggelman stopped at Roane County gas station.

**AT ABOUT 11:30 P.M.** — Riggelman is located in Kentucky.

# Shooting victim's father 'stunned' by murders

BY CASSIE SHANER  
AND BRANDY BRUBAKER

The Dominion Post

Charles Richardson Jr. said his son — Charles III — was a quiet, family man.

"He's a good kid," the elder Richardson said Tuesday. "He's had his ups and downs. ... He was a homebody. He liked to do computer things. For a while, he had his own computer consulting company."

Richardson lives a few hundred yards from his son's Sugar Grove Road residence. He may have been home when his son and four others were murdered Monday afternoon, but he didn't hear anything out of the ordinary.

The crime scene is a house sitting on a hill up a rocky, narrow driveway. Located just off U.S. 19, Sugar Grove Road is a rural area, where neighboring houses can be miles apart.

Charles Richardson Jr. said he left to do laundry at about 4 p.m. State police later notified him of the murders next door.

"I'm just stunned," he said. "I loved my son."

Candice Richardson described her father as "the best father figure you could think of" — strict, but nice.

"My father was the strong-



Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post

**Charles Richardson Jr., father** of shooting victim Charles Richardson III, stands in a field between his house and the murder scene Tuesday on Sugar Grove Road.

headed guy," she said. "He knew what he was doing."

"He was a good man that loved his family," his son — Charles IV, or "Charlie" — added in a Facebook message.

Candice Richardson said her father and stepmother — Karin Richardson, who

was also killed — "were really good together." The couple was married in 2006, according to *The Dominion Post's* archives.

Charles III and Karin worked for FedEx Ground in Bridgeport, according to a woman who answered the

phone Tuesday. A FedEx truck was parked outside the house, but Seth Bramel, dock service manager, declined to provide any information about the couple.

Two of Karin's children — Katrina and Kevin Hudson — were also killed. State police

## MURDER

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weapons were involved or how many times each victim was shot, Merrill said.

Riggelman left in a Jeep Grand Cherokee belonging to one of the victims, Merrill said, and went to Fairchance, Pa., where he met and spoke to a friend.

Riggelman's ex-girlfriend, Brittany Harwood, told *The Dominion Post* that Riggelman showed up at her father's house, where she was staying, and asked her to go for a ride. She refused. She said she recognized the vehicle he was driving as belonging to Karin Richardson. He said Karin loaned it to him. After he left, Harwood said she tried to call the Richardsons but couldn't reach anyone at the Sugar Grove Road residence, so she called police.

The secluded house — located just off U.S. 19 — sits on a hill up a rocky, narrow driveway. Garbage, old appliances and other debris littered the yard Tuesday, but the only visible sign of the murders was blood that could be seen on the bathroom, laundry room and kitchen floors through a backdoor window.

Senior Trooper J.T. Gallaher arrived at the scene at about 6:30 p.m., and discovered three bodies. He then secured the perimeter and contacted the West Virginia State Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT).

"At that point, we're not sure if the suspect is still inside the house," Merrill said. "[Trooper Gallaher] was by himself. He made the right call. He backed off, and that's the reason why we used our Special Response Team, to make sure we had a clear, safe [crime scene] so we didn't have other fatalities."

The SRT leader entered the house with three troopers and secured the residence. Two additional bodies — the Richardsons, according to Charles' father — were found after the West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Team arrived.

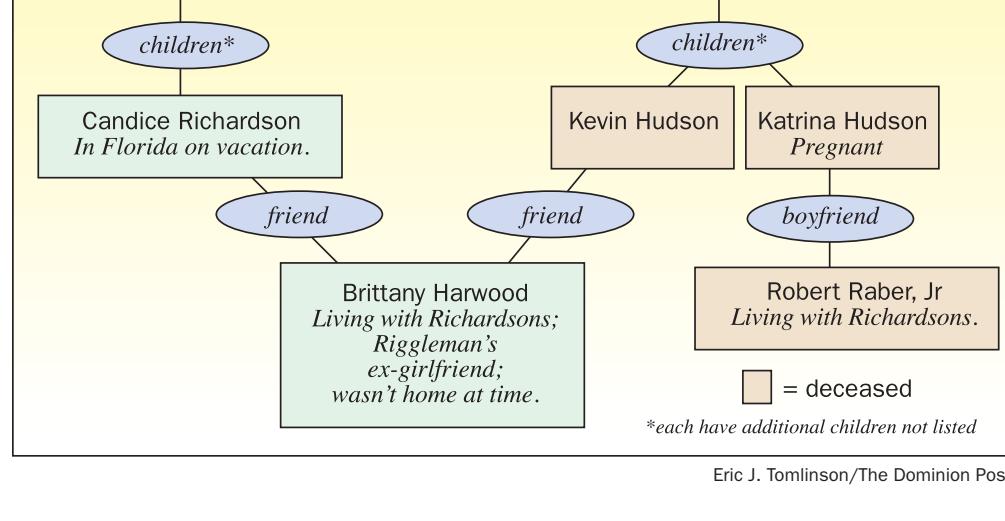
Merrill said two bodies were found in the kitchen, one was found in the living room, and two were found in the bathroom. Police believe the shootings occurred two or three hours before they were contacted.

### Pennsylvania accident

Troopers believe that Riggelman traveled from Sugar Grove Road to Fairchance, Pa.

Merrill said Riggelman — driving the Jeep — struck a vehicle in Fairchance and

## HOW THEY KNEW EACH OTHER



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ran over the driver after she exited her vehicle.

Sidney Lee Bush, 58, of Fairchance, was identified as the victim in a Pennsylvania State Police press release. Bush was driving north on Pa. 857 when she was struck from behind by a silver Jeep SUV, according to the release.

Bush's vehicle crossed into the southbound lanes and hit a fence before coming to rest in a yard. Bush then exited the vehicle and crawled 50-60 yards to the Centerville Clinic parking lot. She stood up to wave down drivers on Pa. 857 and spotted the same Jeep heading toward her traveling south.

The vehicle hit Bush's left side, throwing her into the air and knocking her into a building, before continuing south. She was taken to Uniontown Hospital with a fractured left knee, ankle, wrist and elbow. She also had several cuts and bruises.

Pennsylvania State Police contacted authorities in West Virginia, Merrill said, who confirmed that a Jeep Grand Cherokee was missing from the crime scene. Information about the stolen vehicle was then entered into the National Crime Information Center's database.

State police in West Virginia also enlisted the help of the U.S. Marshals, who helped initiate phone tracking.

### Attempted carjacking

Riggelman was next seen at a gas station in Amma, in Roane County.

Linda Honaker, a clerk at O'Dell's Exxon, said a man — later identified as Riggelman — tried to steal a car belonging to gas station employee Donnie Nichols, who was outside sweeping the parking lot.

Honaker wasn't present when the incident occurred, but said the suspect shot Nichols as he confronted him about trying to break into

his car. Riggelman then fled.

Nichols was in intensive care Tuesday but was expected to survive, Honaker said.

Clarise O'Dell, whose husband owns the Exxon, said Nichols, an employee for three years, is a very religious man.

"I'm sure that's what saved him," she said.

Merrill said Riggelman first tried to take a car occupied by a woman and her children. She pleaded for her safety, Merrill said, and "for whatever reason, he just let them go."

### Kentucky stop

From there, Riggelman traveled to Lewis County, Ky., police said.

Lewis County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jason Hill said a young couple called 911 to report a Jeep Grand Cherokee that was

driving erratically on Double A Highway in Garrison, Ky., and was attempting to run them off the road.

Hill said a deputy in the area caught up with the Jeep and signaled for the driver to pull over. The driver — later identified as Riggelman — pulled off the road about a half-mile away.

The deputy got out of his police car and approached, but saw a rifle inside. He went back to his car and called for backup.

When help arrived, the deputies approached the vehicle again and found that Riggelman had shot himself in the left side of the head. Since the deputy never heard the shot, Hill said they believe Riggelman killed himself as soon as he pulled over.

He was identified by an ID he had with him, Hill said. He also had several credit cards

said Katrina was six months pregnant. Candice Richardson said Katrina planned to name the baby girl Alexis.

"Katrina was my only sister," she said. "She was always there for me."

Officials at the Connecticut high school Katrina graduated from in 2007 did not return a call to *The Dominion Post* in time for this report. West Virginia State Police Capt. James Merrill said the Hudsons were from Connecticut. Facebook posts indicate that other siblings and family members still live there.

Kevin Hudson was a senior at University High School, according to Charles Richardson Jr., but school officials did not return a call to *The Dominion Post* in time for this report. Attempts to reach friends by phone and Facebook were unsuccessful.

"My stepbrother, Kevin, he was pretty funny," Candice Richardson said. "We were close."

Robert Raber Jr., of Wetzel County, — identified as Katrina Hudson's fiance by Charles Richardson Jr. — was also killed in the shootings on Sugar Grove Road. *The Dominion Post* was unable to contact friends or family in time for this report.

belonging to Charles and Karin Richardson.

Deputies then discovered that the car had been reported stolen in West Virginia and police indicated that the suspect was wanted for questioning regarding a homicide in Morgantown.

Hill said Riggelman, who was still identifiable despite the gunshot wound to his head, had been drinking. A mostly empty case of Bud Light was found in the car.

His body was taken to the Northern Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

Hill said he's not sure how Riggelman ended up in the rural area of Kentucky where he was found.

"You don't know what's actually going through his mind," she said.

### 'I do not believe he would have stopped'

Merrill said Riggelman committed "one of the most heinous crimes" he's witnessed in 21 years in law enforcement, and it might have been worse had Riggelman not taken his own life.

"It's unfortunate it ended the way it did, but if it didn't end the way it did, we probably would have had more fatalities," Merrill said, after offering condolences to the victims' families. "This guy, I do not believe he would have stopped."

Merrill said a high-powered rifle, another rifle and a .22-caliber handgun were found in Riggelman's vehicle, along with ammunition. State police believe he drove to Kentucky at random and wasn't headed anywhere in particular.

But Merrill said he isn't necessarily relieved that Riggelman is dead.

"I'm never relieved that somebody is dead. It's unfortunate. It was a unique set of circumstances that this individual ended up killing himself. It doesn't make our investigation stop."

"No matter what happens, this investigation will continue. We still have to look at motives. We have to look at other people that could be involved, any other type of connection. Our investigation will continue as if our suspect was still alive."

State police do not currently believe anyone else was involved, Merrill said. They executed a search warrant at Riggelman's University Avenue apartment, where he lived alone, and took a computer as evidence.

They plan to analyze the electronic data, along with Riggelman's Facebook posts, as they try to determine a motive, Merrill said.



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**A West Virginia State trooper** talks on the phone while investigating the scene of "multiple murders" on Sugar Grove Road early Tuesday morning.



State Police Capt. J.H.

Merrill (left)

and investigating officer J.T. Gallaher

answer questions during a press conference in Morgantown.

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