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New Evidence Points To Conspirators In Columbine Rampage



Eric Harris

Investigators searching for clues in the Columbine High School shooting spree have found two large bombs planted in the school's cafeteria kitchen.

Each of the bombs, placed inside propane tanks like the kind found on backyard barbecues, weighed at least 35 pounds, authorities said. Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone said the discovery of the bombs, two days after the shooting that left 15 dead and 28 wounded, lends weight to the suspicion that Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, had help with their massacre.



Dylan Klebold

"These subjects were not only on a killing rampage, but they were going to destroy the school," Stone said, after the bombs were removed. "They were going to burn the school up."



Sheriff John Stone

He said it was unlikely that the suspects would have enough time to "put as much ordnance in that school as they did without some help."

Wednesday night, under the cover of darkness and temporary tarps, the victim's bodies were removed from the school building. Investigators had finished photographing and documenting everything at the scene, from spent shell casings to victims, some curled up under desks where they were shot.

"I've been a SWAT officer since 1980," said Sgt. George Hinckle (photo right), "and this was clearly the most devastating and traumatic scene that I've ever seen. I hope to never see it again."



If you'd like to help the victims and their families in Littleton, [please visit the Denver United Way website.](#)

Officials from the Jefferson County District Attorney's office have begun interviewing students and friends and relatives of Harris and Klebold in an attempt to discover whether the two had any help planning or carrying out the attack, which also wounded 28. The sheer amount of munitions found in the school, on the grounds, and in Harris' home have led law enforcement to wonder if more than just two people were involved.

"There were a large number of [explosive] devices and it wasn't done in a couple of hours," said District Attorney Dave Thomas. "It is possible other people were involved in constructing those devices." (*ABCNEWS.Com contributed to this report.*)

Expert Discusses "Trenchcoat Mafia"



While we're still learning details about the "Trenchcoat Mafia," we wondered: Can this group (photo left) be considered a gang? How does any parent handle their teen if he or she befriends a bunch of kids who exhibit some sort of dark behavior? NewsSource 13's Kathy Kriz asked a gang expert who handles cases throughout the country.

Lisa Taylor-Austin is a gang expert who counseled young LA gang members for almost six years. She says street gangs continuously commit crimes, whether it be robbing stores or selling drugs. She says from what she's heard about the Columbine suspects, they don't fit that profile.

As someone who follows gang trends across the country--and testifies in court cases--Taylor-Austin knows the signs of a child in trouble. Her advice to parents: Keep tabs on your child's activities, and communicate if something worries you.

"I think it would be very important to confront whatever it is that you find, immediately," advises Taylor-Austin. "[Ask] 'What's your side of the story on this? How do you feel about this?' "



Lisa Taylor-Austin

Taylor-Austin points out that what happened in Littleton can happen anywhere, at anytime. The rest of us need to look for signals of trouble and take proactive steps--before lives are put in jeopardy.

Some parents may wonder if a child should be separated from friends if alarming behavior is uncovered. Austin-Taylor says that depends on the situation, the child, and on the friends. If in doubt, she advises parents to turn to counselors for help.



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