

# Gunman's prom date airs story

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**June 5** - Dylan Klebold's prom date admitted on nationwide TV Friday that she bought him and Eric Harris three of the four guns they used in the Columbine High School attack, but denied knowledge of the deadly plan. Robyn Anderson, speaking publicly for the first time since Harris and Klebold gunned down 12 students and one teacher before taking their own lives on April 20, said on ABC's "Good Morning, America" she didn't know why Harris and Klebold asked her to buy the weapons.

But she regrets not pressing them harder for an explanation.

"I wish that I had known more," Anderson, 18, said. "I wish that I had questioned more. I wish now that I hadn't gone with them, that I would have said, "I feel uncomfortable. Maybe you could find someone else.""

Anderson said Harris and Klebold gave her the money to buy the guns. The weapons were a rifle and two shotguns purchased at the Tanner Gun Show in Adams County in December. "They really didn't say anything in particular," she said. "I just kind of assumed they were for their hunting or collection. It was just the type of thing that they were into.

"It really didn't seem odd because it was just in their personality trait," Anderson said. "I didn't really have any reason to believe that they would do anything with (the guns).

"I didn't have any idea anything was going to happen."

Looking back, "I think that they had kind of a hidden hatred that they just didn't show anyone but each other, and I wish that we could have - their friends - we could have helped them in some way."

While a friend of Anderson's has said she was in a hurry to leave school that day - perhaps as if she knew the attack was coming - Anderson said that wasn't the case. "We were only allotted 40 minutes for lunch, to leave, get lunch and come back, and get back to class."

When she and the friend did return, they were stuck in their car for 2 hours while the rampage unfolded, she said.

In retrospect, the only inkling that Klebold was planning anything came two weeks earlier when he asked her what day the prom was, she said. The dance was the Saturday before the Tuesday attack, and he seemed in good spirits at the prom and after-party, Anderson said.

ABC, criticized last week for buying the rights to another Columbine student's homemade videotapes, said it did not pay Anderson for Friday's interview, conducted in Washington.

Anderson said Harris and Klebold needed her to buy the guns, two 12gauge shotguns and a 9mm semiautomatic carbine, because "I was 18, and they were both 17 at the time" and she could legally buy the guns. "All I did was show a driver's license."

Linda Mauser, whose son, Daniel, 15, was killed in the attack, said, "I hope this is a lesson to her and many other young people to realize when you're playing with guns, it's a serious situation, or when you're attempting to obtain guns, it's a serious matter."

"They don't stop to think'

Mauser likened it to buying alcohol for minors. "They don't stop to think that the kid may be getting drunk, getting in a car, and going out and killing somebody," she said.

Anderson has not been charged with a crime.

"Given the information from her (TV) interview, perhaps investigators can more clearly evaluate her role in purchasing and/or supplying the weapons to the two suspects," Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Federal law prohibits the so-called straw purchase of firearms by an adult on behalf of an ineligible minor. But the law pertains only to sales by federally licensed dealers. Anderson bought the three "long guns" from three unlicensed vendors. Handgun sale a felony

Under state law, however, it is a felony for an adult to provide handguns to a minor. Mark Manes, 22, has been charged with selling a TEC-DC9 handgun - the fourth gun used in the attack - to Harris and Klebold.