

COPS GRILL MAN WHO SOLD PISTOL TO TEEN KILLERS

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Authorities have located the man who sold a semi-automatic handgun to the teens who blew away 13 people at Columbine HS, but yesterday backed down on whether he'll be charged in the case.

The new development in the Littleton, Colo., massacre came as the last of the victims was laid to rest.

District Attorney David Thomas said investigators have been grilling the man about his sale of the weapon to Eric Harris.

But after initially saying the man would be arrested "within 48 hours" for violating a law against selling handguns to minors, Thomas backed off, saying the "investigation" was continuing.

Prosecutors say the semiautomatic TEC DC-9 used in the bloodbath was a "private transaction" made before the older gunman, Eric Harris, turned 18.

Harris and Dylan Klebold, 17, killed 13 people and wounded 23 others at the school April 20 before killing themselves.

Yesterday, investigators also visited the pizza shop where Harris and Klebold worked. They believe someone who worked there put the teen killers in contact with the weapons seller.

Jason Secor, co-manager of the pizzeria, said:

"I'm not sure whom they're talking about and I don't know what's really going on. But it's not me!"

Meanwhile, the last of the victims was buried.

Nearly 5,000 people turned out to mourn Isaiah Shoels, 18, a star football player and the only black killed in the massacre – slain apparently because of his race.

Columbine student Nick Foss, an 18-year-old senior injured in the slaughter, fondly remembered how he called the 4-foot-11 Shoels “Little Man.” “He’s smiling down on us,” Foss said.

Isaiah’s grandfather, William Collins, told the mourners:

“When does this stop? When does it end? I’m tired of laying to rest politicians, engineers, athletes, musicians, artists, janitors and sanitation haulers who are robbed of reaching their potential.”

Shoels – who wanted to attend an arts college – suffered health problems as a child and had heart surgery twice.