

Killer's autopsy file unsealed

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Eric Harris ended the rampage at Columbine High School when he put the barrel of a shotgun to the roof of his mouth and pulled the trigger, according to an autopsy report unsealed by a judge Thursday.

The nine-page autopsy report describes the wounds Harris inflicted on himself after he and Dylan Klebold killed 12 classmates and a teacher on April 20. Dr. Ben Galloway, who examined Harris' body two days after the shooting, said in the report that the wound to the boy's head "is consistent with selfinfliction."

Jefferson County Judge Henry Nieto released Harris' autopsy after both Denver daily newspapers sued to have the killers' reports unsealed. Nieto delayed the release of Klebold's autopsy so an attorney for his parents, Thomas and Sue Klebold, could appeal the decision to a higher court.

The Harris family was not represented at the hearing.

Police believe both teens killed themselves.

"To release the autopsy report of our son Dylan would only serve to satisfy the voyeuristic appetite of the many members of the media, and certain members of the immediate public," Klebold's parents said in an affidavit to keep their son's report sealed.

"The idea of releasing the contents of the autopsy report of Dylan Klebold undermines progress, if any, made by each and every individual, including Tom and Susan Klebold, who have made strides towards healing," the affidavit read.

The Harris autopsy report detailed what earlier had been reported.

Besides having a normal dosage in his system of Luvox, a drug often used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder, Harris was sober. He had no trace of illegal drugs or alcohol in his system, the report said.

Harris was wearing a white T-shirt with the words "Natural Selection" on the front, black combat boots and a black glove on his right hand with the "fingers cut away."

On April 20, the boy with the usual light-brown hair and military-style cut had black hair. That day his usual clean-shaven face was stubbled.

"The scalp is covered by short, bloodstained, black hair ... the eyebrows are brown," the report said.

Judy Brown, whose son Brooks had known Harris, said she had never seen him with dyed hair.

"He never dyed his hair," Brown said. "It was kind of a lightish brown; it certainly wasn't black."

Nieto ruled Klebold's report can remain sealed for another 10 days while his family appeals to a higher court.

"There is no question that autopsy reports are public records," said Nieto.

Only the custodian of the records - in this case, the coroner - can ask the court to seal the records, but no such request was made, Nieto said.

Nieto said he "lacked the authority" to keep the reports sealed.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News filed the original suit to unseal the killers' autopsy reports and was later joined by The Denver Post. Eighteen media organizations earlier sued to have all 15 autopsy reports released.