

## Colorado Prosecutors to Arrest Suspect

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LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) -- Authorities interviewed a man who may have sold the semi-automatic handgun to the youths who went on a rampage at Columbine High School, officials said today.

District Attorney David Thomas said an arrest in the case will be made within a day or two. He told NBC's ``Today'' show that authorities were discussing the man's surrender with his attorney.

Later in the day, however, Thomas' spokeswoman said more information gathered by police had changed the timeline on an arrest.

``Because this is a quickly developing and very fluid investigation, the way the investigation went through the night, it does not look like there will be an arrest in the next 48 hours,'' said spokeswoman Pam Russell.

She declined to identify the man, saying, ``They are in the process of interviewing or talking with the person.''

Thomas said the man would be charged with violating a law against selling handguns to minors. The sale of the semiautomatic TEC DC-9 was a ``private transaction,'' he said. The transaction was made before the older gunman turned 18 earlier this month.

Asked if the seller could face accessory to murder charges, sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said it would depend on whether he knew if the killers had planned to use the gun in the attack.

Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, hiding their arsenal under black trench coats, killed 13 people and wounded 23 others at the school April 20 before killing themselves. They had four guns and left more than 50 bombs at the school and in their homes. A diary indicates the plot had been planned for a year.

Thomas did not indicate which teen was believed to have bought the gun or how he or they knew the suspect.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents on Tuesday visited the pizza shop where Harris and Klebold worked. Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone said

investigators believed someone who worked at that pizza shop acted as a middleman by putting the young men in contact with the weapons seller.

The owner of the Blackjack Pizza shop, Christopher Lau, wouldn't comment except to say, "We are cooperating with investigators in every possible way and will continue to do so." Jason Secor, co-manager of the shop, 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."

Authorities say the three other guns -- two shotguns and a rifle -- used in the massacre were bought by Robyn Anderson, Klebold's girlfriend, shortly after she turned 18 last November. They describe her as a witness rather than a suspect in the rampage, because it is not illegal to provide a shotgun or a rifle to a minor.

"She did buy the long guns," sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said. "Did she supply the weapons to them with some idea of what they were planning to do with them? That's still one of the major things we want to find out."

Investigators said at least one was bought at a gun show. Federal law allows 18-year-olds to buy rifles and shotguns from licensed dealers, but not handguns.

Repeated efforts to reach Ms. Anderson at home and by phone for comment have been unsuccessful. Investigators say she has retained an attorney and has been cooperative.

Ms. Anderson, who attended the prom with Klebold days before the shootings, is just one of 600-plus leads being pursued in Colorado's largest-ever criminal probe.

"One of those 600 could throw anybody back into the focus of the investigation," Davis said. "We're conducting this investigation as if there are more suspects."

Mourners drained by a week of funerals turned today to the final service for the Columbine victims. Witnesses said the gunmen killed Isaiah Shoels, 18, because he was black.

Anguished by the bloodshed at Columbine, people across the country are talking about school safety, parental responsibility, gun control and violence in movies, music and video games. With Vice President Al Gore in attendance, cable network MSNBC staged a town meeting Wednesday night focusing on the shootings, and CNN planned its own tonight.

The attack has also produced a disturbing series of copycat crimes, including Wednesday's shooting of two 17-year-old boys at a Taber, Alberta, high school. One

of the boys died after a 14-year-old boy walked into the school and opened fire, police said.

Nationwide, educators have increased security and at least a half-dozen law enforcement agencies have arrested youngsters accused of plotting weapons attacks at school. A number of school districts have banned trench coats.

In the same school district as Columbine, a bomb threat on Wednesday forced students to evacuate Pomona High School. No explosives were found.

``The wackos are coming out of the woodwork," said another sheriff's spokesman, Sgt. Jim Parr. ``A lot of sick people think this is something to emulate."

Among the leads is the medical problem cited by the Marines Corps when it rejected Harris as a recruit just five days before the attack. Harris was rejected because he had been taking the antidepressant drug Luvox, The New York Times reported today, citing a Defense Department source. Luvox is often used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder in children and adolescents.

Investigators said they were interested in whether Harris' condition could be linked to the massacre.

``His acceptance or nonacceptance into the Marine Corps I don't think has any bearing on what happened," Parr said. ``But if he were on medication or not on medication, that would be part of it."

The coroner's office said tests showed no drugs or alcohol in the bodies of the gunmen.

Also Wednesday, a federal official told The Associated Press that the FBI has enhanced a surveillance videotape that captured events in the cafeteria, where several students were wounded during the rampage. The tape was returned to Colorado for analysis.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News today quoted sources as saying the tape did not contain images of the victims being wounded, but showed teacher Dave Sanders shouting for students to flee, and some of the panicked moments that ensured.

At one point, Harris and Klebold are seen setting off explosives in the cafeteria and then turning guns on a large propane and camping fuel bomb in the kitchen that investigators believe could have demolished a large section of the school.