DREADED DAY IN MARYSVILLE

■ 2 die, 4 wounded in school shooting
■ Students, parents grieve at vigils
■ Common theme in reactions: Why?

Freshman targets classmates, then self

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MARYSVILLE — A burst of gunfire at Marysville Pilchuck High School on Friday left two students dead, four more wounded, and a grieving community asking, "Why?"

The shooter, a freshman student, took his own life after opening fire during the day’s first lunch period, Marysville police said.

Also killed was a girl who had not yet been publicly identified. Four other victims, all students, remain hospitalized: three in critical and one in serious condition.

The shooter has been identified as football player and Tulalip tribal member Jaden Fryberg. He is the son of Wendy Fryberg, a former Marysville School Board member.

Friends and family said two of the shooting victims are Nate Hatch and Andrew Fryberg, Jaylen Fryberg’s cousins. All three freshmen are Nate’s classmates. The police later say he took his own life after opening fire during the day’s first lunch period, Marysville police said.

"They were like three brothers," said Nate’s grandfather, Don Hatch, a former Marysville School Board and Tulalip Tribal Board member. "They were inseparable. They did everything together.

"You read about it, and watch shows about it, but you never think it will happen to you."

— Amandalyn Cowan

(Marysville Pilchuck student)

Police timeline of events

10:39 a.m. The Marysville Police Department calls for a full SWAT deployment.

10:43 a.m. Police confirm the shooter — a freshman at the school — is down and no longer shooting. Police later say he took his own life after shooting at least five other students.

10:49 a.m. Medics from various fire departments begin to reach the scene to help the injured.

11:07 a.m. The Marysville Police Department calls for a full SWAT deployment.

11:57 a.m. Marysville schools send an alert to the community that the high school is in lockdown.

4:35 p.m. The SWAT team declares the entire school campus clear of threat.

Vigils a chance to grieve

BY KARI BRAY

MARYSVILLE — Music, prayers and people spilled out of the building and into the parking lot as hundreds gathered at the Grove Church on Friday evening. Students wore their school colors, red and white, and wrapped their arms around each other. They shared stories. Some told of climbing fences in a rush to get off campus after hearing gunfire Friday morning. Others told of terrifying, breathless moments barricaded under tables or in dark corners of locked classrooms.

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— Gov. Jay Inslee

"Thankful to all the first responders who got there so fast to help everything move so swiftly."

— Tyanna Davis

"I wanna just wake up and have everything to go back to normal."

— Cal Walker

"Our thoughts are with the Marysville community — the families and the students affected by the emergency today at M-P High School."

— John Levik

"We want to extend our thoughts and prayers to the families involved in this tragedy. When something happens to one of our children, it happens to all of us... Our thoughts are with all students, families, staff, and our communities during this time."

— Jodi Bangan

MARYSVILLE PILCHUCK SHOOTING

Marysville Pilchuck High School was evacuated by law enforcement officers following a shooting that occurred at the school Friday. At least one person was killed and another wounded.

Shooting

Marysville Pilchuck High School students reunite and console each other outside Shoultes Christian Assembly following Friday's shooting at the school.

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By BEA HALEY

MARRYVILLE — The community will need to come together in the coming days in the wake of a Level 1 trauma center, where the shooter was taken, to mourn those who have died and to support each other.

Hospital officials here did not list family members to request the family of patients, but relatives and a special request from the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle identified the two boys.

The shooter was a 15-year-old student who stabbed a 14-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy.

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Professional doctors at that point did not know if more patients were incoming, and Nate was doing a less serious case that could be transferred. He was in serious condition.

Despite the hospital’s practice of not releasing the name of the victim, it was a long day for staffs. Dr. Dr. Marion Gunders, the chief medical officer at Providence: "We will all have to live with it forever."

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more injured.

St. Philip’s Episcopal Church and experience Uniting in Community and Fellowship also held vigils.

Amidst piano music and the harmonized voices of the Groove Church, some of the same people who participated in a vigil on Monday to say "I’m so glad you’re OK" and "I just can’t believe it." The vigil was a chance to speak out for the community, and the vigil was a chance to support each other.

"No one can tell us why this happened," said Frank Baumgart, a psychiatrist and consultant with the Marysville Police Department.

"Yes we’re going to go home and hug our kids a lot tighter tonight," said a woman in song punctuated by sobbing and silences.

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Search for answers part of healing process

Marysville Pilchuck High School student opened fire in the cafeteria. The shooter fatially wounded a female student and injured four others. He then killed himself, deputies said.

Ochberg said it will be natural and important to search for answers.

In the rush for information, however, there will be assumptions, accusations and rumors that for some, including the victims’ families, witnesses and the high school community, will seem like rubber salt on fresh wounds. Ochberg said.

"Sometimes the voices of reasons are lost by the loud voices searching for blame and vindictiveness in the aftermath of tragedy," Ochberg said.

The psychiatrist also offered this reminder, which could be overlooked, school shootings are rare.

"They’re not necessarily getting worse," Ochberg said. "Schools are not getting safer overall."