Metro Nashville Police Department
Criminal Investigations Division – Homicide Unit



Investigative Case Summary

Case Number 2023-0181711

Murders of Evelyn Dieckhaus, Michael Hill, William Kinney, Katherine Koonce, Hallie Scruggs, and Cynthia Peak

The Covenant Presbyterian Church and School, 33 Burton Hills Blvd., Nashville, TN 37209

Incident Date: March 27th, 2023

Summary Date: March 31st, 2025

Introduction

This report was created by the MNPD Homicide Unit and consists of the final investigative case summary regarding the murders of Evelyn Dieckhaus, Michael Hill, William Kinney, Hallie Scruggs, Katherine Koonce, and Cynthia Peak on March 27th, 2023. This report contains information gathered from a variety of sources by either the MNPD or by partnering agencies. This report is only a summarization of the information gathered and analyzed during the investigation; for details regarding specific facts and information gathered during the investigation, the investigative case file should be referenced. All copies of the investigative case file must be obtained from the MNPD Central Records Division.

Nothing in this report is designed or intended to assign or infer civil liability to any party regarding the murders. This investigation was conducted solely to determine criminal responsibility. The final determination regarding whether criminal charges are applicable was made by the District Attorney General of the 20th Judicial District in Nashville, TN.

Even though this report will reference the officer involved shooting (OIS) that occurred during the initial response to the murders, nothing in this report is designed to replace or discuss in detail the investigation into the OIS. For information and findings resulting from the OIS investigation, please refer to the investigative file completed by the MNPD Cold Case Homicide/Missing Persons Unit under CPN 2023-0185510 and CPN 2023-0224639.

Nothing in this report is designed or intended to serve as an after-action review (AAR) or other assessment of the response to the homicides by first responders. All questions or requests for information regarding those findings should be referred to those individual agencies.

It should be noted that in life, the offender, Audrey Hale, gender identified as a male and used he/him as preferred pronouns. Under Tennessee law, a person's gender identity must correspond with their biological sex or with information present on their certificate of live birth (T.C.A. 1-3-105[c]). As Hale was a biological female at the time of her death and throughout the incidents described in this summary and in the case file, Hale will be referred to as a female.

Incident Summary

At approximately 8 a.m. on March 27, 2023, Hale left her residence at 3005 Brightwood Dr., Nashville, TN. When she exited her residence, she was carrying a large duffle bag which contained several firearms, ammunition for those firearms, tactical gear, and her stuffed animals. She also had with her a backpack containing two notebooks and assorted items. She loaded these bags into her vehicle, a 2014 Honda Fit hatchback, and left her residence.

Hale then drove to Royal Range USA, located at 7741 U.S. Hwy. 70 S, Nashville, TN, arriving there at 8:16 a.m. Upon arriving at this location, she drove to a far corner of the parking lot, well away from the building and the entrance to the lot. Once there, she donned her tactical vest and affixed magazine pouches to her belt. The vest was loaded with several spare magazines, an automatic knife, and other equipment. She then assembled and loaded three different firearms. She then remained in her vehicle in the parking lot of the location for over an hour and finally left the location at 9:33 a.m.



Still image from the video surveillance footage from Royal Range, USA, showing Hale parked at the location between 8:16 a.m. and 9:33 a.m. on March 27th, 2023 (Hale's vehicle circled in red).

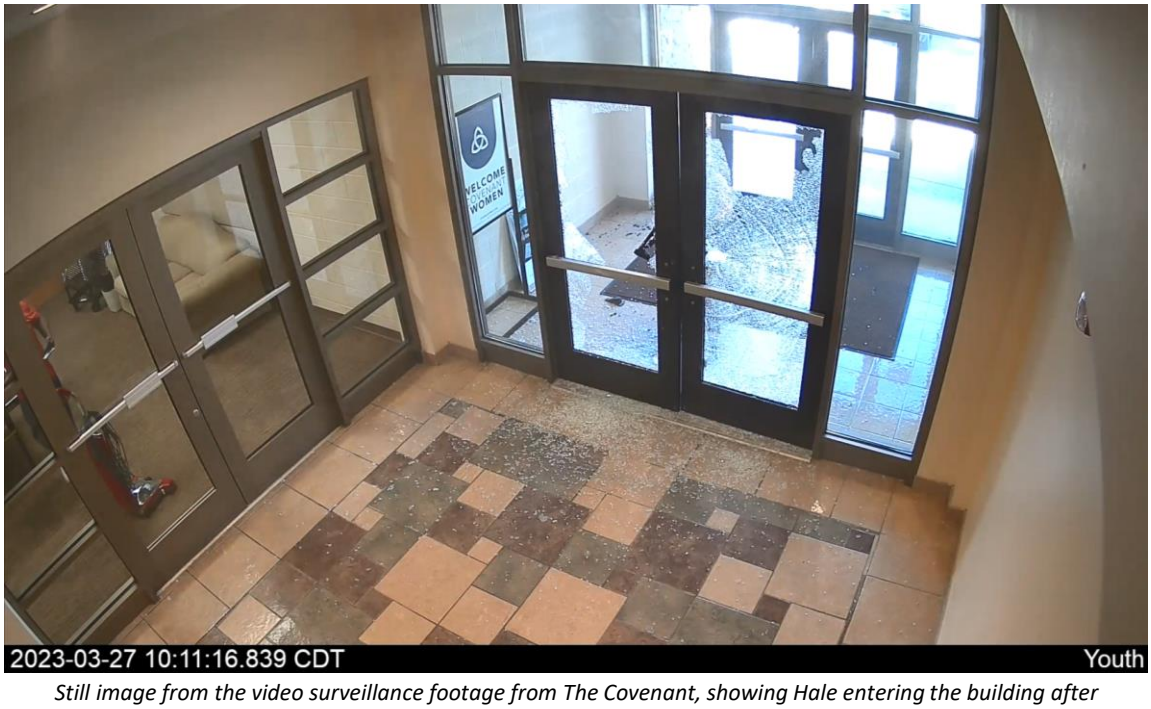
Hale then drove directly to The Covenant Presbyterian Church and School ("The Covenant,") arriving there at 9:53 a.m. Upon arriving at the school, she first drove through the parking lot slowly before parking her vehicle in a parking lot on the west side of the building. Upon parking her vehicle, she waited inside her vehicle for several minutes. During this time, Hale sent a goodbye message to a friend through Instagram Messenger. At approximately 10:09 a.m., she exited her vehicle, slung two firearms around her neck and shoulders, and approached one of the west entrances to the building. The firearms Hale possessed at this time were:

- LeadStar Grunt-15 5.56mm/.223 caliber semi-automatic AR pistol
- KelTec Sub 2000 9mm caliber carbine
- Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 2.0 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol



Photographs of Hale's firearms, taken following the murders by crime scene investigators.

At 10:10 a.m., Hale began her attack. Upon reaching the entrance, Hale fired her AR pistol at the doors several times, shattering the glass within each door. The bullets also travelled into the vestibule and shattered the set of doors just inside the building. Hale then crawled through the shattered glass and entered the school.



Still image from the video surveillance footage from The Covenant, showing Hale entering the building after shooting the glass out of the doors.

At the time Hale entered the school, Michael Hill, one of the custodians at the school, was cleaning a room adjacent to the Youth Center. Upon hearing the shattering glass, he stopped cleaning and went into the Youth Center to investigate. Hill reached the Youth Center at the same time Hale fully entered the building. They saw each other at the same time, and Hill reacted by turning to run away. Upon seeing Hill beginning to flee, Hale fired multiple bullets at him through the window separating the hallway from the Youth Center. Hill was struck multiple times in the back and collapsed on the floor in the Youth Center.

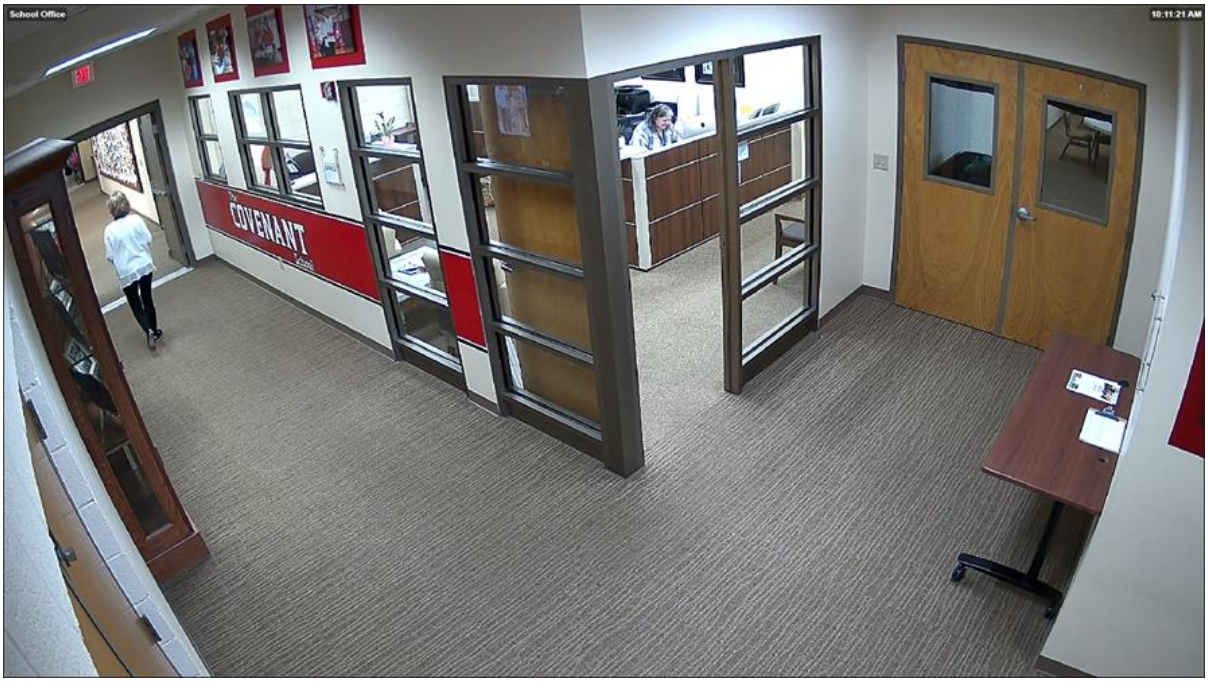
At the time Hale shot Hill, she was standing underneath a smoke detector positioned on the ceiling near the entrance she used to enter the school. Gunsmoke from the muzzle of her AR pistol drifted upwards when she shot Hill, which set off the smoke detector and triggered the building's audible fire alarm. The activation of the fire alarm also led to the magnetic door locks on doors separating the church from the school to become disengaged, per state fire codes.

Hale then proceeded down the hallway towards a stairwell leading to the second floor of the building. At the same time, students and faculty throughout the building heard the fire alarm and began their standard evacuation procedure in response to the alarm. The evacuation protocols included the students in each classroom forming a

single-file line, with the teacher for the class as the last person in line. Each class would then walk towards the nearest exit. One of the students in each classroom was designated the "line leader" and would take the first position in line during the evacuation. For the students and faculty on the second floor of the building, they would first travel to the nearest stairwell, descend to the first floor, and then walk to the nearest exit.

At the time the fire alarm sounded, Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs were in the same third-grade class on the second floor. They formed a line with their classmates, with Kinney as the "line leader", followed by Scruggs and then Dieckhaus.

At the time Hale was entering the school, Cynthia Peak was in the school office receiving her classroom assignment and lesson plan prior to working as a substitute teacher for the day. Upon hearing the fire alarm go off, Peak left the office area and walked to a stairwell to assist with the evacuation of the building. Other faculty and staff members inside the office area remained, with some attempting to investigate the source of the fire alarm.



Still image from the video surveillance footage from The Covenant, showing Peak exiting the office area in response to the fire alarm.

Peak reached the nearest stairwell at the same time students were filing to exit the building. Peak then stood next to the stairwell entrance to allow Kinney, Scruggs, Dieckhaus, and their classmates to exit ahead of her. As Kinney and Scruggs entered the stairwell, Hale ascended the stairwell and appeared directly in front of them. Immediately upon seeing them, she fired several shots with her AR pistol, striking all four of them multiple times. Upon hearing the gunfire and seeing people shot in front of them, the other students and faculty members in the hallway behind them ran back into their classrooms as was the school's protocol for an active killer response.

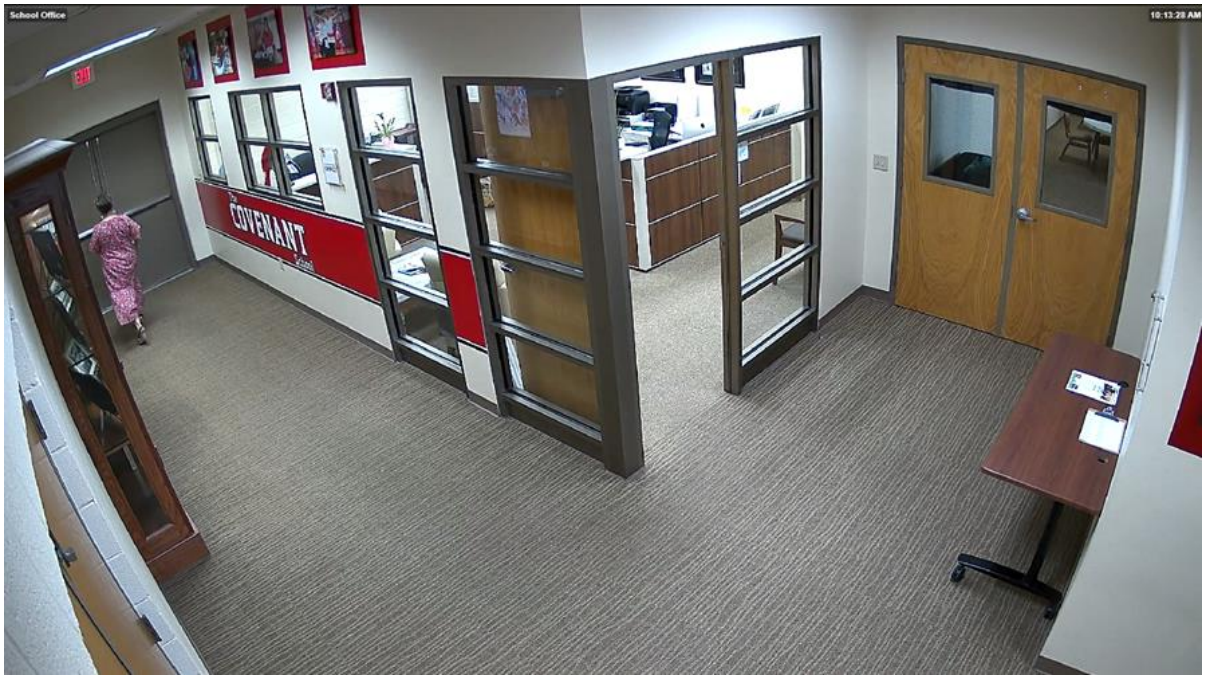
The school's response plan called for each teacher to shut and lock the door once they confirmed their students were inside the classroom. The door to each room had a blackout curtain affixed to the interior of the door and security bars which could be used to reinforce the door to prevent entry into the room. The students would then be instructed to move to the wall next to the hallway and crouch down to both prevent from being seen and to minimize their risk to bullets or other flying projectiles that may enter the room through the door.

As Hale was exiting the stairwell after shooting Dieckhaus, Kinney, Peak, and Scruggs, the teachers for the adjacent rooms (which were the second and third grade classrooms) had brought their students into their rooms and secured their classrooms. Hale then walked over to where the two doors for the third-grade classrooms were located (they were positioned next to each other). Hale then emptied the remainder of the magazine loaded into her AR pistol

through one of the classroom doors, shattering the window set in the door and sending bullets flying through the classroom and out the exterior windows on the north side of the building. Hale then changed magazines and emptied a second magazine through the door of the other classroom, also shattering the window set in that door and sending bullets flying through the room and out the exterior windows on the north side of the building. One of the students within the second classroom Hale fired into was slightly injured by flying debris from this shooting. After emptying the second magazine, Hale reloaded and walked down the hallway without making any attempt to further breach those rooms or harm anyone else inside.

Hale then moved through the second-floor hallways of the school, seeking out additional targets. By this point, all the students and faculty members in the classrooms on the second floor were aware an active killer was in the building and had barricaded themselves in their classrooms. Also located on the second floor of the school were offices for the church. Upon hearing and seeing the shooting that occurred, the staff within those offices barricaded themselves within their offices. Several of these individuals then began calling 911 to report the shooting at the school.

As Hale was moving through the second floor of the building, the school's Executive Principal, Dr. Katherine Koonce, was in the school office area attempting to ascertain why the fire alarm was going off. After failing to receive an answer from maintenance staff she contacted regarding the alarm, she set out from the office area to investigate. Based on the available video surveillance footage and from interviews with staff members following the murders, she didn't know of the active killer within the building.



Still image from the video surveillance footage from The Covenant, showing Dr. Koonce exiting the office area to investigate the fire alarm.

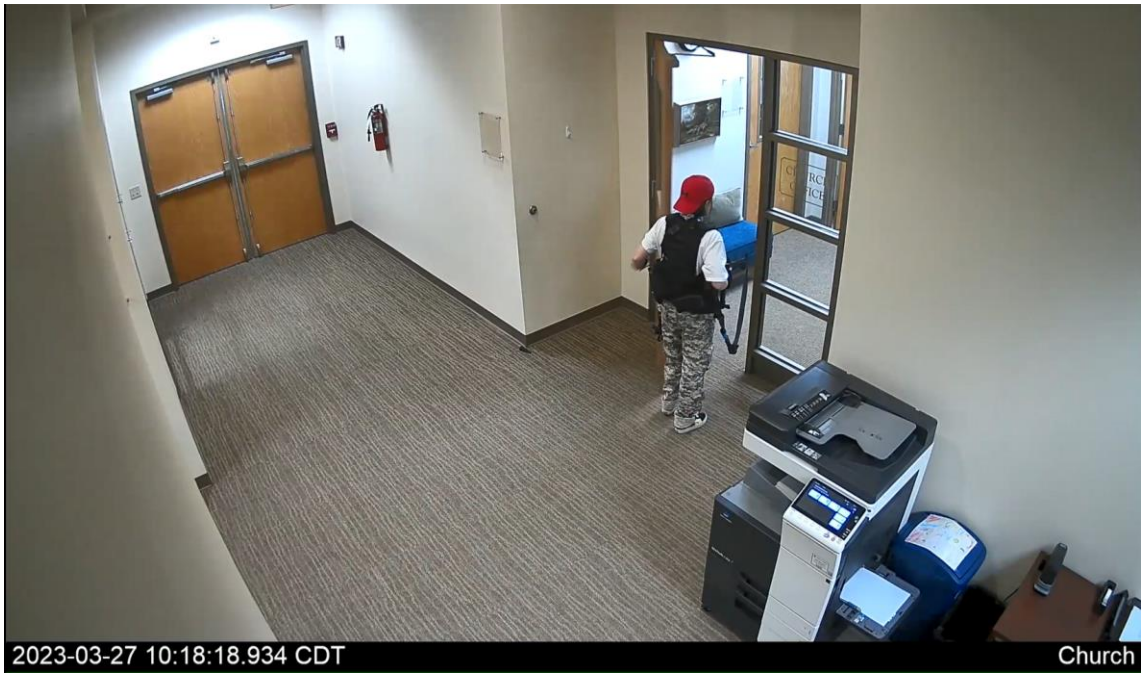
Dr. Koonce left the office area and walked down the hallway leading towards the church office area. As she reached the other end of the hallway where it intersected with the hallway leading to the church office, Hale rounded the corner, and they faced each other. Dr. Koonce was overheard challenging Hale about what she was doing in the school. Hale responded to the challenge by firing multiple times with her AR pistol, which struck Dr. Koonce and knocked her to the ground. Hale then transitioned to her pistol and fired an additional time at Dr. Koonce.

Some of the bullets Hale fired at Dr. Koonce went past her, travelled to the other end of the hallway, and struck the fire doors leading into the school office area. Upon hearing the gunfire in the hallway outside and hearing bullets striking the other side of the door, the staff within the school office appeared to receive their first indication of an active killer within the building. Many of them began finding places to hide and barricaded themselves within the office area. Some of them contacted other teachers within the school to alert them of an active killer within the building. At this

point, some of the classrooms had begun evacuating and were outside. Upon realizing there wasn't a fire and the emergency was an active killer on the campus, the teachers stopped the evacuation of their students and ordered everyone inside so they could take shelter within the building, per the school's active killer protocol. Some individuals, however, did not return to the school building. Instead, they ran through the woods to the fire hall for Nashville Fire Department Station 20, which was located next door to the school near the south entrance to the campus. Other students and faculty members ran into the woods and headed towards Burton Hills Blvd., which is north of the campus.

After she shot Dr. Koonce, Hale then moved through the hallways of the school for the next few minutes. Her exact path of travel at this point is unknown, as no video surveillance cameras were in those areas to capture her movements. It is known she entered certain rooms in the area where Dr. Koonce was shot to search them, based on statements from faculty members hiding in adjacent rooms. Hale didn't encounter or harm anyone within the rooms she searched; it's believed the rooms she searched were ones that were unlocked and unoccupied.

Hale then retraced her steps and walked back towards where the church offices were located on the second floor. Upon seeing the offices, Hale entered and performed a search of those rooms. This search was undoubtedly cursory, as staff members were hiding within offices, underneath desks, and even inside storage cabinets within those rooms, yet Hale never saw them or fired upon them. She spent less than a minute in each of the offices she searched. After searching those offices, Hale walked to a nearby stairwell and descended to the first floor of the building.



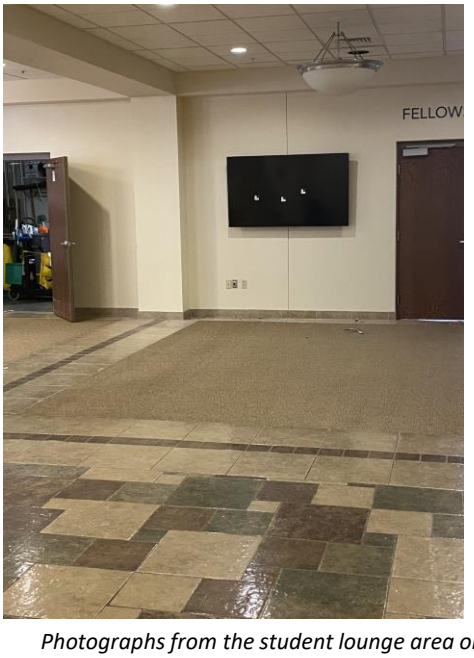
Still images from the video surveillance footage from The Covenant, showing Hale entering one set of church offices.

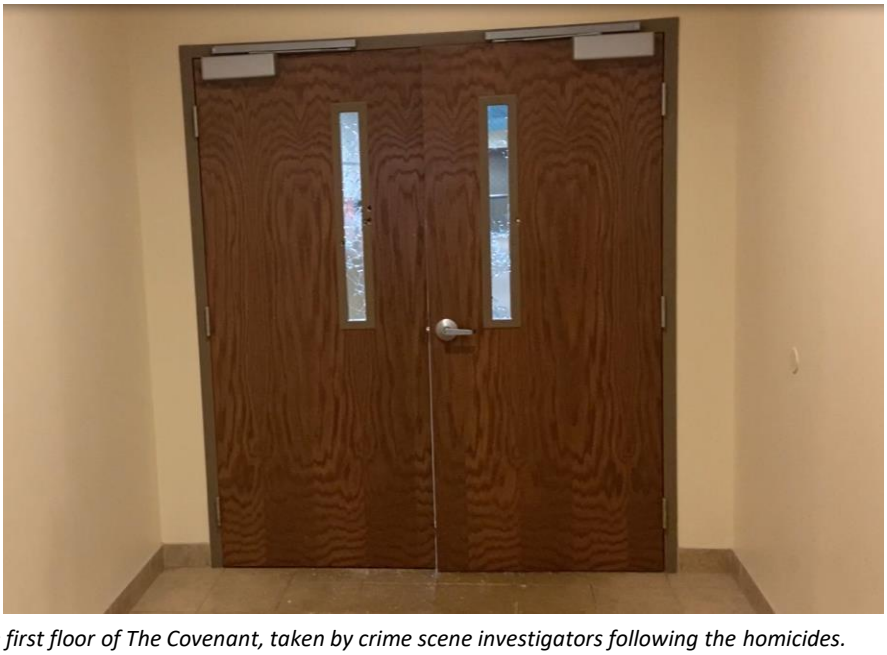
Upon descending the stairwell, Hale found herself at the northwest entrance of the building. By this point, everyone in the building was aware of an active killer being inside the building, and everyone began sheltering in place and barricading themselves where they could. Hale then walked through the lounge adjacent to the cafeteria, and the student lobby area, but found nobody else she could target.



Still images from the video surveillance footage from The Covenant, showing Hale walking down the hallway past the cafeteria.

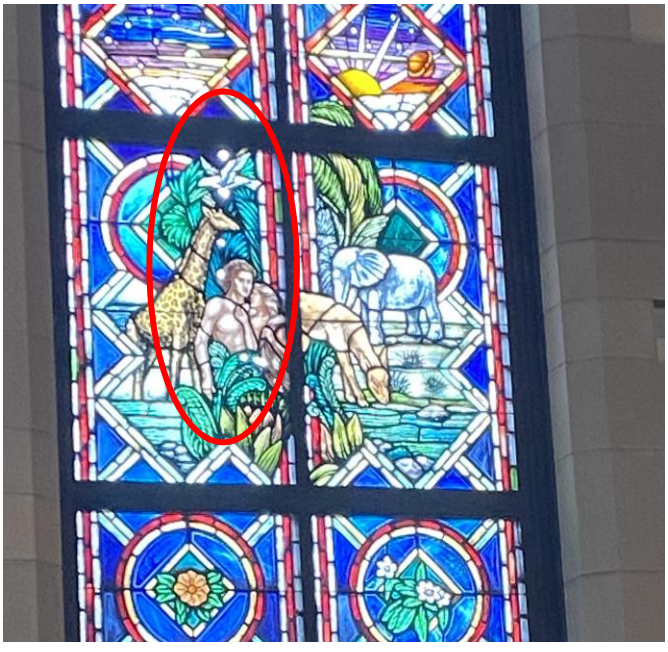
Upon reaching the end of the hallway and the doorway leading to the main lobby for the sanctuary, Hale encountered two television sets mounted on the wall in the student lounge. She fired multiple shots with her carbine at the television sets. She then observed a set of doors on the opposite side of the hallway. On the other side of those doors was the hallway leading to the pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms. Hale then fired several shots with her AR pistol through those doors. Nobody was on the other side of those doors, and nobody was injured from those shots. Hale then ascended the second floor using a nearby stairwell.

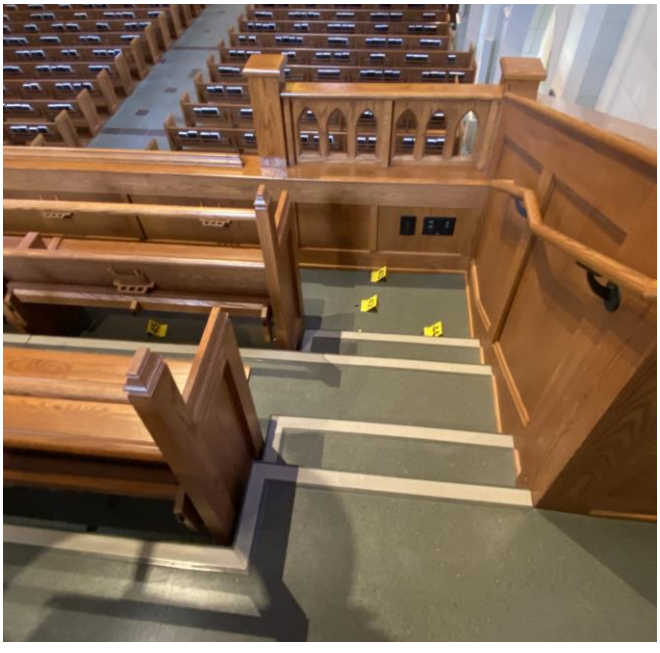




Photographs from the student lounge area on the first floor of The Covenant, taken by crime scene investigators following the homicides. The image on the left shows one of the television sets Hale shot. The image on the right shows the doors Hale fired through.

Upon reaching the second floor, Hale found herself in the upper level of the main lobby to the sanctuary. She then entered the sanctuary itself, reaching the upper level. Once there, she fired several shots through a stained-glass window positioned high on the wall in the sanctuary with her carbine. Though the window was damaged, it wasn't destroyed. The window she targeted depicted Adam and Eve in The Garden of Eden. During this incident, she didn't encounter anyone else within the sanctuary (it was completely empty at this point). Hale then exited the sanctuary and returned to the upper level of the main lobby.





Photographs from the sanctuary of The Covenant, taken by crime scene investigators following the homicides. The image on the left shows the stained-glass window damaged by gunfire (the red circle highlights the defects to the window). The image on right shows the fired cartridge casings from Hale shooting through the window.

As Hale was moving through the school, police officers and paramedics were being dispatched to The Covenant. The first responding police officers arrived at the building at approximately 10:19 a.m. (at this point, Hale was searching the church offices on the second floor). None of the police officers arriving at the location had ever been inside the building or were familiar with its layout. Many didn't even know The Covenant existed prior to the homicides. The responding police officers came from several different precincts, investigative units, and other specialized units across the county.

Upon arriving, some of the responding police officers parked their vehicles in the parking lot directly in front of the church, which is positioned on the east side of the building. The first police officer entered the building through one of the west entrances at 10:20 a.m. (around the same time, Hale was walking through the first-floor hallway past the cafeteria). Being completely unfamiliar with the interior of the school, this officer found the layout of the school to be a maze, and was unable to hear any gunfire on the other end of the school. This officer eventually joined other officers at one of the south entrances, where those officers were trying to enter the school.

Meanwhile, Hale reached the second-floor lobby, where she found a large window overlooking the parking lot on the south side of the building. Upon seeing police officers arriving and exiting their vehicles in the parking lot outside, Hale took up a firing position at this window. She then proceeded to fire upon the officers through the window using her AR pistol.



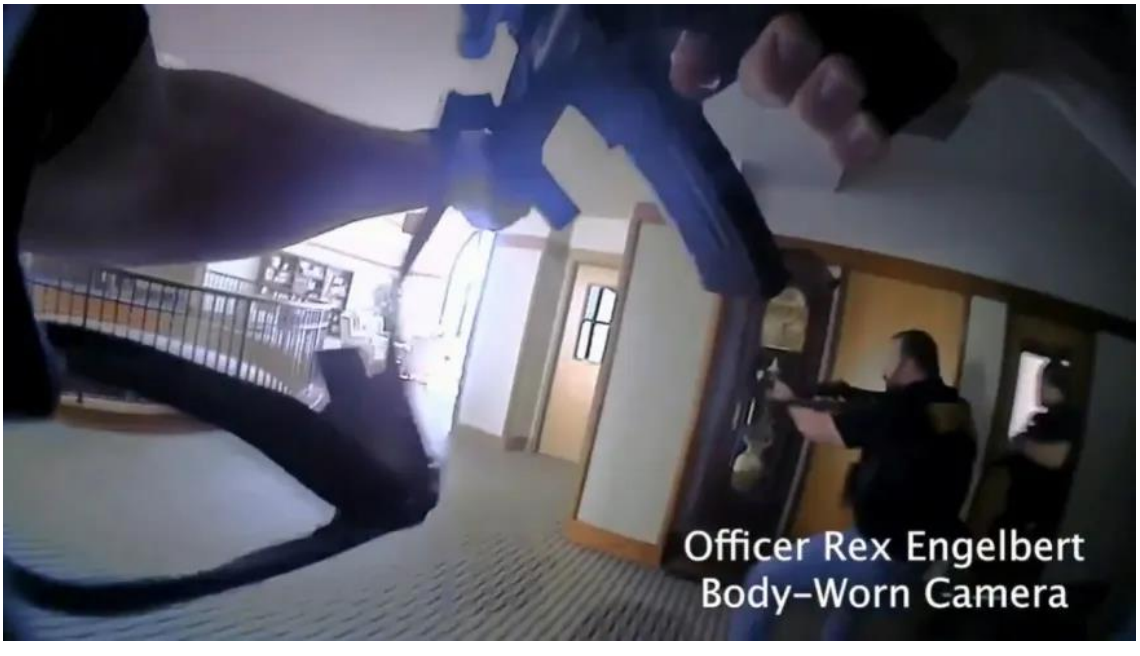
Photograph taken by a faculty member of the school while barricaded inside a room. This image shows Hale as she's firing upon police officers within the parking lot of the school.

For over two minutes, Hale fired multiple shots at police officers and police vehicles in the parking lot outside of the main entrance to the sanctuary. Though she didn't injure any officers, she did manage to disable at least two police vehicles by deflating tires. The gunfire forced some police officers to take cover behind their vehicles, and it appeared to occupy Hale completely during this time period.

As Hale fired upon the officers in the parking lot, other officers entered the school through a south entrance. These officers were initially unable to hear where the gunfire was coming from due to the layout of the school affecting acoustics. When they passed a stairwell leading to the second floor, they could hear the gunfire more clearly. Upon ascending to the second floor, they moved through the hallways towards the source of gunfire and eventually located Hale. Due to the audible fire alarm, the earplugs she was wearing throughout the attack, and the sound of her own gunfire, Hale never heard the police officers as they entered the lobby behind her. One officer then fired a 5.56mm caliber rifle at Hale, striking her and knocking her to the ground. As the officers approached Hale to take her into custody, they saw she still had possession of her firearms and her arms were moving. A second officer fired a 9mm caliber pistol at her. She was fatally wounded by the officers' gunfire.



Photograph taken by crime scene investigators following the homicides, showing the vehicles Hale damaged in the distance.



Still image from police body worn camera footage, showing police officers approaching Hale from behind in the second floor of the lobby just prior to her death.

The responding police officers then began searching for other attackers within the school. After confirming there were no active threats remaining in the school, police officers began evacuating students, faculty, and staff from within the building.

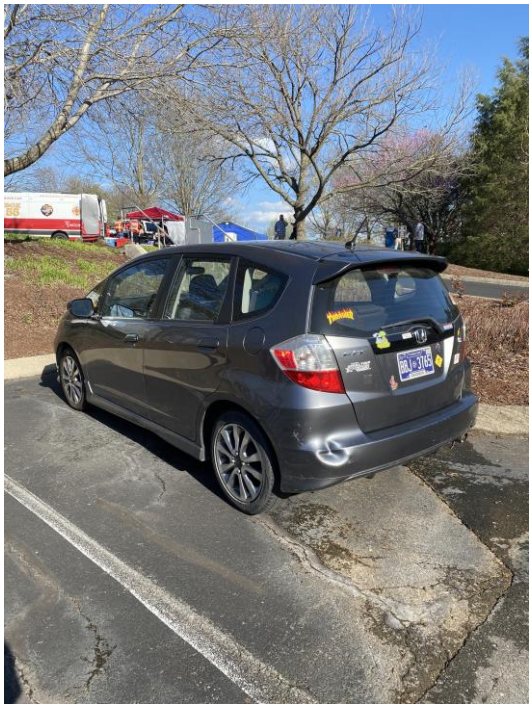
Upon locating each of the victims, police officers carried Dieckhaus, Kinney, and Scruggs outside to waiting ambulances. All three of them were declared deceased upon arriving at Vanderbilt Children's Medical Center. When

police officers located Hill and Peak, they discovered each of them were still alive but in extremely critical condition. Both were evacuated from the building by paramedics and transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where both later succumbed to their injuries. Upon locating Koonce, the responding police officers discovered she had already succumbed to her injuries.

The MNPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team then led a search throughout the school to confirm no other victims were present and no further threats remained. After confirming no other patients or hazards were present, the school was turned over to investigators for forensic processing and evidence collection.

Once the scene was secured, detectives from the MNPD Surveillance and Investigative Support Unit (SISU) responded to assist in obtaining the video surveillance footage from the school. Upon reviewing the available footage, they confirmed Hale was the only person who breached the school and committed the attack. They also discovered the location of Hale's vehicle in the parking lot on the west side of the building. Officers from the MNPD Hazardous Devices Unit reviewed the vehicle and confirmed no explosive devices or other hazards were present.

Once the vehicle was cleared, the vehicle was searched under the authority of a search warrant. During the search of the vehicle, detectives located Hale's wallet in the glove compartment, which led to her positive identification. Her cellphone was found in a small compartment located on the dashboard and her car keys in the driver's seat. Several stuffed animals were found on the front passenger seat, along with five fully loaded magazines containing 5.56mm ammunition. In the front passenger floorboard was a backpack. Inside the backpack were two notebooks containing handwriting and sketches, along with two thumb drives.





Photographs of Hale's vehicle in the parking lot following the homicides. The photograph on the left is the car as it was parked, and the photograph on the right is the location of items of interest in the front passenger seat area.

Once Hale's identity was established, detectives were able to locate her residence. Detectives from the MNPD The Investigative Team Addressing Neighborhood Shootings (TITANS) went to the residence to conduct surveillance prior to obtaining a search warrant. During the surveillance, detectives observed Hale's father exiting the residence and leaving in his vehicle. Detectives conducted an investigative stop of him and his vehicle a short distance away from the residence. While speaking with him and prior to mentioning his daughter's death, he claimed to have heard about the attack on The Covenant and suspected his daughter of being involved.

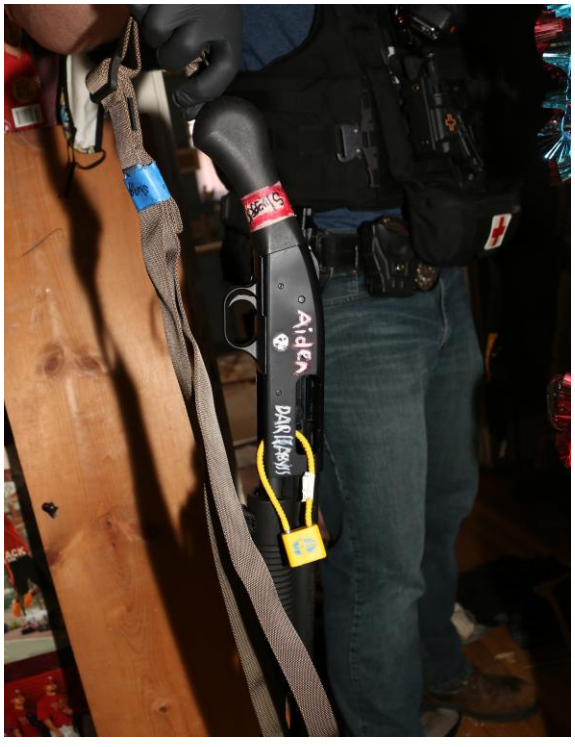
Not knowing if any other threats were present inside the residence, the residence was first secured by MNPD SWAT under the authority of a search warrant. The residence was then searched by detectives. During the search, detectives located Hale's bedroom, which quickly became the focus of the search.

Within her bedroom, detectives discovered numerous items of interest. In her bedroom closet, detectives

located a short-barrel 12-gauge shotgun, along with boxes of ammunition for the weapon. Also in the closet, detectives located a white t-shirt with hand-printed words and a logo similar to the one she wore during the attack. Throughout the room, detectives located numerous notebooks, folders, sketchbooks, and loose documents that contained personal writings, artwork, sales receipts, and lists made by Hale. Five cellphones, two laptop computers, VHS cassette tapes, and several thumb drives were also found within the bedroom.

On her desk was a handwritten note addressed to her parents. In the note, Hale told her parents she was going to die and instructed them to care for her belongings.





Photographs taken by detectives during the search of Hale's residence. The photograph on the left shows the handmade t-shirt found in Hale's closet similar in appearance to the one she wore during the attack. The photograph on the right shows the shotgun found in her closet.

At The Covenant, investigators spent the next two days photographing the interior of the building, forensically processing the scene, and collecting evidence. This led to detectives reconstructing the crime, especially portions that were not captured by video surveillance cameras within the school. Investigators later determined that Hale fired a total of 152 bullets during the attack (126 from her AR pistol, 25 from her carbine, and one from her pistol). At the time of her death, she still had 272 live cartridges on her person (199 live 5.56mm caliber cartridges and 73 live 9mm caliber cartridges), most of which were loaded into magazines.

It became apparent shortly after the attack that nobody else was directly involved in the attack itself. The video surveillance footage available at The Covenant failed to show anyone else accompanying Hale during the attack, and nothing was found either at the scene or her residence to show anyone else directly aided Hale during the attack.

Attack and Initial Investigation Timeline

- **3/27/2023 0800 hours CDT through 0816 hours CDT:** Hale left her residence and drove directly to Royal Range USA. When she left her residence, she carried a duffle bag and backpack, which contained three different firearms, ammunition, and equipment.
- **3/27/2023 0816 hours CDT through 0933 hours CDT:** Hale arrived at Royal Range USA. She parked in a corner of the parking lot far from the building and the entrance to the parking lot. Once there, she loaded her firearms and donned a tactical vest containing loaded magazines.
- **3/27/2023 0933 hours CDT through 0953 hours CDT:** Hale left Royal Range USA and drove to The Covenant.
- **3/27/2023 0953 hours CDT through 1010 hours CDT:** Hale arrived at The Covenant and parked her vehicle in a parking lot on the west side of the building. She remained inside her vehicle for the next several minutes and sent a goodbye message to her friend.
- **3/27/2023 1010 hours CDT:** Hale exited her vehicle and approached the west side of the building. She used her AR pistol to shoot out the glass in one of the west entrances to the building and crawled inside.
- **3/27/2023 1011 hours CDT:**
  - Hale encountered Hill just inside the west entrance, where she shot and killed him as he was turning to run away.
  - Smoke from the muzzle of her AR pistol set off the building's fire alarm at this time. This led to faculty, staff, and students within the building to start evacuating.
- **3/27/2023 1012 hours CDT:** Hale ascended a nearby stairwell, where she encountered Dieckhaus, Kinney, Peak, and Scruggs at the top of the stairwell. She shot and killed each of them. This led to other students and faculty members nearby learning of an active killer within the building and prompted them to retreat and barricade themselves within their classrooms.
- **3/27/2023 1013 hours CDT:**
  - Hale fired blindly into the two third-grade classrooms, which caused minor injuries to one student inside one of the classrooms. After firing in the classrooms, Hale began walking through the hallways seeking additional victims.
  - Some faculty and staff members within the school began calling 911 to report an active killer within the building.
  - Koonce left the school office area to investigate the source of the fire alarm without knowing an active killer was within the building.
- **3/27/2023 1014 hours CDT:**
  - Hale encountered Koonce walking through the hallway, where Hale shot and killed her.
  - The first police officers began their response to The Covenant in response to an active killer.
- **3/27/2023 1015 hours CDT through 1018 hours CDT:** Hale continued to search for additional victims within the second-floor building, without finding any.
- **3/27/2023 1019 hours CDT:**
  - The first police officers arrived at The Covenant and began seeking a way into the building.
  - Hale returned to the first floor and sought out additional targets without finding any. She did destroy two television sets and shot through the doors leading to a hallway while walking through the student lounge area.
- **3/27/2023 1020 hours CDT:**
  - The first police officers entered the building, looking for Hale.
  - Hale returned to the second floor and went to the sanctuary of the building.
- **3/27/2023 1021 hours CDT through 1022 hours CDT:**
  - Hale went to the second-floor balcony of the sanctuary. She damaged a stained-glass window using her carbine before returning to the second-floor lobby of the sanctuary.
  - Additional police officers parked in the south parking lot of the building, directly in front of the main entrance of the sanctuary. Other police officers began entering the building at one of the south entrances, where they began searching for the active killer.
  - Upon reaching the second-floor lobby, Hale saw the police officers parking outside through a large window. She took up a firing position at the window and opened fire on the officers exiting their vehicles, forcing them to take cover.

- **3/27/2023 1022 hours CDT through 1024 hours CDT:**
  - Hale continued to fire on police officers in the parking lot during this period. As she did so, other police officers heard the gunfire and moved to the second floor, searching for her. Upon finding her in the second-floor lobby firing upon police officers, they shot and killed her.
- **3/27/2023 1025 hours CDT:**
  - The police officers who entered the building found no additional threats within and heard no additional gunfire. After determining no active threats remained within the building, they began evacuating faculty, staff, and students from inside the school. They then summoned paramedics, who were staging nearby, and requested their assistance in evacuating casualties.
  - The responding police officers confirmed Koonce to be deceased upon locating her. They located Dieckhaus, Kinney, and Scruggs and carried them out of the building to the responding paramedics. The paramedics then entered the building and evacuated Hill and Peak.
  - A protective sweep was initiated by the responding police officers to insure no other injured victims were within and no other suspects were hiding within the building.
- **3/27/2023 1100 hours CDT:** medical staff at Vanderbilt University Medical Center confirmed Dieckhaus, Hill, Kinney, Peak, and Scruggs were deceased.
- **3/27/2023 1130 hours CDT:** the protective sweep was completed. No additional victims were found within the building. All personnel within the school were withdrawn in preparation for a search and forensic processing of the scene.
- **3/27/2023 1215 hours CDT:** detectives were able to access and review video surveillance footage from the building. They located Hale's vehicle in the parking lot.
- **3/27/2023 1233 hours CDT:** investigators approached Hale's vehicle in the parking lot. They determined no hazards were present on or around the vehicle. From the registration information on the vehicle, they were able to determine Hale's identity and address.
- **3/27/2023 1250 hours CDT:** detectives travelled to Hale's residence and began conducting surveillance on the residence.
- **3/27/2023 1304 hours CDT:** Hale's father is observed leaving the residence. He's detained by detectives and interviewed regarding the attack.
- **3/27/2023 1330 hours CDT:** detectives secured Hale's residence and failed to find anyone else inside or any other threats. Detectives then withdrew from the residence and secured it in preparation of a search warrant.
- **3/27/2023 1400 hours CDT:** detectives contacted Hale's mother and interviewed her regarding the attack on The Covenant.
- **3/27/2023 1500 hours CDT:** detectives began searching Hale's residence under the authority of a search warrant.
- **3/27/2023 1521 hours CDT:** investigators began searching and processing The Covenant for evidence related to the homicides.
- **3/27/2023 1615 hours CDT:** Hale's vehicle was searched at the scene under the authority of a search warrant. The vehicle was then towed to the MNPD Crime Laboratory for additional forensic processing.
- **3/27/2023 1849 hours CDT:** the search of Hale's residence was completed.
- **3/29/2023 1945 hours CDT:** the search and forensic processing of The Covenant was completed.
- **3/30/2023:** the forensic processing of Hale's vehicle was completed.