

## Brighton reeling after killing of sixth grader

Police: Father shot girl, her grandmother, then self

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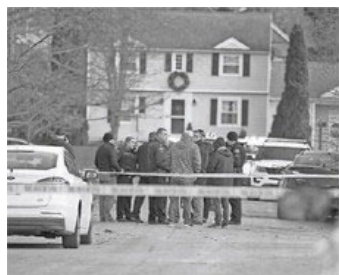
Brighton students continue to mourn the violent death of a classmate, as children, teachers and staff Monday returned to school after a two-week holiday break.

A sixth grader at Brighton's Twelve Corners Middle School was among three people who died in an apparent murdersuicide last week. The community has since rallied around the child's family, as they try to make sense of the unimaginable loss.

According to Brighton police, officers were called to a home on Hollyvale Drive just before noon Friday to assist an unresponsive girl on the porch. The child — 11-year-old Anne "Annie" Mancuso — was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died from gunshot wounds.

During their investigation, officers discovered open doors and a bullet hole in a window of a neighboring house. Inside, they found the bodies of Anne's grandmother — Mary Liccini, 74, of

Avon, Livingston County — and Anne's father, Lawrence Mancuso, 53, of Brighton.



**Brighton Police investigate an apparent murder-suicide on Hollyvale Drive in Brighton on Friday in which a girl, her grandmother and her father were found shot to death.** ROCHESTER TINA MACINTYRE-YEE/DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

Brighton Police Chief David Catholdi said the investigation determined that Lawrence Mancuso shot and killed his daughter and her grandmother before he killed himself. He did not live on Hollyvale Drive, where Anne resided, but elsewhere in Brighton, according to police.

### Community 'horrified and deeply troubled'

"Annie was known to her friends and teachers as a kind, sweet and beautiful person in every way," Brighton Central School District Superintendent Kevin McGowan said in a letter to the district's students, teachers, staff and families. "A thoughtful, caring student and very special friend, Annie was such a gift to her friends, family and school community."

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"There are no words," McGowan said of the slayings.

McGowan said that he, like others in the community, was "horrified and deeply troubled" by what unfolded Friday morning.

"I cannot begin to find a way to say to Annie's mother, Sarah, and Sarah's father how profoundly sorry we are," McGowan said. "The peaceful tranquility of a winter morning was brutally broken (Friday) in one of our neighborhoods and the life of an incredible child and her grandmother were taken. The circumstances would be unimaginable if they weren't a reality. They are the very definition of unexplainable, surreal and tragic in every way."