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Massacre

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previous owner "to get off his property and not to come back or he would shoot them," said a local woman.

"I was terrified of him," said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. She said "one minute he would be all right, and then he wouldn't be."

"He would go off — he would be a totally different person."

About three years ago, the man's father drowned on the property, she recalled. His death was declared a suicide. Her neighbor's reaction to the death was "strange," she said.

"I was coming up the road that day, and within half an hour of the body being brought out ... he was cutting the grass with a Weed Whacker," she said.

"I don't think he was at all upset by his father's death."

Featherstone said the accused gunman originally moved onto the property with a woman in her 50s.

"She told us she had looked after him for

years, that she was like a mother to him and that his parents couldn't handle him," Featherstone said. "She used to calm him down."

The woman told neighbors how she had given the man a pet baby pig, which he used to sleep with, Featherstone said.

The woman died a year later in a car accident in which Bryant was her passenger. She left her money and property to him. Bryant sold his inherited property 18 months ago and owned a house in Hobart, Featherstone said.

Across the region Monday, people struggled to cope with the carnage. Prime Minister John Howard said the slayings have "shaken the nation to the core."

Hundreds holding candles packed Hobart's St. David's Cathedral for a memorial service. Mourners wept as they remembered slain family and friends.

Relatives of the dead visited the scene with officers. One man who lost his wife and two children sat sobbing in an unmarked squad car, his head in his hands.

Four bodies were left where they fell so police could gather more forensic evidence.

The slaughter began when the gunman opened fire on tourists visiting the picturesque sandstone ruins of a colonial prison at Port Arthur, 30 miles south of Hobart.

He then targeted children, hikers and parking cars as he drove down a short stretch of coastal highway before holing up in a guest house, where he took potshots at police.

Detectives tried to persuade him to surrender peacefully.

"I was terrified of him, one minute he would be alright and then he wouldn't be."

— ANONYMOUS SOURCE

But negotiations ended when the battery of his mobile phone went dead. The gunman was captured Monday morning as he fled the guest house, which he torched with three hostages inside. He was hospitalized with burns.

Two charred bodies were found in the burning ashes of the house. Police have yet to find the third hostage but they expect the death toll will rise to 35.

Police have refused to name the gunman for the record until he is formally charged. Convicted, he faces life in prison. There is a death sentence in Australia.

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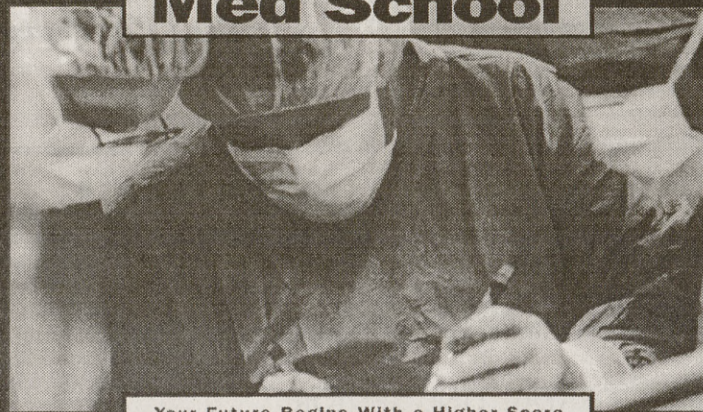
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