

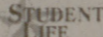
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**Seventh death linked to sniper**

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — The death toll from the Washington-area sniper rose to seven Thursday as authorities said ballistics evidence linked the killer to the slaying of a man gunned down at a Virginia gas station.

Dean Meyers, 53, of Gaithersburg, Md., was felled by a single shot Wednesday night, moments after filling his car's tank, the latest victim to die since the attacks began Oct. 2. Two people have also been wounded.

Prince William County Police Chief Charlie Deane said the results of an autopsy on Meyers and ballistic evidence "has linked these cases."

Deane also pleaded for the killer to give up: "There's enough damage been done."

Police had said they were searching for a white minivan seen leaving the gas station, but Deane downplayed the lead and said the occupants had a "reasonable" explanation of their actions. He refused to say whether there were surveillance cameras at the gas station but said some cameras were in the area.

Manassas is about 35 miles southwest of the Maryland suburbs where most of the attacks happened. The attack is the second in Virginia: A woman was wounded by the sniper Friday in Fredericksburg, 30 miles south of here.

In a drizzling rain, police in yellow slickers walked shoulder to shoulder near the crime scene, looking for evidence. Deane did



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

not say whether they had found anything. But he said there had been no communication from the killer.

A tarot death card with the taunting words "Dear policeman, I am God" was found near a shell casing outside a school in Bowie, Md., where a 13-year-old boy was critically wounded by the sniper Monday.

Investigators say the sniper, or snipers, fired from a distance with a high-powered hunting or military-style rifle. Like Meyers, all the victims were felled by a single bullet.

Neighbors said Meyers lived

alone in a two-story brick building in a townhouse complex in Gaithersburg. They said he worked in Virginia, though they did not know where.

Carol Iverson, 79, lived next door to Meyers for 15 years in Gaithersburg before she moved away. The former neighbor stayed close, with Meyers coming last week to Iverson's home for dinner.

"He was perfectly delightful," she said, her voice breaking. "I can't say enough good things about him. He always had a kind word. He always had time to sit and talk."

**Backpacks are history at Calif. school**

Something's missing at the new Sun Valley Charter High School in Ramona, Calif. There are no textbooks, only computers.

That means students there don't have to lug heavy backpacks — a familiar ritual for many young Americans who carry books from class to class and home at day's end.

Growing back pain complaints prompted a new California law limiting textbook weight. But some say assignments drawn from the Internet, "e-books" or CD-ROMs will be the real solution.

Officials at Sun Valley High, a public school near San Diego, used money normally spent on textbooks for computers.

The new school's first students — about 60 incoming freshmen — get assignments from such services as Questia.com, an online library, and Interactive Mathematics, curriculum on computer CD.

It sounds nice, but unrealistic to Monika Rohall, a 15-year-old Chicagoan. "What about kids who don't have fast-running computers at home?" she asks.

A freshman at Chicago's towering Lane Tech High School, she's stuck navigating four flights of stairs with all her books because she has no time to get to her locker between classes. Back pain from her overloaded pack has caused her to quit the volleyball team.

Such health problems are increasingly common, says Grace Walker, a registered physical therapist in Orange, Calif.

Each year, she and other practitioners say they're seeing more young people with backpack-related pain. In severe cases, it can lead to curvature of the spine.

Walker's 12-year-old son uses a rolling backpack, dragged on wheels behind him. His mother also buys extra textbooks to keep at home.

"Fortunately, I can afford to do that," Walker says. "Most people can't."

That's not an issue at Sun Valley High, the California school. Sometimes, students there print out assignments to take home. And if homework requires a computer, they can use the school's machines after school.

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