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15-year-old boy kills 5 people inside New Mexico home

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USPA News - A teenage boy believed to be about 15 years old has been arrested after allegedly killing two adults and three children at a home near Albuquerque in New Mexico, local authorities said on Sunday. The motive was not immediately known.

The incident happened at about 9:15 p.m. local time on Saturday when deputies were called to a house in an unincorporated area approximately 7 miles (11.2 kilometers) southwest of downtown Albuquerque. The officers discovered a total of five bodies when they arrived at the scene. Deputy Aaron Williamson, a spokesman for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, described the victims as an adult male, an adult female, a male juvenile and two female juveniles. Their identities or ages were not immediately released. "All the victims appeared to have suffered multiple gunshot wounds," Williamson said. Investigators said it appeared multiple weapons, including an assault-type rifle, were used in the killings. One male juvenile was arrested at the scene and has been charged with two counts of murder and three counts of child abuse resulting in death. Williamson said the boy is believed to be in his mid- to late teens, but he was unable to provide a specific age. Local news reports said the suspect is about 15 years old. The boy's motive and connection to the five victims were not immediately known. The mass shooting comes days after U.S. President Barack Obama announced a series of measures aimed at reducing gun violence. Obama signed 23 executive orders to stem a rash of gun violence and has called on U.S. Congress to ban military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. "Many assault rifles, when combined with high-capacity magazines, have one purpose and one purpose only: to fire as many bullets as possible as quickly as possible," Obama said in his weekly address on Saturday. "These weapons have no place in our communities. And a majority of the American people agree with me." Obama has also called on U.S. Congress to require a universal background check for anyone trying to buy a gun. Current laws already require licensed gun dealers to perform these checks, but loopholes allow as many as 40 percent of all gun purchases to take place without background checks. The push for gun control comes in the wake of last month's massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, a town about 7 miles (11 kilometers) east of Danbury in Connecticut. The shootings resulted in the deaths of 20 young children and six adults, making it the second-deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. The gunman, who also killed his mother before the school shooting, then took his own life.

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