

Arrest in deadly Alaska machete, gun spree

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- A 28-year-old man in Anchorage, Alaska, faced arraignment Tuesday in a deadly machete and shooting spree that left two dead and three others wounded. Christopher Rogers Jr., 28, told police he began the 26 hour rampage on Sunday because he was angry with his family, whom he allegedly targeted first, the Anchorage Daily News reported. Police documents said Rogers admitted to using a machete to hack his 51-year-old father to death at the man's home north of Anchorage, and then turned on the man's 55-year-old girlfriend. The man allegedly then took his father's .357 handgun and set off for Anchorage, where in coming hours he would shoot three people. All were expected to survive, but sustained massive injuries, police said. Anchorage District Attorney Adrienne Bachman told reporters Rogers has a lengthy criminal record and was wanted on an outstanding warrant when police finally caught him Monday by ramming the stolen SUV he was driving. Rogers is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and three counts of attempted murder in the first degree, although more charges, including injuring a police officer, are likely after a grand jury examines the case, Bachman said.

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