

Teen held in Alaska slashing deaths

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SITKA, Alaska - An Alaska youth was being held in a wild knife attack at his grandparents' home that left four people dead and a fifth injured, authorities said. Jason Abbott, 18, of Sitka was arraigned Wednesday on four counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder, the Daily Sitka Sentinel reported. Police officers called to the scene Tuesday reportedly found Abbott standing in front of the house with a 5-inch knife and used a stun gun to subdue him, the Anchorage Daily News reported. Three of the victims were found stabbed inside the Sitka home of Abbott's grandparents, while two were outside, police said. Three died at the scene and one died later at a hospital. The fifth victim was hospitalized in serious condition. The victims' names had not been released. Witnesses reported seeing Abbott's grandmother, Alice Abbott covered with blood outside the house. She and her husband, John, also took in boarders. Police said the attack occurred a day after Abbott was released from jail on a domestic violence assault charge, the newspaper reported.

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