

At least 10 dead in Alabama shooting spree

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SAMSON, Ala. - A gunman shot and killed at least eight people in a small town in southeastern Alabama and one more on the road before he was killed, police said.

Others were wounded during the shooting spree, including a police officer, the Dothan Eagle reported. The dead included the wife and child of a sheriff's deputy.

The carnage began in Samson, a town of about 2,000 people a few miles north of the Florida Panhandle. Some of those killed in Samson were members of the gunman's family, WTVY reported.

As the man fled east along Route 52, a highway that roughly parallels the state line, police officers tried to stop him, rear-ending his car. He shot and wounded Geneva Police Chief Frankie Lindsey, the Eagle said.

"Had he not been slowed down, no doubt we would have had more casualties," said Geneva Mayor Wynton Melton said. "He was shooting anybody he saw."

A police officer shot the man dead in the parking lot at Reliable Products in Geneva.

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