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CHICAGO - Authorities have released an Illinois man whose wife and three children were found shot to death in the family SUV on a frontage road along Interstate 55.

Police say Christopher Vaughn isn't a suspect at this time in the deaths of his wife, Kimberly, 34, and their three children, aged 12, 11 and 8, The Chicago Sun-Times reported Friday.

Vaughn told police he fled the vehicle after his wife shot him in the thigh when he pulled off the highway early Thursday to secure some luggage atop the family's vehicle.

A passerby called police after noticing Vaughn on the side of the road.

Police said Kimberly Vaughn suffered a single gunshot wound while the children had multiple gunshot wounds.

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