

Three killed in Conn. home invasion

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CHESHIRE, Conn. -- Two suspects were in custody in Connecticut for allegedly wounding a doctor and killing his wife and two daughters in their Connecticut home. Dr. William Petit Jr., 50, an endocrinologist, was listed in serious but stable condition with a head wound, The New Haven (Conn.) Journal Register reported Tuesday. Petit's wife, Jennifer Hawke-Petit, 48, and his daughters, Hayley, 18, and Michaela, 11, were found dead Monday in the family's upscale home in Cheshire, Conn., police said. Two suspects were arrested allegedly fleeing the scene moments before Petit staggered from his home, which had been set on fire, police said. The suspects allegedly broke into the home around 3 a.m. Monday. About 9:30 a.m., one of the suspects drove Hawke-Petit to bank in Cheshire, where she alerted tellers she was being held hostage and the tellers called police, the newspaper reported. Police arriving at the home were rammed by a vehicle driven by the suspects, who then were arrested. The suspects, who were to be arraigned Tuesday, were former Cheshire Correctional Institution inmates, police told the Journal Register.

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