

Baby cut from slain mother's womb found alive

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ADDISON, Ill. (AP) — Three people were charged Sunday with killing a pregnant woman and two of her children, and slicing open the women's womb to remove her infant son, police said.

The infant, named Elijah by relatives, was found with one of the suspects Friday, authorities said. The child was in good health at a hospital.

Elijah was found hours after 28-year-old Deborah Evans and two of her children were found murdered. A fourth child, 19-month-old Jordan, was found unharmed, shaking in the back bedroom of the slain woman's apartment.

Police searching for Ms. Evans' 8-year-old son Joshua found his body about 12 hours later in an alley in Maywood, about 10 miles to the east. All three had been stabbed, and Ms. Evans was also shot in the head.

The suspects were charged with murder and kidnapping. A prosecutor said authorities believed the killings were planned, and that there appeared to be no relationship to drugs or devil worship.

Police refused to discuss a motive.

In custody Sunday were 24-year-old Laverne Ward, who they believe to be Jordan's father; Jacqueline Annette Williams, 28, and Fidel Caffey, 22. Elijah was found with Ms. Williams.

On Sunday, a memorial of teddy bears, cards, footballs and basketballs was propped up outside the family's apartment complex. A family friend, Earl Nix, added a fishing rod because he had planned to take Joshua fishing next summer. "Me and Josh were always talking about fishing together," he said.

DuPage County State's Attorney Anthony Peccarelli said the killings were not random or connected to drugs.

"It was more than domestic,

but it was not devil worship. It was planned. Here's a woman who's home with her children, and somebody comes into the home; there apparently is no forced entry," he said.

"Various strong leads have developed which have provided us direction to identify the perpetrators," a police statement Saturday said without elaboration.

Various reports said police were questioning two men. WBBM Radio in Chicago reported Sunday that Ms. Williams was a cousin of an ex-boyfriend of Ms. Evans; a woman identifying herself as the ex-boyfriend's mother confirmed that report outside the police station but refused to give her name.

Ms. Evans' live-in boyfriend, James Edwards, found the bodies when he returned home from work on the night shift, police said.

Edwards was held Saturday on outstanding warrants but



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Joshua Evans



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Deborah Evans



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Samantha Evans

police would not say Sunday if he remained in custody. He was not considered a suspect in the slayings, Addison Police Chief Melvin Mack said.

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to move forward without forcing unacceptable cuts ... on the American people."

Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle and the White House chief of staff, Leon Panetta, said the Democrats would be able to protect Medicare, Medicaid, education, the environment and a tax credit for working poor families. Clinton said he would veto a seven-year budget that failed to provide protections in these areas.

"It preserves all of our options," Daschle, D-S.D., said of the agreement.

If Clinton and Congress cannot resolve their deep differences in these areas, the government could again be shut down after Dec. 15.

The agreement also provides that any eventual budget deal "shall adopt tax policies to help working families and stimulate economic growth."

It came with a Republican balanced budget plan near final passage in the House. GOP officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that vote would likely come in the next day or two. But with President Clinton certain to veto it, the measure wasn't likely to go to the White House before Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile, Clinton signed two

appropriations bills, one funding Congress and the other the White House, Treasury Department and Postal Service.

Seven of the 13 appropriations bills for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 remain to be signed. One on Clinton's desk, funding the Defense Department, is expected to be vetoed.

The breakthrough on the temporary measure came during the Senate's first Sunday session in five years and only the 17th since the founding of the republic.

Earlier in the day, Gingrich suggested if the impasse wasn't resolved, Republicans would deal with conservative Democrats directly and bypass the White House.

"The fact is the liberal leadership is losing control of their party," Gingrich said on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley." "I think we could easily, in another day or two, potentially have the votes to override the president."

National parks, including the Grand Canyon, have turned away tourists, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has stopped tracking flu cases and Smithsonian museums have locked their doors.

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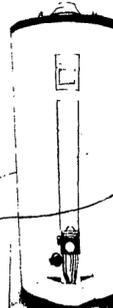


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