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Family is found shot to death

Police: Man killed women, himself

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Authorities say a Sergeant Bluff man fatally shot his 15-year-old stepdaughter Wednesday — one month after he was accused of sexually abusing her.

After killing the girl, police say, Sounthaly Keosay killed his wife, Anna, and himself.

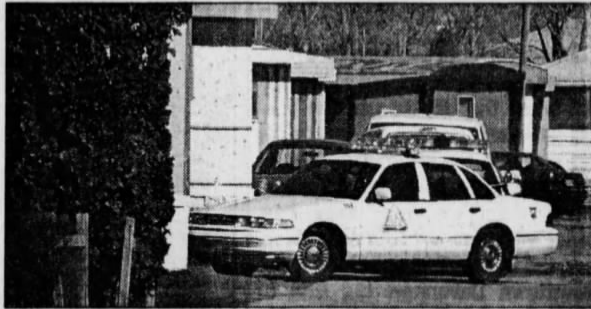
Police officers found the body of the girl, Amy Douang-sibountham, outside the family's mobile home in Sergeant Bluff. Later, police found the bodies of Anna Keosay, 38, and Sounthaly Keosay inside the mobile home.

Sounthaly Keosay, 28, was charged Feb. 16 with third-degree sexual abuse for allegedly assaulting Amy. He got out of jail March 3 after posting bond.

Police declined to speculate on a motive in the shooting, but neighbors said the couple were having marital problems.

"I felt safe here up until this morning," neighbor Marion Baker said Wednesday. "Crime has never really been a problem here before; it's something we read about in the papers."

Sergeant Bluff police said they headed for the Woodford Mobile Home Park at 2:49 a.m. after someone called 911.



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Police answered a call of shots fired at a Sergeant Bluff mobile home Wednesday and found three people dead.

Vilay Keokenchanh, 20, a neighbor, said he dialed police after his father heard a gunshot.

When officers arrived, they found Amy's body.

Police knocked on doors to evacuate part of the mobile home park, which is near Interstate Highway 29.

Police told people in the area that a man was holding a woman hostage inside one of the mobile homes.

A hostage rescue team surrounded the mobile home. Later, the team went inside and found the bodies.

It wasn't clear when Sounthaly Keosay killed his wife or himself, and police wouldn't say Wednesday how long they waited before going

inside. Keokenchanh said some neighbors think the couple was dead by the time police arrived. Keokenchanh, who lives a few doors away, said the couple had been talking about getting a divorce.

Amy was a sophomore at Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School. Her freshman year, she was a cheerleader and had a part in the school play.

At the start of the school day Wednesday, the school counselor announced over the intercom that a classmate had been killed.

Residents described the mobile home park as a mostly quiet neighborhood.

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