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Jehovah's Witness couple and their young children found shot dead in two-story home after grim 'murder suicide'

- Sheddric and Kia Miller and their two young children were found Wednesday morning after police were called around 10:30 to the family's home near Irmo, South Carolina
- The man's mother came across the grisly scene when she hadn't heard from her son for a number of days and went to check on the family
- She immediately called 911 after discovering the bodies scattered throughout the two-story home

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A family of Jehovah's Witnesses have been found dead in their South Carolina home after what police say was a shocking murder-suicide.

The bodies of a couple - believed to be Sheddric and Kia Miller - and their two young children were found Wednesday morning scattered throughout the family's two-story home near Irmo.

Police were called to the home around 10:30 a.m. after man's mother discovered the grim scene.

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Tragedy: Sheddrick and Kia Miller and their two young children, pictured, are believed to be the family founds dead in their South Carolina home Wednesday morning



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Shock: The family of Jehovah's Witnesses moved into the lovely home, pictured, in 2012

The children were found dead in their respective bedrooms, and the two adults were found together in the master bedroom, Richland County Sheriff's Department spokesman Sgt. Curtis Wilson told the [Charlotte Observer](#).

Each of the four was shot in the upper body and a handgun, the presumed murder weapon, was found near the father, Wilson said.

He said initial evidence suggested a domestic disturbance. Investigators are checking records to see if there had been any prior domestic violence calls made to the house.



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Handgun: Each of the four was shot in the upper body and a handgun, the presumed murder weapon, was found near the father, who is believed to be Sheddrick Miller, pictured

The family has not been officially identified but Richland County property records show the Millers owned the house. Friends also identified the dead as the Miller family.

The children's grandmother went to check on the young family after she hadn't heard from her son for a number of days, Wilson said. She immediately called police after discovering them dead.

According to property records, the Millers bought the lovely home in the Riverwalk neighborhood in 2012.

Wilson said the forensic team were trying to determine when the four were killed.

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Bible study: A friend of the family, Rachel Hinson, 25, described them as a good family and said she had attended bible study at the home



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Grim scene: The man's mother came across the grisly scene when she hadn't heard from her son for a number of days and went to check on the family, police said

Family friend Rachel Hinson, 25, described them as a good family and said the children were both under the age of five.

She told the Observer she had attended bible study at the Millers' home and went to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with them.

'It's confusing, and it's not understandable why something like that would happen,' said Hinson, who's grandmother lives near the home.

South Carolina is the worst of all 50 states when it comes to domestic homicides, according to a report by the Violence Policy Center in Washington.

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Horribly sad situation...Jehovah's people are not immune to sever mental illness. The fact that they were publicly identified as Jehovah's Witnesses shows how uncommon this situation happens to our spiritual family. When a similar tragedy happens to another family, how often are their religious beliefs identified? Many of these photos were taken at the Kingdom Hall where they appeared the happiest as a family. Our prayers for the family and trust in the promise of a reunion by resurrection bring comfort and ease the grief we all share.

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Absolutely he should. Elders are there for spiritual help ,they're not doctors or policemen. Medical help is personal to the family concerned, as all the elders I know would agree.

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