

2 adults , 2 kids killed in Detroit shooting - Detroit police chief said home was known as a 'narcotics location.' Suspect may have known victims, she said.

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DETROIT -- Police are investigating a horrific **shooting in** which two young children and two **adults** were shot to death **in** a suspected dope house on the city's west side.

The **shooting** happened about 3:25 a.m. today on the 3000 block of Clairmount near Dexter Avenue and West Chicago Boulevard, police said.

In a televised press conference, **Detroit** Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings asked the public for help **in** solving the case and for keeping children safe **in** the city.

"It shouldn't be me, as chief of police, saying we have to put a blanket on our city and take it back," Bully-Cummings said. "I am tired of seeing our children dying. This can't continue to happen."

The shooter or shooters were inside the house before the slayings and **killed** the victims **in** their sleep, the chief said. A 35-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were sleeping on a mattress **in** one room of the home, and a 5-year-old boy and 9-year-old girl were sleeping on a mattress on the floor of a back room, police said, citing preliminary data.

"There was no forced entry," Bully-Cummings said. "Whoever it was must have been **in** the house ... They were asleep. They were at rest. By the nature of the scene it was clear that everyone was asleep."

Police were unsure of the identity of the woman or children.

Shell casings collected **in** the home indicate that a high-powered assault weapon was used **in** the attack, Bully-Cummings said.

The home was a known "narcotics location," Bully-Cummings said She would not say what types of drugs were alleged to have been sold from the house. The doors of the home were reinforced with thick wooden boards nailed into them. The doors had multiple locks.

Bully-Cummings said **adults** are supposed to keep children out of harm's way.

"We as **adults** have a responsibility to our children to let them grow up," she said.

Police said an SUV usually parked at the home was missing this morning. It is a black 1995 Ford with the license plate 2JKR87

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