31 HOURS OF FEAR THE VICTIMS - FRIENDS REMEMBER LIVES OF PROMISE

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Lisa Shelton and her four children each had aspirations to do more with their lives, many of them expressing interests in the arts, family members and friends said Thursday.

"They seemed like a good family," said Thomas Trawick, principal at Kosciusko Middle School, where two of the girls attended school.

Here are profiles of the victims:

William Parker Jr., 16, aspired to play football. According to Detroit Public Schools, he was not an enrolled student.

Wrandell Parker, 14, loved music, her family said. She went to Kosciusko Middle School, along with her sister Wanee.

Wanee Parker, 12, loved to sing and dance, according to her aunt Christina, 13. About two months ago, she starred as Annie in the school's musical. "She did a tremendous job. She had a great voice," said Trawick, the school's principal.

Aushani Thompson, 9, was often seen playing outside her home with her sisters, neighbors said.

Lisa Shelton, 33, had just finished writing a book of poetry, according to her family, and was hoping to publish it. She was involved in her children's education, working as a parent organization leader. "She was in the school a lot. She was involved in their education," said Trawick.

The family said it needs help paying for the burials of the five victims. Family members said they will establish a fund today.

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