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Agencies Respond to Multiple Homicides in South Alabama

State and local law enforcement agencies in south Alabama are responding to a series of at least four shooting incidents involving what is believed to be a single gunman who left at least nine victims dead before he died from a self-inflicted gunshot.

The shootings are believed to have begun late afternoon Tuesday in Samson in Geneva County, where four adults and one child were found shot to death at one residence, one adult was found shot to death at a second residence, and another adult was found shot to death at a third residence. It is believed the gunman left that location, traveling on Alabama 52 where he shot at a state trooper's vehicle, striking the vehicle seven times and slightly wounding the trooper due to broken glass.

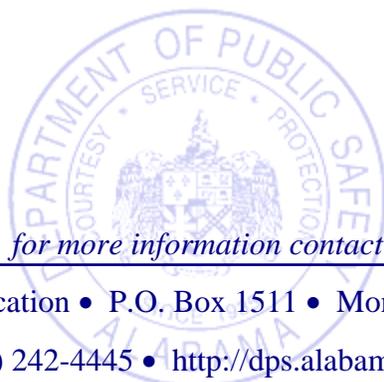
The subject shot and killed another individual at Samson Pipe and Supply on Alabama 52, and an individual at a service station, also on Alabama 52.

He then was pursued to Reliable Metal Products two miles north of Geneva on Alabama 27, where he fired an estimated 30-round burst. One bullet grazed the Geneva Police chief, who was saved from serious injury by his bullet-proof vest. The subject entered the business. Within minutes, shots were heard from within Reliable Metal, and law enforcement officers found him dead from what are believed to be self-inflicted gunshots.

State fire marshals are investigating the scene of a burned house in Coffee County where one body was found. The scene is believed to be involved in this series of incidents. There are believed to be additional victims shot and wounded during these episodes.

This is a very complicated investigation that is unfolding, with multiple crime scenes and a number of agencies working together. As the investigation continues, additional information will be made available.

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