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'I'm going to hell,' young killer writes

He's sentenced to 10 years of detention in Schweiger slaying

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These are the voices of Christine Schweiger's family, less than one month after she was gunned down outside a North Side fast food restaurant:

John and Lynne Schweiger, Christine's brother and sister-in-law, wrote in a report filed Tuesday in Children's Court: "The children have no mother now so are very effected by this loss. Have moved to a new neighborhood, need transportation to and from school, counseling and they

miss their friends . . . Christine's wages paid for many things the family had."

Barbara Koehler, Christine's sister wrote: "Yes; I have suffered mentally and emotionally. The loss of one's sister and seeing the effect it has had on my aging mother and Christine's three children is most heart-breaking."

And here is the voice of a 15-year-old boy who pleaded guilty to the murder:

"I helped someone kill someone," the boy said. "I'm responsible . . . I'm going to go to hell. They say you're supposed to be burned for the rest of eternity if you kill somebody. I'm sorry for Christine Schweiger. She didn't do nothing to us or to me."

Children's Court Judge Rus-

sell Stamper on Tuesday ordered that the boy remain in the Ethan Allen School in the Town of Delafield until his 25th birthday, the maximum allowed under juvenile law:

Schweiger, 35, was shot as she knelt before the boy and his friend at Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken & Biscuits, 2910 W. Capitol Drive.

According to delinquency petitions, the boys demanded money just as she walked outside the restaurant with an order of food. When Schweiger said she had none, the 16-year-old boy shot her in the head while her 10-year-old daughter watched.

The older boy, who is fighting an attempt to try him as an adult, allegedly told police that he killed Schweiger because she

had "an attitude" and that he felt she wasn't showing him enough respect. The 15-year-old protested, "Don't shoot her," according to the petitions.

The gun used in the slaying had been purchased by the 15-year-old's father a few days previously, according to a report prepared by defense attorney Robin Shellow.

The father, who is terminally ill with congestive heart failure, worried about his family's ability to protect themselves once he was gone. He purchased the gun for \$20 from a friend, in his son's presence.

"He was, he thought, doing his part to keep his family safe," Shellow wrote.

The 15-year-old boy had no

previous criminal record. On Nov. 25, the day after the boy changed his not guilty plea to guilty in Schweiger's death, his father attempted suicide by taking an overdose of prescription medication.

The father is quoted in Shellow's report as saying: "I tried to commit suicide because I knew it would be over and I'd be out of my family's hair. What [the 15-year-old boy] did is my fault."

The 15-year-old wrote: "It's hard to live knowing you're the reason someone else is dead."

Schweiger's sister, Barbara Koehler, could not comprehend the killing.

"Why did they do such a thing?" Koehler asked. "How do you justify it? Where does it all end?"

'I helped someone kill someone'

"I'm responsible...I'm going to go to Hell. They say you're supposed to be burned for the rest of eternity if you kill somebody. I'm sorry for Christine Schweiger. She didn't do nothing to us or to me." That's the voice of a 15-year-old ordered to remain in the Ethan Allen School for Boys in Wales until his 25th birthday, for his part in the slaying of Schweiger. **Story on B3.**