

Area farmer killed in Hub City shooting ¹⁹⁷¹

The community was shocked Saturday evening when they learned of the death of Carl Sundberg, local area farmer.

Christ Zundel, 43, an Aberdeen man, shot and killed Mr. Sundberg, 58, Saturday afternoon and then took his own life. The incident occurred at the home of Zundel's estranged wife at 910 5th Ave. N.E. in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen police say their investigation indicates Zundel had been to the home earlier in the day and returned about 5 p.m. with a .22 caliber rifle.

Officers said Zundel's 17-year-old daughter, Delaine, said she tried to stop her father from entering the house but he pushed past her, entered the kitchen where Sundberg was sitting in a chair, and fired the rifle several times. Police say they believe Sundberg was shot five times.

Zundel then went down the stairs to the basement and turned the gun on himself and inflicted a head wound. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and died there a short time later, officers said.

Officers said Mrs. Zundel apparently had fled the house when Zundel entered.

Zundel was a member of the Aberdeen Fire Department and had held various offices with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. ¹⁹⁷¹