



# Friend of slain mother said 'leave the house' hours before North County triple homicide



ST. LOUIS (KMOV.com) -- Stephanie St. John said [friends of Roseann McCulley called her Rosey and she was a "very sweet girl, very intelligent" person.](#)

[Suspect shoots himself after killing wife, her 2 children in St. Louis County home, police say](#)

According to police, McCulley was shot and killed by her estranged husband, Bobby McCulley, along with her 13-year-old son Kayden Johnson and her 6-year-old daughter Kaylee Brooks late Thursday at a house in the 4800 block of Lockwig Trail Court. Police said Bobby McCulley abducted their 1-year-old daughter from the home but later dropped her off at a relative's house before taking his own life around 9:00 a.m. Friday. St. John said she was increasingly concerned for her friend's safety over the last two weeks. Rosey posted on her Facebook page recently about being beaten so badly recently by her husband that she was hospitalized. In the post she wrote that he "was able to stomp my chest and abdomen, so the bruising and swelling is really bad there." She also wrote that she received morphine through an IV for the pain. A week later Bobby McCulley wrote on his wife's Facebook page, "Everyone enjoying the show! More to come. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR THE ENTIRE STORY

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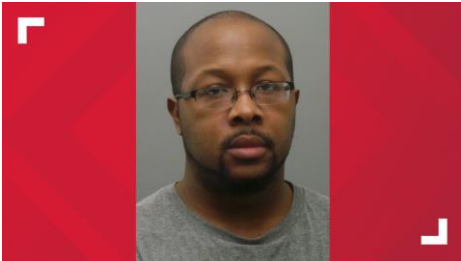
# Neighbor recalls moments before mother, two kids murdered by husband



ST. LOUIS COUNTY ( KTVI ) -We are learning more about a mother and two children whose lives were senselessly taken in their home Friday. St. Louis County Police say Bob McCulley III is responsible for killing a mother and her two children then taking his own life. The victims are 34-year-old Roseann McCulley, her son Kayden Johnson, and daughter Kaylee Brooks. There is heartbreak at Keeven Elementary where 6-year-old Kaylee went to school. Her brother Kayden, 13, was also a student in the Hazelwood School District. The victims neighbor says prior to the deadly shooting, the couple had a violent relationship. "It's a tragedy, Rosie was a beautiful, beautiful soul, both those kids beautiful, and she did not deserve this one bit," said one neighbor who did not want to be identified. Court documents say McCulley III broke into Roseann's home with the purpose of killing her. He confined her and the children against their will. After several hours, the court documents state he killed them. The neighbor recalls what she witnessed during the incident. "When I woke up I heard screaming and yelling and loud banging. Rosie's lights flickered three times I called her phone twice and she did not answer. I knew something was wrong. I called 911. They came and looked around, they did not see anything first. They went to the back and came back running to the front and with guns drawn saying, "It's the police". They kicked the door open and her body was laying right there at the front door. By the time I heard everything and they got here, it was too late it was too late for her and the kids." Bob McCulley III is charged with three counts of murder, three counts of kidnapping, 1 count of burglary, and 7 counts of armed criminal action. Police now say a woman is charged with helping mislead the police during the search for McCulley. Michelle Clayton, McCulley's mother, is charged with hindering prosecution. McCulley is also accused of abducting his biological child from the home. She was later found safe at a relative's home. Her kidnapping prompted an Amber Alert which was later canceled. St. Louis County Police say before the killings, they were called for a suspicious person in the area near the victim's home but couldn't find anything. Police say three hours later, there were shots fired in the area. They found a broken window and three victims dead in their home on the 4800 block of Lockwig Trail. Detectives quickly determined McCulley was a suspect. Police say investigators worked throughout the night and even had help from St. Louis City. His vehicle was found by police at around 8:00 am after a report of a shooting in the 1300 block of Clinton in St. Louis. Police say Clayton, the other person charged in connection with the crime, lived on that street. Police say McCulley III shot himself and his body was found nearby.

# Suspect in St. Louis County triple homicide went to woman's home 'with the purpose of killing her'

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Mo. — The mother and two children killed in an early morning shooting that led to a Amber Alert have been identified. And police said they filed at-large charges against the suspect before he fatally shot himself. Police said 34-year-old Roseann McCulley, 13-year-old Kayden Johnson and 6-year-old Kaylee Brooks were found shot to death inside a home Friday. A probable cause statement for the charges accuses Bobby McCulley III, 35, of unlawfully going into Roseann McCulley's home "with the purpose of killing her" late Thursday night. Investigators said he held her and the children against their will, and after several hours, shot and killed them. McCulley was charged with three counts of first-degree murder, seven counts of armed criminal action, three counts of first-degree kidnapping, one count of burglary and seven counts of armed criminal action. An officer first responded at about 8:30 p.m. to the 4800 block of Lockwig Trail Thursday after a neighbor reported a suspicious person. Police searched the area but didn't find anyone. Three hours later, they received another call. This time, it was for a shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and found a window of the home shattered. Roseann McCulley and her two children were found deceased inside the home. The homicide scene led to an Amber Alert for a 1-year-old girl, who police said was abducted by her father from the scene. County police identified the suspect as Bobby McCulley III. The alert triggered phone and TV notifications at about 4 a.m. Within an hour, the little girl was found safe and the Missouri State Highway Patrol canceled the Amber Alert. A source confirmed with 5 On Your Side that the girl was dropped off at a family member's home in north St. Louis at about 3:30 a.m. Friday. The 1-year-old girl was taken to an area hospital to be checked by doctors. The Amber Alert said McCulley was likely in a silver 2010 Dodge Charger. Police sources told 5 On Your Side that city surveillance cameras picked up on McCulley's car driving near Goodfellow Boulevard and Natural Bridge Avenue close to the city-county line in north city. They followed his vehicle to the 1300 block of Clinton in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood. Officers were trying to arrest McCulley when he shot himself while sitting inside a car. He died from his injuries. Friday  
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