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Teenager that gunned down family in New Mexico planned mass shootout at Walmart

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USPA News - Fifteen-year-old Nehemiah Griego had planned mass murders, authorities said, following his arrest for gunning down his family in New Mexico. Bernalillo County Sheriff Dan Houston said Griego's shocking acts in which he shot and killed his parents and siblings was planned several days prior.

Following investigations, authorities said he had also planned killing his girlfriend's family members, as well as mounting a 'mass destruction' at a Walmart and possibly stemming a deadly shootout with local police forces. Griego during the weekend shot and killed his mother Sarah Griego, 40, at around 1 a.m. local time after she had fallen asleep with weapons retrieved from his parents' closet. The teenager then killed his 9-year-old brother Zephania Griego with multiple gunshots, before killing his two younger sisters, Jael and Angelina, aged 5 and 2 respectively. Authorities believe he later shot and killed his father, Greg Griego, 51, a former pastor at Calvary Chapel in Albuquerque. Following the brutal murders, Griego apparently spent the rest of the day with his 12-year-old girlfriend, who had received pictures of the dead mother taken by Griego. Officials said he then went to Calvary Chapel where he spoke to a security guard and explained that his family was dead. During questioning, Griego also admitted to enjoy playing violent video games. Investigations are ongoing, and it is still uncertain if authorities will consider Griego's girlfriend a suspect. Griego was taken into the custody of the Bernalillo County Juvenile Detention Center. According to New Mexico Law, any teen 15, 16 or 17 years old charged with first-degree murder, will be tried as an adult. As a result, Griego could be facing up to 30 years in prison for each murder.

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