

## BUTTE RESIDENCE

BUTTE (AP) — The bodies of four persons, including two teen-aged children, were found in a Butte residence Wednesday afternoon — each with a bullet in the head, Police Chief Larry Connors said.

Connors said it appeared the woman and two children were murdered and the man turned the .22 caliber pistol on himself.

Connors identified the victims as Lyle Eliason, 37, his 33-year-old wife, Nancy, and the couple's two children — Chris Marie, 13, and Marcie Ann, 11.

Authorities said there was no apparent motive for the slayings, which occurred either Monday night or early Tuesday, but an investigation was continuing.

Connors said authorities were alerted that something was wrong at the Eliason residence by an unidentified relative. He said police had to remove a window to get inside the house.

Each of the victims had a single bullet wound in the head, he said.

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