

# 'He's a *GOOD* kid'

But something went terribly wrong with Forsyth teen

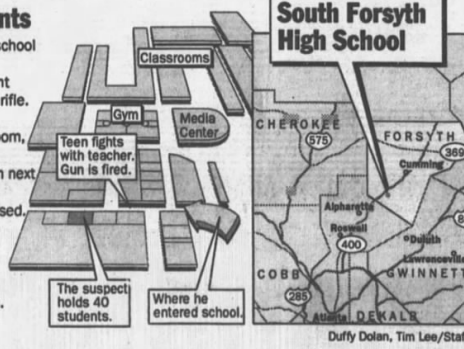


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**Randy Floyd Addis**, a 17-year-old sophomore who brought a shotgun to South Forsyth High School on Thursday, is led away after a five-hour siege in which he took 40 hostages.

## Sequence of events

- 8:24:** Randy Addis enters school through side entrance.
- 8:28:** Teacher Johnny Tallant and the youth wrestle over rifle. Gun fires into ceiling.
- 8:27:** Randy enters classroom, fires shot above students, orders them into classroom next door.
- 9:00:** Most hostages released.
- 9:00-noon:** Negotiations continue.
- 1:40:** He becomes dizzy. Two hostages escape, another hostage grabs gun.
- 1:43:** Police storm room, arrest the suspect.



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## He leaves no casualties, just questions

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When Randy Floyd Addis boarded a school bus to South Forsyth High Thursday morning with a duffel bag, he told the driver it contained a science project he'd been working on a long time.

Minutes after arriving at school, the 17-year-old terrorized teachers and classmates with a shotgun, a rifle, a pistol and a pound of black powder that he had taken from his father's gun case and stuffed into the bag.

Randy's siege ended after five hours, when some of his young hostages helped subdue him. No one was injured, and the teenager's parents

said Thursday night they couldn't figure out what triggered the crisis.

"He is a good boy and kind-hearted, and I don't believe he intended to hurt anybody," said Larry Addis, the suspect's father. "He told them he was not going to hurt them. . . . We never feared for anyone's safety."

The teenager's parents said that when his grades dropped two years ago and teachers told them he lost focus in class, they sent him to a professional counselor. He also was being treated for a form of epilepsy, said his mother, Karen.

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