
Jeffrey Weise — a Timeline

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I have not found a source that chronicles the history of Jeffrey Weise and his family. This document was therefore compiled from a variety of sources to provide a general chronology of the family's life. In many cases, the exact dates of events are not known, so approximate years and months are indicated. There is a lack of agreement among the sources as to why Jeffrey was not attending school at the time of the attack. Multiple sources are listed with the discrepant testimonies provided. See also our document "Jeffrey Weise's Family Tree." Version 2.0 of the present document introduces substantial corrections to source citations, among other adjustments.

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- 8 August 1988 Jeffrey James Weise is born in Minneapolis to Joanne Elizabeth Weise and Daryl Allen Lussier, Jr. (never married). His mother lives in Minneapolis, his father on the Red Lake reservation.¹
- November 1988 Jeffrey's mother gives Jeffrey to his father to raise when he is three months old.²
- 1991 Jeffrey lives with his father and father's parents until he is three years old. Then his mother takes him to live with her in the Twin Cities.³
- June 1993 Jeffrey's mother is booked into the Ramsey County jail for driving while intoxicated.⁴
- 17 July 1993 Jeffrey's father marries Roma Jean Ryan at Red Lake.⁵
- Fall 1996 Jeffrey moves with his mother to Shakopee, Minnesota, and enters third grade at Pear-

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son Elementary School. Joanne Weise is living with Timothy Troy Desjarlait.⁶ Jeffrey attends Pearson until 1998.⁷

1996 Daphne Desjarlait is born to Joanne Weise and Timothy Desjarlait.⁸

1997 Sebastian Desjarlait is born to Joanne Weise and Timothy Desjarlait.⁹

21 July 1997 Jeffrey's father kills himself by shooting himself in the chest during an armed standoff with tribal police on the Red Lake reservation.¹⁰ The standoff with police occurs at the father's home and lasts for "days."¹¹

September 1997 Jeffrey starts fourth grade in Shakopee, but that month the family moves to Chaska, Minnesota.¹²

27 June 1998 Joanne Weise marries Timothy Desjarlait on the Red Lake reservation (she reportedly had moved to the reservation shortly after the move to Chaska).¹³

Late September 1998 Jeffrey attends fifth grade at Bluff Creek Elementary School. He lives with his mother in Chaska's Riverview Terrace Mobile Home Park most of the time until April 1999.¹⁴

5 March 1999 Jeffrey's mother is in a car crash and suffers brain damage. The car is driven by her cousin, Elizabeth May Jourdain, who is killed. Joanne and Elizabeth had been drinking in the middle of the day.¹⁵ Joanne Weise is placed in an assisted-living home where, according to Jeffrey, she has to relearn to tie her shoes.¹⁶

2000 Joanne and Timothy separate. Jeffrey lives with his grandmother, Shelda Lussier.¹⁷

2002 Jeffrey flunks eighth grade.¹⁸

September 2003 Jeffrey begins high school (ninth grade).¹⁹

2003 Two years before the attack, Jeffrey's maternal grandfather dies.²⁰

May 2004 Joanne and Timothy file for divorce. They address custody for the two children they have together, but not Jeffrey.²¹

June 2004 Jeffrey is hospitalized for seventy-two hours in Thief River Falls, due to suicidal thoughts.²²

2004-5 At the time of the attack, Jeffrey is not attending school. He receives homebound instruction. Many different explanations for this have been given:

- Superintendent Stuart Desjarlait reportedly ordered Jeffrey "to stay at home for tutoring" six months prior to the attack.²³
- The principal reported that this was to offer Jeffrey extra help because of his "issues."²⁴
- Neighbors reported that he had to study at home due to disciplinary problems.²⁵
- In-home tutoring was the result of being expelled for violating school rules.²⁶

- Teachers recommended that he be home-schooled.²⁷
- “He apparently left school last year for unspecified medical reasons.”²⁸
- He was banned from high school five weeks before the shooting because of conflict with a teacher.²⁹
- Twice in the past year he had stopped attending school because he was depressed and unable to handle teasing, according to his grandmother.³⁰
- Jeffrey reportedly said he couldn’t be in school because kids picked on him.³¹
- A counselor at the reservation recommended he be home-schooled.³²

- 5 August 2004 Jeffrey signs up on a website. He refers to being on homebound schooling, but it is not clear if that is as of 5 August or a comment added later.³³
- 21 February 2005 Jeffrey meets with a mental health professional at Red Lake Hospital. He has a prescription for Prozac refilled. He has been taking Prozac since the previous summer.³⁴
- 5 March 2005 Jeffrey watches *Elephant* (a movie about a school shooting) with friends.³⁵
- 21 March 2005 Prior to the attack at school, Jeffrey shoots his grandfather, Daryl Lussier, Sr., (age fifty-eight) as many as ten times in the head and chest as he sleeps. Then he shoots Michelle Sigana (his grandfather’s girlfriend, age thirty-two) twice in the head as she is carrying a basket of laundry up the stairs. At the time, Jeffrey is living with his grandmother, Shelda Lussier, Daryl’s ex-wife. Daryl and Michelle have a son, Devon, born in 1992.³⁶
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