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## Iowa School Shooting Suspect Identified

[Local news outlets in Iowa have identified a suspect in the shooting](#) at Perry Middle School & High School in Perry, Iowa.

Seventeen-year-old Dylan Butler is suspected of [killing a sixth grade student, and injuring five others](#) on the Perry Community School District campus shared by the Middle and High Schools.

Law-enforcement officers entered the campus immediately upon arriving shortly after the shooting began at 7:37 a.m.

[During the search of the campus, the suspect was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.](#) The Middle School was [cleared by 8:25 a.m., and a second team cleared](#) the High School by 8:27 a.m.

Law-enforcement officers located a small-caliber handgun a pump-action shotgun used by the suspect, and a improvised explosive device described as “rudimentary,” which was and rendered safe.

Journalist Colin Rugg reports TikTok scrubbed Butler’s account, and [posted a video on X:](#)

Iowa Republican Governor Kim Reynolds [released a statement on X saying](#), “Our hearts are broken by this senseless tragedy. Our prayers are with the students, teachers & families of the Perry Community. I have been in contact with law enforcement agencies & am continuing to monitor the situation. I will be joining their press conference today.”



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