

Police identify Walkill murder-suicide suspect

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[2016 Cop Domestic Violence Murder Suicide](#) John Casullo

WALLKILL - Police have released the identity of the father who killed his children and then turned the gun on himself in Orange County on Thursday.

Investigators say John Casullo, 48, a retired Town of Newburgh police officer, shot his own children, 8-year-old James and 12-year-old Kathleen, in their home on 5th Avenue in the Town of Walkill and then killed himself.

The Town of Newburgh police told News 12 they do not have a comment at this time. It is not known what prompted the violence. Neighbors say it was the mother who first found her children in their beds, each fatally shot once in the head. "He had shot her babies. She said, she don't know why. Everyone could hear her and, understandably, as a mom, I don't know what I would do if I ever walked into a situation like that. They're your babies," says neighbor Jean Stevens.

Neighbors say the family was very private and kept the blinds shut at the house. They also say Child Protective Services had been called to the home several times.

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