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A police officer stands near the Tacoma house of Maurice Clemmons, the 37-year-old former Arkansas man wanted for questioning in the killing of four Lakewood police officers. The Associated Press

Maurice Clemmons faces charges of robbing and other charges when he was committed by the Arkansas Board of Parole in 2000. Clemmons later was sent to prison in Georgia for another parole violation. He was released again five years later.

Clemmons was released from jail in 2007 after serving three years in the county jail on a probation violation. Five years later, he was serving seven years for violating his parole, according to the Arkansas Department of Correction.

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Four Lakewood officers — three from at least two jurisdictions, one who had eight years of law-enforcement experience, and one who had five months of law-enforcement experience — were killed and 12 others injured.

The gunshots killed two veteran officers on the scene Sunday morning and wounded seven others. An apparent hoax came when a man called 911, claiming to be the gunman and falsely claiming responsibility for the shooting, Troyer said.

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**Veteran officers were parents, too**

**The OFFICERS**

BY JACK BROOM, LYNDA V. MAPES, BOB YOUNG AND SUSAN KELLEHER

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Hundred at Tacoma church hours after shootings

BY JENNIFER SULLIVAN

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Stephanie James, aunt, wife of a Lakewood police officer, into a vigil at a Champagne Center church in Tacoma. James said she was at church Sunday morning when she heard about the shootings. “We were just chilling with each other,”

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