

## Murder-Suicide: first murder since 1994

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The North Wilkesboro community is still in shock after a local man fatally shot the mother of his children, wounded his son and committed suicide Wednesday evening.

That man, Bobby Hodges, was convicted of assault in 1994. The victim, Laura Renee Triplett, was also the victim in that case. Friends of their 14-year-old son say the boy was worried for his mother's safety. The son is recovering at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem. The couple's other child, a 3-year-old girl, is in the custody of relatives. **The incident is the first murder in North Wilkesboro since another murder-suicide in 1994.**