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Arizona gunman kills 4, self at Phoenix townhouses

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USPA News - A gunman in Arizona on Saturday killed four people and two dogs at a neighbor's house before returning to his townhouse where he turned the weapon on himself, a police spokesman said on Sunday, with neighbors indicating loud barking may have led to the killings. The incident occurred in Phoenix, the capital and largest city of Arizona, at around 9 a.m. local time on Saturday when the suspected gunman, 56-year-old Michael Dante Guzzo, went to his neighbor's house and killed four members of the same family.

The family's two dogs were also shot and killed. "After shooting the victims, Guzzo walked across the courtyard and shot through the front door and window of another townhouse in the same complex," said Sergeant Tommy Thompson, a spokesman for the Phoenix Police Department. "Guzzo left that scene on foot, apparently returning to his apartment." Patrol officers and the Special Assignments Unit (SWAT) responded to the scene after a 911 call of a man shooting at the second townhouse, where no one was injured. They discovered the murder scene and found four victims, while Guzzo's body was found in his own residence. "Guzzo was found next door in his townhouse, deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. A pump shotgun, believed to be the murder weapon, was found next to him," Thompson said. He said there was speculation that Guzzo had a "low tolerance for dogs or noise," and neighbors indicated that loud barking may have led to the dispute that resulted in the deadly confrontation. The four victims were identified as 66-year-old Bruce Moore, 42-year-old Michael Moore, 36-year-old Renee Moore, and 17-year-old Shannon Moore.

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