

# Texas massacre



**Investigation:** Police at the scene of the massacre, in which Pastor Frank Pomeroy's daughter was among 26 victims **PICTURE: REX**



**Wife:** Danielle Shields

## Kelley threatened churchgoing mother-in-law

GUNMAN Devin Kelley sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law who attended the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, it emerged yesterday. Police said there was a 'domestic situation' in the killer's extended family – although none of his relatives was at church that day. Freeman Martin, a spokesman for the Texas department of public safety, said the 26-year-old had three guns, was wearing a 'skull' mask and a ballistic vest during the

massacre, and called his father 'to notify him that he had been shot and didn't think he was going to make it' as he fled in his car. Officials also recovered video footage from inside the church. Mr Martin said there did not appear to be a religious or racial motive behind the killings. Kelley, who had reportedly been working as a security guard, was discharged from the Air Force several years ago for attacking his wife Danielle Shields and their

child. Danielle is believed to have taught at the First Baptist Church, while her mother Michelle was friends with the pastor's wife on social media. Friends said Kelley had once taught a Bible studies class but had started 'preaching' about atheism. Former schoolmate Nina Rose Nava wrote on Facebook: 'I just deleted him cause I couldn't stand his posts. He was always talking about how people who believe in God we're [sic] stupid.'



**'Domestic situation':** Killer Devin Kelley



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