

Sisters to be buried with brother who killed them

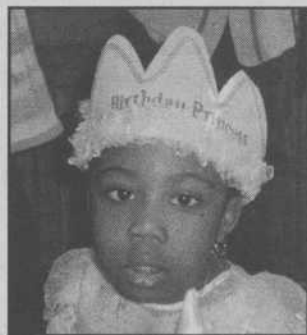
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BOSTON — Two sisters and the brother who killed them with a kitchen knife will share a single funeral service and be buried together.

Samantha Revelus, 17, and her sister, Bianca, 5, were killed at their home in Milton, Massachusetts, on Saturday.

Police shot the girls' brother, Kerby Revelus, 23, after an officer saw him decapitate the younger girl. A surviving sister, 9-year-old Saraphina, was recovering at a Boston hospital Monday after having surgery.

Ernst Guerrier, a Boston attorney and family friend, said he spent Monday morn-



Bianca Revelus

ing with Haitian immigrant parents Regine and Vronze Revelus as they made plans to bury the three together.

"They are still dealing with the shock and disbelief of losing three of their children," said Guerrier. There was nothing to indicate Kerby Revelus "was capable of something like this or that

this tragedy could have been prevented."

Kerby Revelus had been in trouble before, but his criminal record does not show anything close to the level of brutal violence he unleashed on his sisters on Saturday.

In September 2004, he was charged with assault and battery after another sister, Jessica Revelus, then 17, called police and said her brother, then 19, had punched her in the face during an argument over a phone bill. Kerby Revelus admitted he punched his sister, and told police he was upset with her because she owed him some money, according to a Milton police report.



Samantha Revelus

Jessica Revelus declined medical attention and told police she did not want to get a restraining order against her brother. "Ms. Revelus told me that she was not in fear of her brother and had no wish to pursue the matter," the arresting officer wrote in the report.

Jessica Revelus told the

Boston Herald that her brother had done two stints in jail.

He was arrested for assault and battery in August 2004 after he was involved in a fight with several other teenagers.

Then in December 2005, he was charged with carrying a firearm without a license after he tried to buy alcohol at a liquor store in Randolph. A store clerk called police when he saw a pistol magazine in Revelus' pocket, and police later found the magazine and a handgun in Revelus' waist band. He was sentenced to serve six months in jail and was released in September 2008.

Investigators believe



Sarafina Revelus

Revelus had been agitated since Friday night, when he got in a fistfight with a neighbor in this tiny suburb that is also home to Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick.

Revelus attacked his siblings with a kitchen knife while their grandmother, who neighbors say lives on (See *Stabbing*, Page 10)

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Obama said that any differences were "vastly overstated."

"I am absolutely confident that this meeting will reflect enormous consensus about the need to work in concert to deal with these problems," said Obama, who is under pressure to make a good showing in his first major appearance on the international stage.

Brown, too, sought to play up consensus, foreshadowing agreement on issues including a possible \$100 billion boost for global trade, financial regulation, and support for economic growth and job creation.

G-20 leaders are also in general agreement on a plan

to double the funds available to the International Monetary Fund to some \$500 billion to help out emerging countries.

"We are within a few hours, I think, of agreeing a global plan for economic recovery and reform and I think the significance of this is that we are looking at every aspect," Brown said.

But their optimism was at odds with Sarkozy, who said he would rather risk a public dispute than accept a vague consensus on key issues such as financial-market regulation and a crackdown on tax havens.

The summit is also expected to take up the role of ratings agencies, more scrutiny of lightly regulated hedge funds and how to clear

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bank balance sheets of shaky securities.

"I will not be a part of a summit that concludes with a statement of false compromises, which doesn't deal with the problems we face," Sarkozy said in an interview broadcast live on Europe-1 radio.

The point was under-

Brown, the host, had initially trumpeted the gathering as "a new Bretton Woods — a new financial architecture for the years ahead."

But the meeting is shaping up as bearing little similarity to the 1944 conference in New Hampshire where the eventual winners of World War II gathered to set post-war global monetary and financial order.

Osamu Sakashita, deputy cabinet secretary for public relations for Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, said that the debate over fiscal stimulus or reform had perhaps been overblown.

"It's not one or the other," he said. "Perhaps the difference has been oversimplified or taken out of context."

There is also growing consensus on the need to address the plight of developing countries, amid growing fears that the heavy toll exacted by the global economic crisis on those nations could come with heavy human and political implications.

In their meeting in November, the G-20 members vowed to avoid protectionism that could stifle trade. But since then, 17 have acted to pass subsidies to protect their own industries or limit imports, according to the World Bank.

It remains to be seen if leaders will be able to avoid a repeat of the last time that London hosted a world economic summit — the 1933 World Economic Conference that tried to agree plans to revive the global economy in the midst of the Great Depression.

Many commentators blame the collapse of that gathering — torpedoed in part by the recalcitrance of new President Franklin D. Roosevelt to make agreements that would restrict his freedom to act on the U.S. economy — for the subsequent erection of international trade barriers, continued competitive currency devaluation and rising unemployment.



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