

All Oklahomans are saddened by the deaths of four people at Saturday's Oklahoma State University homecoming parade. Forty-six others were injured, including 11 children. What promised to be a fun day of tradition and football turned suddenly tragic when a 2014 Hyundai Elantra struck the Sea of Orange Parade spectators near the corner of Main Street and Hall of Fame Avenue in Stillwater about 10:31 a.m. Adacia Avery Chambers, 25, of Stillwater was arraigned Monday on four counts of second-degree murder in connection with the deaths. For now, we will leave the court system to deal with her, and concentrate our thoughts on those who were killed or injured. Among those killed were 2-year-old Nash Lucas, the son of OSU chemical engineering student Nicolette Strauch, who was among those injured, and 23-year-old Nikita Nakal, a University of Central Oklahoma graduate student from Mumbai, India. Also killed were Marvin and Bonny Stone. He was the OSU regents professor emeritus in biosystems and agricultural engineering. He enjoyed an international reputation in agricultural electronics and had an earned reputation as an outstanding teacher. She was an OSU staff member in the Institutional Research and Information Management office. Friends described the couple as kind and dedicated to their school. Calling the deaths "a senseless and incomprehensible act," OSU President Burns Hargis asked everyone to lift up the grieving families and the injured in their prayers. "We are reminded once again of what is truly important in life — family and friends," Hargis said. "The OSU family is deeply saddened." OSU has established an online memorial site to honor the four: go.okstate.edu/parade-memorial. The same site has links to support and memorial funds. We wish a speedy and full recovery to the injured and offer sincere condolences to the families of those who died. We hope they will find comfort in their time of mourning and strength in the memory of their loved ones.