“Cancer Kills 1, Self; Wounds 3”

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AP—A woman is dead and
three family members
critically wounded
in a hostage-taking
gone terribly wrong.

The victim—a wife
and mother of two—
was seized nine months ago
in her doctor's office.

According to her doctor
the suspect, Breast Cancer,
entered the office as
a routine mammogram.
“It told me to tell her
the worst news of her life,
then let me go,” he said.

Thus began the stand-off.
Within days the experts—
the cancer specialists—
had arrived on the scene.

Over the next nine months
they tried all standard
therapeutic tactics
to secure her release,
without any success.

It finally ended last night
in a hail of chemotherapy
and high-tech gadgetry
as the cancer experts,
out of desperation,
ordered a last-ditch raid.

By the time the smoke cleared
the woman and her captor
lay dead, with the husband
and children grievously
wounded in the process.

An unnamed source close to
the investigation
says the suspect was found
clutching its human shield
with a note on its chest.
“All I wanted,” it said,
“was everlasting life.”

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