

Woman Seeks New Trial In Kidnapping, Murder Case

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PIERRE — An attorney for a woman serving life in prison for her role in a 2004 murder asked the South Dakota Supreme Court for a new trial Wednesday, saying jurors should hear from the man who confessed to the killing.

Jamee Corean, 31, was convicted of aiding and abetting aggravated kidnapping and being an accessory to murder in the death of Troy Klug of Rapid City. Prosecutors say she knew Klug was being held, bound and gagged, inside a large toolbox in a garage at the home she shared with her boyfriend but didn't

call police.

Corean's attorney, David Claggett, told justices during a hearing in Pierre that jurors should hear from Tory Teigen, who eventually confessed to killing Klug. Claggett also said jurors should have been told that several witnesses testifying against Corean were accomplices in the case. Only two of the witnesses were identified as such.

"Had that been properly instructed, we don't believe there would have been a conviction," Claggett argued.

Klug, 26, disappeared on July 12, 2004, after going to a Rapid City home to get methamphetamine, which witnesses said he

wanted to sell to pay off a debt. Teigen was convicted of Klug's kidnapping in 2005. He pleaded guilty in 2009 to murdering Klug, and he then led authorities to where he buried Klug's body in southeastern Montana.

Circuit Judge John Bastian denied Corean's request for a new trial earlier this year, saying it was unlikely Teigen's testimony would lead to her acquittal. The denial was appealed to the Supreme Court, which heard arguments Wednesday and will later issue a written ruling.

Frank Geaghan, an assistant attorney general, said Wednesday that another witness testified that Corean told her a man was being

held in the garage but refused to call authorities. Geaghan said Corean's boyfriend, James Kusick, testified that he told her "at least a couple of times" that the victim was outside in the garage.

He said Corean is an accomplice even if she only played a minor role.

"The defendant knew that Troy Klug was bound and gagged and in a tool box at her residence," Geaghan said.

Teigen did not testify in Corean's 2008 trial, which came before he confessed to the killing. But in a hearing last year, he said as far as he knew, Corean did not know Klug had been placed in her garage.

Third Of Neb. Students Don't Meet Reading Protocol

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OMAHA, Neb. — Nearly a third of Nebraska public school students failed to meet reading standards on the state's first standardized tests, according to results released Wednesday. About 20 percent exceeded standards.

State lawmakers approved uniform, statewide tests in reading, math and science in 2008 after the U.S. Department of Education said Nebraska failed to show its local assessments accurately measured student achievement under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

About 147,000 students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th-graders, took the

reading tests between March 28 and April 30. Students were mainly tested on vocabulary and comprehension.

Students were scored on a 200-point scale, with zero to 84 indicating students didn't meet state standards for their grade levels, 85 to 134 indicating meeting standards, and 135 and higher exceeding standards.

The average scores on the spring tests ranged from 101 to 104 in the grades tested, according to the results released Wednesday, when individual test results also were to start being released to parents.

Officials plan to release results broken down by demographic information such as race, ethnicity and family income on Oct. 1, when the annual State of the

Schools Report is issued.

Reading was the first of the statewide tests implemented. Math will be added next spring, and science in spring 2012.

Education Commissioner Roger Bred said Wednesday during a briefing with reporters that results from the first round of standardized testing would serve as a baseline and show educators where improvement was needed.

"I would hope the discussion would be, as the report begins to inform us as to where true needs might be across the state ... 'How can we best allocate resources to address those needs?'" Bred said.

Rather than looking to punish underperforming schools, Bred said he hoped the new statewide test results could provide help to

those schools with inadequate reading test scores.

"I would frame it this way. 'Are there things that School District A is doing that School District B could perhaps employ with its students ... to improve their reading performance commensurate with School District A?'" Bred asked. "That's what we would probably emphasize."

Bred also said the tests were designed for Nebraska students using state standards, so the results can't be compared to other states.

"It's a one-time, one-shot, drop-in measure," Bred said, adding that previous assessments included multiple tests throughout the year and teacher observations of student progress.

OBITUARIES

Gail Guthmiller

MENNO — Gail Guthmiller, age 56 of Menno passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 23, 2010 at her home due to injuries sustained from a gas explosion.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 28, 2010 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, SD with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 27, 2010 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Menno with the family present and a 7:00 p.m. prayer service.



Guthmiller

Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in charge of the arrangements.

Gail Lin Guthmiller was born September 1, 1953 to Mervin and Betty (Ferguson) Guthmiller in Estelline, South Dakota. She was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church and graduated from Menno High School in 1971. She attended South Dakota State University and

Worthington Community College in Worthington, MN. While in Worthington she managed the JoAnn Fabric Store and later managed stores in Michigan, Willmar, MN and Portland, OR. Gail also worked for ten years for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Portland. Gail returned to Menno, SD in 2007. She was employed by the United States Postal Service and Heritage Pharmacy.

Surviving Gail are her parents, Mervin and Betty Guthmiller of Menno, SD, siblings Robert (Ana) Guthmiller of Torrance, CA, Mary (Bruce) Handel of Menno, SD, Ann (Jerry) Clough of Yankton, SD, and

Mark (Pam) Guthmiller of Oregon, WI and her special friend, Daryl Miller of Menno, SD. Gail is also survived by many special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Royce Walker

Royce M. Walker, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Walker, was born on July 13, 1923 in Olivet, South Dakota. He was baptized in the Wittenberg Evangelical Church and was confirmed in the Olivet Evangelical Church. He attended a one-room country school in Wittenberg for several years and then completed the eighth grade and high school in the Olivet Public School.

In 1945 he was united in marriage with Anita Schemp. This union was blessed with two sons. Royce and his family were residents of Menno, SD from 1946 until 1964, when the family moved to Garden Grove, CA. While in South Dakota, he was the owner of Walker Construction Company, a heavy earth moving construction company constructing township and county roads, state highways and numerous stock dams and water storage structures for the local farming community. After moving to California, he became a member of Local 12 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, while owning and operating his earthmoving equipment, until his retirement in 1985. While residing in Menno, he was active in the community serving on the Menno Public School Board and on the Grace Lutheran Church Council.

After a brief illness, he passed away in his home in Murrieta, CA on Sunday, August 8, 2010. He attained the age of 87 years and 26 days. Surviving him are his wife Anita of 65 years, sons Gary (Evelyn) of Tucson, AZ and Galen (Kathy) of Corona, CA. Grandchildren include Ryan Walker (Kimberly) of Corona, CA, Candice Gifford (Chuck) of

Pflugerville, TX and Sarah Mudaliar (Alvin) of Stockton, CA, and one step-grandson David Hood of Corona, CA. Great grandchildren include Reagan and Reece Walker, Kaitlyn and Karsten Mudaliar, Kyle Gifford, and two step great grandsons Tyler and Todd Hood. He is also survived by his mother Erma of Tripp, SD; twin sisters-Noma (Jack) Saylor of Tripp, SD, and Nona (Alfred) Herrboldt of Alcester, SD. He was preceded in death by his father, George, in 1979, and two infant siblings.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 13 at Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary in Whittier, CA with the Rev. H. C. Lyon, from Christ The Vine Lutheran Church, Temecula, CA, officiating.

Pallbearers were Ryan Walker, Alvin Mudaliar, Curtis Gillette, Jerad Schemp, Tyler Hood and Todd Hood. He was laid to rest in the Mausoleum of the Valley at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

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Mary Brown

VERMILLION — Mary Margaret Brown, 93, of Vermillion, SD, died Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at her home. Mary Margaret was born November 20, 1916 to Charles & Marguerite (Harrington) Brown in Elk Point, SD.

Mary Margaret valued faith, family and education, and these were the driving forces in her life. She received her undergraduate degree from Briar Cliff College in 1938, and masters and doctorate degrees from the University of South Dakota. She spent 27 years as a Professor of English at South

Dakota State University, retiring with Professor Emeritus status in 1982. She devoted a great deal of time to religious education and charitable work in Brookings after her retirement.

She was a lifelong learner who embraced technology, particularly the Internet, which kept her connected with two of her favorite things — her family, and the genealogy sites associated with her Irish heritage.

Mary Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Helen (Betty) Kyte and Sylvia Fullenkamp, and a brother and sister in infancy. She is survived by 21 nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren: Mary Kyte, Tom (Karyn) Kyte, Mike (Waneta) Kyte, Joe (Sandy) Kyte, Jim Kyte, Ed (Joey) Kyte, Rita Kyte, John Kyte, Jerry (Teresa) Kyte, Charlet (Bruce) Waage, Chuck (Marie) Fullenkamp, Dan (Marie) Fullenkamp, Ann Fullenkamp, Greg (Vicki) Fullenkamp, Julie (Ray) Zylla, Dorothy (Robert) McLellan, Terry (Jeff) Ballentine, Peggy Fullenkamp Oomens, Rose (Greg) White, Patty (Todd) Larsen, Tim (Carol) Fullenkamp.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 28 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in

Vermillion, with burial to follow in the Elk Point Cemetery in Elk Point, SD. Visitation will be Friday, August 27 starting at 5:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. all at the church. Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Roberta Taylor

Roberta (Dog Soldier) Taylor, 69, of Mitchell died Tuesday (Aug. 24, 2010) at Queen of Peace Hospital, Mitchell.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday at White Swan Community Center, Lake Andes. Burial is in Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery in Greenwood.

Wake services are at 8 p.m. Thursday at the community center.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

Byron Foreman

Byron Foreman, 91, longtime resident of Yankton, died Aug. 9, 2010, at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn.



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Yankton Chamber Will Close Early On Friday

The Yankton Chamber & Visitors Center, which includes the offices of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau and Office of Economic Development, will close at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, instead of its normal 5 p.m. closing time.

NorthWestern Energy is completing some power work in the area, which means that the Chamber offices will be without power Friday afternoon.

Final Gavins Point Dam Tours Scheduled

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will not be conducting tours of the Gavins Point Powerplant from Friday, Aug. 27, through Friday, Sept. 3.

The final public tours for the 2010 recreation season will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4-5, on the hour at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. and Labor Day Monday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Tours for school, civic, and church groups can be scheduled for September through May by calling the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center at 402-667-2546.

USD Welcomes New Students To Campus

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will welcome the Class of 2014 with a Convocation Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 28. Mitch Stewart, a USD graduate who worked as a member of President Barack Obama's campaign staff in 2008, will provide the keynote address for Convocation, which is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

As part of Move-In Day festivities for new students, Convocation begins with a processional from the North Complex to the DakotaDome. Stewart, a Vermillion native, is head of Organizing for America, which is a community organizing project of the Democratic National Committee. He will address new students during the hour long ceremony to officially welcome the Class of 2014 to the USD community. Additional speakers include SGA President Tim Carr, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Chuck Staben, Dean of Students James Parker and USD President James W. Abbott will lead the students in the official matriculation statement.

Move-In Day starts with check-in for new students at 8 a.m. at the DakotaDome. During the check-in process, students receive their information packets, residence hall keys and instructions on driving to the residence halls — all without having to get out of their vehicles. This process was implemented in 2008 with great success as the efficiency of this check-in procedure at the Dome eliminates long lines and avoids potential traffic congestion.

Convocation and Move-In Day are part of several New Student Orientation activities at The U. Additional activities include a Provost's Picnic, movies, games, floor socials, a vendor fair and Greek recruitment activities. For more information about these activities at USD, including a full schedule of events, please visit www.usd.edu/orientation.

USD Dance Team To Have Car Wash Saturday

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Dance Car Wash Fundraiser will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, at Freedom Valu Center, 830 East Cherry Street, Vermillion. The car wash runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The benefit is being held to help send the USD dance team to nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla.

For more information, contact Briana Johnston at 605-929-7057 or briana.johnston@usd.edu.

Second Step Outside Event Will Be Saturday

The Yankton Sportsmen for Youth will be hosting the second annual Step Outside Event on Aug. 28 at the Izaak Walton League of America trap range east of Yankton. The event is free and is open to the public.

Registration and light free lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m.

Participants will get the opportunity to learn about shotgun shooting, archery, BB gun shooting, fishing, trapping and waterfowl hunting.

This event is open to children between the ages of 8-16 and be accompanied by a guardian. Pre-register all participants by calling 605-668-2985, ext. 10. Space is limited so register your child prior to the day of the event.

Sacred Hearth Book Fair Will Be Tuesday

Yankton's Sacred Heart School will host the Scholastic Book Fair at 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The Book Fair will be offered at both Sacred Heart Middle School Link Auditorium at 5th & Capital, and at Sacred Heart Elementary School Gymnasium at 1500 St. Benedict's Drive, Yankton. The Book Fair will be held in conjunction with the open house at both school sites.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, clerking, and take down of the Book Fair. Those willing to help should contact Book Fair Chair Cindy Vyborny at 605-364-7331 or Tamara Liebig at (605) 260-0451.

Book Fair proceeds will fund the purchase of new books for the school libraries.

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Labor Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, September 6, for the Labor Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Noon, Wednesday, September 1
Tuesday, September 7 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 1
Wednesday, September 8 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, September 2
Thursday, September 9 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, September 3

There will be no newspaper on Monday, September 6, 2010

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