

Couple Ordered To Pay In Embezzlement Case

ABERDEEN (AP) — A South Dakota couple accused of embezzling money from a relative's estate has been ordered in a civil case to repay more than \$100,000 — even before the case unfolds in criminal court. A judge ruled that Albert and Rosey Dosch, of Frederick, used \$108,715 from the estate of Joseph Dosch for personal purposes. The *American News* reported Thursday. Albert Dosch is Joseph's nephew and was appointed Joseph's power of attorney in 2009, and representative of Joseph's estate when he died in November 2010 at age 95. A granddaughter of Joseph Dosch who stood to inherit a portion of his estate filed the civil lawsuit. She has replaced Albert Dosch as the estate's representative.

Albert and Rosey Dosch have pleaded not guilty to felony charges in the separate criminal case, which isn't yet resolved. Albert Dosch, 54, is charged with grand theft by embezzlement and perjury. Rosey Dosch, 50, is charged with grand theft by embezzlement.

The couple and their lawyers weren't immediately available for comment. In the civil case, Judge Tony Portra ruled that Albert and Rosey Dosch committed conversion — an act that deprives another person of money or property. Portra wrote in his decision that Albert Dosch used his power of attorney "for the purposes of making changes to the checking and money market accounts" belonging to his ailing uncle.

Health Dept. Closes Hudson Nursing Home

SIoux FALLS (AP) — The state Health Department has ordered a nursing home in the southeastern South Dakota city of Hudson to close.

The Health Department says the Hudson Healthcare Center has been shut down because of a pattern of repeated deficiencies that threaten the health and safety of residents. The department reports that it is helping to relocate the more than two dozen people who live in the center to other facilities.

Hudson Healthcare owner Joe Ward tells Kelo-TV that the facility had some problems, but they did not threaten patients' health. He plans to appeal the closure.

But the Health Department says the center failed to give people their medication and failed to have enough nursing staff on hand.

Hollingsworth says most patients were being moved from the center Thursday.

2 More People Killed In Rally-Related Crash

RAPID CITY (AP) — Two more people have died in a motorcycle crash during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in western South Dakota.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that the deaths were the seventh and eighth traffic fatalities since Sunday during this year's bike rally. Only four motorcycle deaths were recorded during rally week last year.

The South Dakota Highway reports that 53-year-old Timothy Mueller of Bloomfield, Neb., died after his motorcycle collided Wednesday with a utility task vehicle on South Dakota Highway 34 west of Belle Fourche. Sixty-three-year-old Delane Nixon of Belle Fourche, a passenger in the utility task vehicle, also died.

The Highway Patrol says charges are pending the driver of the utility task vehicle, 59-year-old John Teigen of Belle Fourche, who also received serious injuries in the crash.

Suspect Arrested In S.D. Casino Robbery

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Police have arrested a suspect in the robbery of a Sioux Falls casino.

Authorities say the 35-year-old man was taken into custody Wednesday night. They did not immediately provide details of the arrest.

Police say a gun-wielding man wearing a hooded sweat shirt and a bandanna robbed Jackson's Casino II about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. The man fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Authorities say they searched the suspect's apartment and recovered a gun, cash and clothing that matched the description of the suspect.

Neb. Medical School Study Questioned

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The University of Nebraska is investigating questions raised about the integrity of a study conducted by researchers at its Medical Center.

The study was done by five researchers affiliated with the Nebraska medical school and two from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia.

They studied the role of some proteins involved in a lung complication associated with the AIDS virus, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported. An abstract of the study said results suggested that artificially manipulating a cellular switch could help people recover from swelling by inflamed tissue that surround lung air sacs.

The *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* published the study online in February. But a posting on its website says questions have arisen about data that accompanied the study article.

The journal posted an "expression of concern" on Aug. 1 and said it is withholding print publication of the article, pending the inquiry by the University of Nebraska.

Temple spokeswoman Rebecca Harmon said Thursday that she couldn't immediately comment.

Sheila Wrobel, chief compliance officer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, told The Associated Press that the university began its inquiry in late July and has 60 days under federal rules to determine whether a full investigation is warranted. This initial inquiry could also confirm the validity of the research.

Wrobel said it's very unusual for questions like this to come up about research.

Adventurer Starting Swim Down Missouri River

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SIoux FALLS — After trying similar feats with a kayak and skateboard, British adventurer Dave Cornthwaite turns his attention to swimming Friday as he embarks on a 1,000-mile journey down the Missouri River that will take him from Chamberlain, S.D., to St. Louis.

"I wouldn't say I'm nervous at all. We've prepared really well. I'm kind of used to taking on these challenges and for everybody around me to consider me mad and tell me I'm going to die and all these things," Cornthwaite said by phone Thursday as he looked out at the river in Chamberlain, a day before the swim begins.

A team of seven will be paddleboarding

alongside Cornthwaite as he swims down the river, averaging about 20 miles a day, and posting to Twitter and Facebook along the way.

"I basically want to open up this experience we're all doing and just break it down. Sure it's hard, but it's something that everybody can do if they want to," he said.

Cornthwaite is used to pushing himself. While he doesn't consider himself an endurance athlete, the 32-year-old isn't a couch potato by any means.

His latest quest is part of Expedition1000, a project to complete 25 1,000-mile journeys using non-motorized transport. The goal of the project is to raise 1 million pounds, or about \$1.5 million, for the AV Foundation, an organization that supports rural schools in

Africa, Asia and Latin America, and Cop-paFeel, a breast cancer awareness charity.

Cornthwaite's journey to adventurer started seven years ago at the age of 25, when he woke one morning, looked around and realized that although he had everything he should to be happy, he wasn't.

"I had everything I was supposed to have on paper as an adult — like a well-paid job, a long term partner, a house and a cat. I wasn't really happy with any of it, apart from the cat. I was just miserable," Cornthwaite said.

So he went snowboarding and skateboarding and realized that his perspective on the world had completely changed, simply by the way he was viewing it.

Cornthwaite quit his job and made a goal to skateboard farther than anyone else. He

skated the length of Britain in 2006, then the length of Australia in 2007.

And now, he's taking on a new adventure. For the next 50 or so days, Cornthwaite will be swimming six to eight hours every day, waking early to try to get in as many miles as possible before the wind picks up around 10 a.m. He'll also give talks about his charities and the power of a positive attitude. He and his team will camp out at night along the river.

And why the Missouri for his latest river excursion? "The Missouri has a little bit of flow to it, but I love traveling in the center or America. The people here are just so friendly and supportive, and the geography too. It's just a marvelous place to travel," he said.

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