

## Stripper Says Garcia Talked Of Killing

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A homicide detective says a former doctor accused of killing four people in Omaha told an Indiana stripper of killing two people.

Anthony Garcia, of Terra Haute, Ind., is charged with four counts of first-degree murder in the 2008 deaths of the 11-year-old son of Creighton University pathologist William Hunter and the family's housekeeper, as well as the May deaths of Creighton pathologist Roger Brumback and his wife.

Omaha detective Derek Mois testified at a hearing Wednesday that Anthony Garcia told a stripper in 2012 that he killed a "small boy and an old woman." He also said Garcia's smartphone revealed a GPS search for the home address of the Brumbacks.

Garcia's attorneys say prosecutors have circumstantial evidence. A judge ruled Wednesday that Garcia will stand trial.

## Gov. Appoints Langer To S.D. House Seat

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he's appointing a Dell Rapids businesswoman to a vacant South Dakota House seat.

Kris Langer will fill a District 25 vacancy created by the resignation of Rep. Jon Hansen, who resigned effective Aug. 15 to attend the USD School of Law.

Langer is a real estate agent for LandMark Realty and Auction and has served four terms on the Dell Rapids City Council. She's also served on the Minnehaha Economic Development Association and the Dell Rapids Economic Development Board.

Daugaard says Langer is a leader in her community. District 25 includes north and east Minnehaha County, including the cities of Dell Rapids, Baltic, Garretson, Colton, Lyons, Valley Springs and Rowena. It also includes an area of eastern Sioux Falls near South Sycamore Avenue.

## Mom Of Remains Found In S.D. Located

ASTORIA (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says investigators have made contact with a mother who gave birth to two newborns found dead in November in eastern South Dakota.

The decomposed tissue and bones were found Nov. 2 in a rural shelterbelt on private land near Astoria, and state and local officials had said they were investigating the case as a homicide.

Jackley tells KELO television (<http://bit.ly/18vnf89>) that investigators have contacted the mother, who lives in Minnesota. He says charges are being explored but he can't release additional details on the case.

Experts have concluded that the remains were about 40 weeks old and capable of living outside the uterus. Investigators have been gathering additional information from an autopsy report and a forensic anthropological evaluation.

## Omaha Man Claims \$1M Powerball Prize

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha man has claimed a \$1 million prize from last week's Powerball drawing.

Thomas Reiners came forward Tuesday as the winner. He says he bought the ticket at a convenience store in the eastern Nebraska town of Genoa (jeh-NOH'-uh).

Reiners, who says he plans to save the money for retirement, learned of his good fortune by checking his numbers online. His five-play Quick Pick ticket matched all of the winning white ball numbers.

Lottery officials say there were three winning tickets for the nearly \$450 million Powerball on Aug. 7 — one in Minnesota and two in New Jersey.

## Neb. Delegation To Visit Asia For Trade Mission

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Dave Heineman announced plans Wednesday to send a Nebraska delegation on a trade mission to Taiwan and Japan, markets he described as critical to expand the state economy.

Lt. Gov. Lavon Heidemann will lead the two-week trip in September, along with state officials from the departments of Agriculture and Economic Development. Heineman said officials in Taiwan have shown strong interest in Nebraska's agricultural products.

"These relationships with a wide variety of countries are important to Nebraska, because we export a lot of products — especially ag products," Heineman said.

Nebraska officials are traveling to Japan for the annual Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference in Tokyo. The delegation will also visit the Nebraska Center in Japan, which opened in 2006 as the state's first foreign trade office.

The delegation will receive an update on a 2010 trade agreement signed with Taiwanese officials, said Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director Greg Ibach.

The agreement was worth an estimated \$450 million in future sales of corn, soybeans and wheat. Ibach said state officials will also push to expand Nebraska's farm-and-ranch exports to Taiwan, a nation with more than 23 million people.

"It's just like any other business venture: If you don't show up, if you don't ask for the business, they'll find somebody who will ask for the business," Ibach said.

Japan remains Nebraska's largest direct, foreign investor. Nine Japanese companies have invested about \$3.7 billion in Nebraska in the last five years, said Catherine Lang, director of the state Department of Economic Development. Lang pointed to the Marubeni Corporation, which has almost completed a six-story grain-trading building in downtown Omaha.

Lang said Japan also is Nebraska's largest export market, having generated \$468 million in exports last year.

The trip to both countries will cost the state about \$14,700, according to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

# S.D. Lottery Has Strong Year

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The bottom line that Gov. Dennis Daugaard gave to the South Dakota Lottery when he took office in 2011 was to make more money for state government. The fiscal 2013 sales report delivered Wednesday to the Lottery Commission showed one of the best performances in the agency's 26-year history.

Norm Lingle, the lottery's executive director, said the totals as of the close of business June 30 marked the first time since 2008 that sales of all three games types — lotto, scratch tickets and video lottery — were up from the prior fiscal year.

Lotto sale, set a new sales record of \$32 million, a 13 percent increase. Powerball led the way with more than

\$19 million in sales, up 32 percent.

Scratch tickets reached nearly \$25.2 million, a 1.7 percent increase but the second-highest year ever for South Dakota. Lingle said the record of just over \$26 million was set in 1988 during the lottery's first year of operation, when the only games allowed by the Legislature were the scratch-off tickets.

Those two sets of games produced approximately \$14 million in profits for state government's purposes.

Video lottery meanwhile generated \$91.4 million in actual revenue for the state's property-tax relief fund that helps fund public K-12 schools. That is a 4.5 percent increase from a year ago and is the largest amount since 2010, when voters passed the smoking ban.

Video-lottery play dropped 17 percent as the ban led to people spending less time in the bars, convenience

stores and restaurants that hosted the privately-owned video poker, blackjack and keno machines.

"I think we've bottomed out," Lingle said. He said video still has "a way to go to climb back out of the hole" but it seems to be on the way.

Businesses and state government, which share 50-50 in the money lost by players, took a combined hit of \$39 million between the smoking ban and the recession.

"It was quite an impact," Bob Hartford of Pierre, the lottery commission's chairman, said Wednesday. He previously was executive director for the Music and Vending Association of South Dakota, one of the major organizations representing video lottery businesses.

"That's money we can't get back," Hartford said.

## S.D. Leading Trade Mission To Russia

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota's Agriculture Department is leading a three-state trade mission to Russia to tout beef cow genetics in the Northern Plains.

Officials with the state agriculture departments in Kansas and Montana also will be involved in the trip planned for late October, along with beef producers and industry representatives.

Russia was the largest market in the world for U.S. cattle exports last year, according to the federal Agriculture Department's Foreign Agriculture Service.

"Hundreds, if not thousands of these cattle are coming out of South Dakota — not surprisingly as our state is home to some of the best cattle genetics on the globe," said Ty Eschenbaum, agriculture development representative for South Dakota's Agriculture Department. "In 2012, we were the fifth-largest producer of beef cattle in the nation, based on calves born."

The eight-day mission will include stops in Moscow and in Novosibirsk, Russia's third-largest city. Funding is being provided by U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, a non-profit international trade organization that develops markets for U.S. livestock with help from the federal government.

South Dakota's Agriculture Department led a similar mission last October.

## Sioux City Ordered To Pay \$1.2M On Note Guarantee

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — A judge has ordered Sioux City to pay \$1.2 million on a promissory note guarantee the city made for the developer of a downtown movie theater complex.

The *Sioux City Journal* reported the judge also told the city on Tuesday that it must pay \$300,000 a year from 2014 through 2018 if First National Bank has not received full payment of its loan to Civic Partners, the complex's developer, by Jan. 15 of each year.

Sioux City Mayor Bob Scott and Jeff Wright, the city's private attorney handling the case, declined to comment.

"We're still evaluating the ruling," Wright said.

The case stems from a loan of more than \$5.6 million First National Bank's Sioux City office made to Civic Partners in 2003 to build the \$13 million Promenade Cinema 14 movie theater and adjoining retail space.

In 2005, Civic Partners refinanced

a bank development loan under a promissory note and stopped making payments in 2009. The bank sued the city in August 2012 for breach of contract. Civic Partners has filed bankruptcy.

Under a financial agreement, city officials agreed to guarantee up to \$3 million of the loan or \$300,000 annually for 10 years.

"The only condition which was written into the contract which should be fulfilled before the City would be required to pay \$300,000 was that Civic Partners should fail to pay in accordance with its promises," District Judge John Ackerman wrote in his ruling. "The record shows that Civic Partners has done this. ... Here, the contract of guaranty is absolute."

Ackerman also rejected the city's request to delay proceedings until the developer's bankruptcy case is resolved.

Throughout the proceedings, the theater has remained open.

## Audits: Some State Agencies Not Following Laws

BY DAVID PITT  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A state auditor's report on the Iowa Department of Public Health released Wednesday criticized the agency for failing to inspect funeral homes and mortuaries as required by state law.

In the public health report the auditors said the Iowa Code requires the department to inspect "all places where dead human bodies are prepared or held for burial, entombment or cremation."

The law gives the department the authority to adopt and enforce rules for inspections "necessary for the preservation of the public health."

In June the Board of Mortuary Science recommended changing the law to say the department may inspect the facilities instead of shall inspect them, said department spokeswoman Polly Carver-Kimm.

"We take it seriously and we're working on a process of trying to amend the code," said Iowa Public Health Director Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

She said the state hasn't inspected funeral homes for decades, leaving it to cities and counties to handle through local ordinances.

She said her agency wants the authority to inspect funeral homes if concerns arise but typically rely on local government and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations to oversee the operations.

Auditors said the agency also has not performed the required inspections of hair salons every two years as outlined in the state code.

The agency responded by saying its Board of Cosmetology "considers inspections of salons an important component in protecting the public and continues to consider fi-

nancially feasible solutions to the requirements for onsite inspections."

The board is scheduled to discuss the requirement at its August meeting.

Auditors also questioned whether \$11,700 spent for 350 meals served at pharmacy board and pharmacy outreach meetings by local restaurants were legitimate state expenditures. The department responded by saying the Department of Administrative Services has repeatedly authorized the board's expenditure for the meals. Public health officials said the pharmacy outreach meetings are important to engage pharmacists in a meaningful dialogue with the board and staff "to update, educate and inform licensees of new and proposed changes to pharmacy-related laws and rules."

The agency said written policies and procedures will

be developed including the proper justification of the public purpose served.

The health department audit one of several released Wednesday by State Auditor Mary Mosiman. Also released were reports on the departments of administrative services, agriculture, the blind, inspections and appeals, and justice.

The audit report for the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship said the agency failed to start a program designed to promote the production and consumption of ethanol fuel as required by the Legislature.



### MORNING COFFEE

WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Thursday, August 15**

7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau (Lisa Scheve)

8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

**Friday, August 16**

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8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)

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