

Jansen Resignation Letter Released To The Public

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PIERRE — The South Dakota Supreme Court released the resignation letter Wednesday of the accused child rapist and pornographer who gave up his license to practice law.

In the two-page letter Christopher Jansen of Selby said he was aware he was under investigation by the State Bar disciplinary board for professional misconduct.

“The alleged misconduct concerns conduct for which I have been charged with crimes in Hughes County, South Dakota, which criminal charges are now pending,” Jansen wrote to the Supreme Court.

“The charges against me are serious and I resign in order to avoid damage to the interests of my clients, the profession and the justice system,” Jansen continued.

Chief Justice David Gilbertson released the letter as a public document after receiving a request from a reporter representing this newspaper and six other South Dakota dailies.

Jansen said in the resignation letter that he didn’t desire to contest or defend

against the disciplinary board’s investigation. The letter was dated Aug. 2.

The alleged act for which he was originally arrested allegedly took place at Blunt, a small community in eastern Hughes County, on July 29.

Jansen didn’t say in the letter what he allegedly did.

At the end of the letter he signed a waiver and consented to the immediate entry of a disbarment order without any further proceedings.

Jansen, 34, is a former Walworth County state’s attorney who held the office starting in 2009 and resigned from it in 2012.

He initially was charged with three counts of child rape.

Jansen subsequently was charged in federal court Aug. 11 on one count of sexual exploitation of a minor and one count of distribution of material involving the exploitation.

On Aug. 13, a Hughes County grand jury indicted Jansen on six counts of child rape.

The Supreme Court disbarred Jansen on Aug. 15. He remains held in jail without bail.

Group Forms Alliance Against Pipeline

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Several South Dakota groups opposed to the proposed Keystone XL pipeline have combined forces.

A coalition called No KXL Dakota includes Protect the Sacred Movement of the Ihanktonwan/Yankton, the Bridger Spiritual Camp, the Lower Brule Spiritual Camp, the Rosebud Spiritual Camp, Dakota Rural Action and the Indigenous Environmental Network.

Dakota Rural Action spokesman Paul Seamans says he believes the pipeline will hurt the environment and his group has formed alliances with several organizations to oppose the project.

The coalition plans to visit several communities around the state and will kick off its efforts Friday with an event below the Fort Randall Dam.

The proposed TransCanada pipeline would travel through Montana and South Dakota before reaching Nebraska.

Supporters of the pipeline say it will solve infrastructure problems and create jobs.

Heineman Completes ALS Challenge

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Dave Heineman took an ice-cold shower outside his home to raise awareness about a devastating disease.

Heineman completed the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Wednesday with help from his wife, first lady Sally Ganem. People who take the challenge douse themselves with a bucket of freezing water to raise money for Lou Gehrig’s disease research.

Heineman was challenged by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, University of Nebraska-Lincoln volleyball coach John Cook, and NTV news anchor Marylyn Barnett.

The governor in turn challenged three others: *Omaha World-Herald* Publisher Terry Kroeger; KETV news anchor Rob McCartney; and KFAB radio personality Jim Rose.

Heineman also donated \$100 to the cause through the ALS Association’s Nebraska Chapter. A video of the drenching was posted on the governor’s Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/negovernor>.

Teen Charged In Nebraska Crash Death

SIDNEY, Neb. (AP) — A 16-year-old Nebraska boy who told officers he’d been texting before a fatal collision has been charged in juvenile court.

Cheyenne County Attorney Paul Schaub (shahb) says one allegation filed Tuesday amounts to misdemeanor vehicular homicide in adult court and the other allegation is texting while driving. The Associated Press generally doesn’t identify juveniles accused of crimes.

The collision occurred a little after 11:30 p.m. on July 31, about four miles east of Sidney on U.S. Highway 30. Authorities say 19-year-old Karman “JoJo” Reichman was driving east when her vehicle ran into a westbound vehicle driven by the teenage boy.

She was pronounced dead at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff. Investigators say the boy acknowledged that he’d been texting before the accident.

Mining Company Must Release Data

RAPID CITY (AP) — A licensing board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has ruled that a mining company must release the results of a geological survey to opponents of its proposed uranium mine in western South Dakota.

Judges on the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board made their decision Wednesday in Rapid City. They’re meeting this week to hear challenges to the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mine. Powertech Uranium Corp. is proposing the mine.

Opponents say the results of the survey could show threats to local aquifers if the company starts mining.

Powertech argues that the data is not relevant and is proprietary. Attorneys for the company say it won’t show whether aquifers in the region would be threatened by their style of mining.

Christopher Pugsley with Powertech says the ruling doesn’t change the company’s plans.

S.D. Students Score Well On ACT Exam

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota students continue to score above the national average on the ACT college entrance exam.

Students in the state had an average composite score this year of 21.9, above the national average of 21.0. The state score was unchanged over the year.

The ACT tests students in the areas of English, math, reading and science. The best possible score on the exam is 36. The test is commonly used by colleges and universities as a benchmark for college readiness and entrance.

About 78 percent of South Dakota’s 2014 graduating class took the exam.

Iowa: Extra Benefits Sent Due To Glitch

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa’s workforce agency provided unemployment benefits to some people that didn’t seek them earlier this year, and staff was urged to stay quiet about what had happened, according to internal emails provided to a state legislative oversight committee.

Iowa Workforce Development spokeswoman Kerry Koonce confirmed Wednesday that 85 people received excess unemployment payments during one week in March. Officials issued benefits to everyone who got them the previous week after a system malfunction meant they couldn’t process updated information from recipients. Koonce stressed that about 30,000 received accurate payments.

Agency emails provided to the Iowa Senate Government Oversight Committee show that after the malfunction, a manager emailed staffers, instructing them to provide no information about what happened, blame “technical difficulties” and to accept refunds only if they were offered.

The Oversight Committee is set to review what happened at hearings next week. Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, who chairs the committee, questioned why agency workers had been told not to talk.

“Once again we’re seeing secrecy coming from an administration that claims transparency,” Petersen said.

Koonce said agency Director Teresa Wahlert made the call to issue the benefits and said the excess payments cost \$27,000 at most, but noted that the total was likely less. She said the overall amount paid would have been up to \$12 million. She said the department is working on a system upgrade to prevent future problems.

The memo to staffers urging silence was an effort to quell “rumor-mongering,” Koonce said. She said there was no need to publicly disclose what happened.

“In the scheme of things, the amount of people this affected was very small,” Koonce said.

Jimmy Centers, a spokesman for Republican Gov. Terry Branstad, said the governor supported the decision to provide the benefits in this fashion. He did not respond to questions about why staffers were told to stay quiet.

“In a difficult situation following a technical glitch, Iowa Workforce Development acted to ensure about 30,000 Iowans receive the aid they needed and were expecting to receive,” Centers said in an email.

Lawmakers from the Democratic-majority Senate have also been reviewing other allegations about the management of the workforce agency.

Democratic Sen. Bill Dotzler, of Waterloo, has alleged that Wahlert has violated federal law that requires unemployment claims to be decided impartially. He has said that Wahlert demanded tallies on how often the judges rule in favor of employers and workers and requested the judges create tip sheets to help employers.

Dotzler has asked the U.S. Department of Labor to investigate Wahlert. Rhonda Burke, a Chicago-based spokeswoman for the department, said there is no investigation at this time, but noted the Department of Labor is working with the Iowa Workforce agency to ensure that the agency is providing an “independent appeals process for unemployment insurance claimants.” She said the state has been cooperative.

Koonce said Wahlert is not directly involved with claims and that the department will offer data next week to show that employers are not being favored.

Wahlert is also facing a lawsuit from the state’s former top unemployment appeals judge. Joe Walsh has filed a wrongful termination lawsuit contending that Wahlert fired him for opposing her efforts to change his job into a political appointment.

Koonce said the agency would not comment on the lawsuit.



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