

U.S. Checking Reports Of 2nd American Killed In Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is trying to determine if a second American fighting with the Islamic State group has been killed in Syria.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Wednesday that the U.S. has no independent confirmation of reports of a second American killed while fighting with the militant group. "We're looking into it," she said.

NBC cited an anonymous member of the opposition Free Syrian Army as saying two Americans were killed in a battle last week with Islamic State fighters.

The U.S. confirmed the death of one

American, Douglas McArthur McCain, who grew up outside Minneapolis in the town of New Hope and most recently lived in San Diego.

A relative, Kenneth McCain, told The Associated Press that the State Department called to tell his family that Douglas McCain had been killed in Syria. "We do not know if he was fighting anyone," he said.

Investigators were aware that McCain was in Syria to fight with the militant group, said a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss by name an ongoing investigation and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Schools

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"At the same time, having that combined valuation would protect our taxpayers."

Wednesday's gathering represented the first open meeting for the study committee. The group members, comprised of board members and administrators, had closed their meetings to the media and public. The committee cited the closed meetings as needed for more open and comfortable discussions and a free flow of information.

The districts had set up a five-school website for posting minutes, information and answers to the public's questions. However, the closed meetings raised some concerns from the media and public, and the five boards decided to open the committee meetings.

At Wednesday's meeting, the committee heard an extensive report from Corey Epler with the Nebraska Department of Education on the state's workforce needs.

Epler spoke of the disconnection that often occurs between available jobs and what schools are offering in terms of training to meet those needs.

In that respect, Epler praised the five schools for their continued focus on curriculum, job training and preparing students for life after graduation.

"We (at the state level)

continue to be excited that your (five-school) discussion continues to be grounded in what is best for students," he said.

The committee had broken into sub-committees, who presented their findings for further discussion.

When it comes to the secondary school, the committee discussed the advantages of grades 9-12 versus 7-12. They noted, while a 9-12 school may have lower construction costs at first, the 7-12 would open up more opportunities for shared staff and allowing the younger students to explore different career areas, course offerings and extracurricular activities.

Other discussion involved the idea of surveying other schools which have consolidated or had failed in the effort in order to learn from their experiences.

The sub-committee reports also focused on hiring an attorney to handle legal matters related to the five-school effort, possible architects and building options, and expanding the curriculum.

The committee also discussed taking the five-school information to local businesses and organizations as well as exploring possibilities for apprenticeships and other work-related experiences.

John Blaylock, a vice president at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, was present at the meeting and offered his school's assistance in workforce training. Blaylock also noted opportunities for helping students transition to post-secondary institutions

such as NECC.

During Wednesday's meeting, the five schools learned that each of them had qualified for a \$5,000 grant for planning purposes tied to the joint-school discussion.

The next study committee will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in Osmond. The five school boards will hold a joint public meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in Wausa.

Jensen, the Creighton superintendent, noted the five schools' effort was being watched closely across Nebraska. In many ways, the success of the five-school venture could mean survival for the northeast Nebraska districts, he said.

"We need to look at the economic impact of this. We have real opportunities for stimulating growth and strengthening relationships," he said. "We can create an employment link with a pipeline of workers. We can make a connection, instead of a disconnection, where students leave and then we have the population loss that all of us are experiencing."

The five school districts hold the power to control their destiny, Jensen said.

"We can bring all of these aspects together and grow our communities, rather than lose population," he said. "We will be able to keep our young people and build our future."

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Tripp

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The wagon train will spend Sept. 6-7, a Saturday-Sunday stay, in Tripp, Olson said. Plans call for a dinner and short program Saturday evening at the fairgrounds, a fireman's dance on Main Street that night and a Sunday morning breakfast and cowboy church service on the fairgrounds before the riders depart.

Olson plans for his Hutchinson County community to double in population with the wagon train's arrival.

"I talked to the organizers two weeks ago, and they said that 100 (wagon train riders) signed up," he said. "We are expecting a lot more people when they arrive in Tripp. We are planning to host 700 people, when it comes to putting together food and getting the needed areas. We want to be prepared for that number."

The action begins when the wagon train arrives in Tripp late Saturday afternoon, Olson said. He expects a buzz of activity as wagons, horses, riders and spectators fill the fairgrounds.

"The wagon train is coming into town from the east, on a gravel road, between 4-5 p.m.," the mayor said. "Our Legion will meet them with the honor guard, and the wagon train will go straight to the fairgrounds."

The public is encouraged to welcome and spend time with the wagon train during its stay, Olson said. The events are open to the general public, although the Saturday meal and dance carry a charge.

"We have heard the riders like to eat right away so they can set up their wagons and feed their horses when they get into town," the mayor said. "We will start serving the Delmont sausage supper at 6 o'clock and continue serving through the program that starts at 6:30."

The program, expected to last an hour, will feature both the fun and educational, Olson said. Local historians Gary Jerke of rural Tripp and Dick Strid of Delmont will speak on the heritage of Tripp and the surrounding area. The program will also feature local residents taking part in the ALS "ice bucket challenge" and the drawing for a raffle of beef and pork.

Activity shifts from the fairgrounds to Main Street, site of the firemen's dance, Olson said. The firemen traditionally host a street dance, but this year's event incorporates the wagon train and its participants, he said.

"It's going to be a really busy time for the firemen," the mayor said. "They have the street dance on Saturday night, and then the Tripp and Delmont fire departments are working together for the breakfast on Sunday morning. It's going to be a long day and long night for the firemen."

The Sunday breakfast, held on the fairgrounds, begins at 6:30 a.m. with donations taken for the meal. The cowboy church service, also held on the fairgrounds, begins shortly afterwards so the wagon train participants can hit the road by 8 a.m.

Tripp resident Maurice Bueber will deliver the sermon for the cowboy church service, Olson said. A stage has been prepared for the church service.

As the date nears for the wagon train, Tripp residents are prepared to host the influx of visitors, Olson said.

"We have been very fortunate. We have all the great organizations in town, and they are doing a super job with it," he said. "We also have great cooperation between Tripp and Delmont. We are both part of the same school district, and we are working together on this (wagon train)."

The wagon train organizers, who contacted Tripp officials about hosting an overnight stay, have praised the local site, Olson said.

"They toured our community, and they really liked our fairgrounds and other facilities," the mayor said. "If it rains, then we have the ballroom (on the fairgrounds). Otherwise, we can have the activities outside. And we have a lot of areas where (the wagon riders) can take care of their horses. There's plenty of room for that."

The wagon train isn't new for at least two local men, Olson said. Tripp residents John Finck and Maynard Meyer traveled with the state centennial wagon ride in 1989.

As for the upcoming wagon train, any proceeds from events will go to community projects, including the new downtown park.

But the greatest reward can't be measured in dollars and cents, Olson said. The wagon train shines a spotlight on Tripp in terms of both media coverage and word of mouth from visitors.

"For a small town, this sort of visibility is awesome," he said of the wagon train. "We're sharing with others what we have to offer."

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YANKTON COURTS

CASES DISPOSED: AUG. 1-7, 2014

Herman Matthew Kessler, Menno: Overweight on axle, \$170 with a \$1 penalty.

Terry Mufford, 1210 Broadway Ave., Yankton: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Dennis Ray Korbel, 224 Acorn Dr., Yankton: Speeding on state highway, \$85.

Richie Stolpe, Sioux City, Iowa: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Michael Frauendorfer, Humphrey, Neb.: Insufficient number of personnel on a flotation device, \$110.

Katsuhiko Arizumi, Monterey, Calif.: Speeding on other roadways, \$220.

Steven Hofer, Olivet: Violations of safety requirements, \$170.

James William Bain, Sioux Falls: Following too closely, \$120.

Genevieve Berberich, 30391 SW Jim River RD, Yankton: Municipal speeding, \$79.

Zachary Edward Johnson, Vermillion: Insufficient number of personnel on flotation device, \$110.

Allen Faatz, Bonesteel: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Matthew Allen Brown, Burbank: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Thomas Gray Shelby, Neb.: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Jacob John Frick, 615 Applewood Dr., Yankton SD: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Bobbi Jo Steuerwald, 802 E 13th St. 1#, Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Jessica Katherine Engler, 215 E. 8th St., Yankton: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Stephen Nelson, Vermillion: Speeding on other roadways, \$125.

Julie Mann, Tyndall: Seatbelt violation, \$25.

John Slomp, 510 West Riverside Dr., Yankton: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Todd Andrew Tucker, Aberdeen: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Jeffery Cochran, Henderson, Nev.: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

David Lopez, 2900 Douglas Ave. 404, Yankton: Illegal lane change, \$120.

Jennifer Sprecher, Parkston: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Thomas Lee Carter III, 602 E. 6th St. #C, Yankton: Open container, \$85.

Kaitlyn Popken, LeMars, Iowa: Municipal speeding, \$120.

William Axel Uskoski, Hayti: Traffic in/substitute lanes, \$120.

James Anton Myers, 413 Burleigh St., Yankton: Exhibition driving, \$120.

Emma Rose Corbett, 600 W. 6th St. #19, Yankton: No drivers license, \$120.

Adam Gene Vandekamp, Sioux Falls: Open container, \$114.

Fredrich Willis Roper, St. Helena, Neb.: Manu/distrib/poss of substance III drug.

Michael Harry Spearow, Sioux Falls: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Sara Jean Hawk, 2916 Broadway, Yankton: Fail to use child passenger restraint system, \$25.

Yandys Alberto Cancio Tamayo, 1006 East 12th St., Yankton: Speeding on state highway, \$125.

Herman Kessler, Menno: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Yvonne Repp, 134 Lewis and Clark Trail, Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$185.

Max Aaron Groetken, 1317 W. 30th #3, Yankton: Entering or refusing to leave.

Rebecca Faye Roark, Vermillion: No drivers license, \$130.

Jane Ternus, Humphrey, Neb.: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Duane Sieler, 114 Tootys Ave., Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Russell K. Flessner, Lincoln, Neb.: Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$125.

Jonathan Romero, Norfolk, Neb.: No driver's license, \$120.

Daniel Robert Gravholt, 116 Sid St., Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Loyd Hansen, Freeman: Maximum weight per tire width, \$170.

Matthew Joseph Strom, 2703 Santa Rosa Circle, Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$125.

Warren Harding Peterson, 714 Walnut St., Yankton: Careless driving, \$120.

Matthew McIntosh, Lavista, Neb.: Too many lines, \$91.

Scott Seldon Olson, Apple Valley, Minn.: Speeding on other roadways, \$125.

Richard Kuehner, Norfolk, Neb.: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Douglas A. Becker, Hartington, Neb.: Municipal speeding, \$99.

Joel Ned Bergan, Arlington: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$61 penalty.

Brent Charles Schroeder, Sioux Falls: Speeding on a state highway, \$125.

Morgan Marie Privett, 3013 N. Francis St., Yankton: Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270.

Paul M. Schmidt, Crofton, Neb.: Municipal speeding, \$119.

Marissa Ann Mockler, Burbank: Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$120.

Elizabeth Feilmeier, Gayville: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Sasha E. Daake, 1203 Bel Air Rd., Yankton: No driver's license, \$120.

Nickolas Larry Mart, Vermillion: Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$105.

Karl T. Lecher, Gilbert, Ariz.: Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270.

Tamara C. Walter, Crofton, Neb.: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Tonnya Marie Juhnke, 217 Kay St., Yankton: Careless driving, \$120.

Stephanie Rae Amiotte, Sioux Falls: Illegal passing no pass zone, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Heidi-Kay Parrish Sowell, Sioux Falls: Parking/standing violation, \$101.50.

Galen F. Pinkleman, Wausa, Neb.: Fail to comply with officer, \$105.

CASES DISPOSED: AUGUST 15-21, 2014

Patrick F. Matchum, Tyndall: Parking/standing violation, \$101.50.

Daniel Jay Highland, 401 Douglas Ave. #5, Yankton: Simple assault, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court.

Magdalene Swartz, Port Huron, Mich.: Speeding on other roadways, \$125.

Devin Armentrout, 2005 Ross St., Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Royce Reisner, 1608 Douglas Ave., Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Justin Todd Lillie, 1205 Maple St., Yankton: Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120 plus license suspended for 30 days; Under twenty-one driver, recharged.

Megan Renee Millage, 110 W. 6th St. Apt. #B, Yankton: Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, \$384 plus 3 days in jail; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Speeding on other roadways, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Austin Schroeder, Council Bluffs, Iowa: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Yurisan Hierrezulo-Nunez, 1006 E. 12th St., Yankton: Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court.

Richard Zachary Kludt,

Lesterville: Reckless driving, \$528.

Jordan Michael Smith, Vermillion: PFD use required (child under 7 years of age), \$110.

Whitney Zimmerman, Creighton, Neb.: Operating boat without license numbers, \$120.

Jason C. Martin, 908 Locust St., Yankton: Water skiing w/o observer or mirror, \$120.

Tom Graesser, Winner: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Nick Ptak, 802 E. 13th St. #13, Yankton: No driver's license, \$120.

April Jeanne Winne, Olivet: Parking/standing violation, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Brad E. Kranz, Salem: Operate vessel under influence, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Kyle Cory Katterhagen, 106 E. 26th St., Yankton: Throw match or burning object from vehicle, \$170.

Dennis Streyle, Junior, Arvon: Seat belt violation, \$25.

Carol Brandt, Niobrara, Neb.: Speeding on a state highway, \$85.

William Leroy Zeigler, 415 W. 15th St. #20, Yankton: Possession of controlled substance in schedules I or II, \$1,354 plus 5 years in jail suspended; Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

William Michael Kellogg, Freemont, Neb.: Operate vessel under influence, \$428.

Taylor Baldwin, Mitchell: Seat belt violation, \$25.

John David Pittman, Vermillion: Fail to maintain financial responsibility, \$130 plus license suspended for 30 days.

Rae Lynn Slowey, 912 W. 15th St., Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$105.

Fletcher Cole Stark, Tabor: Exhibition driving, \$114.

Clayton Jonathan Thompson, Wakonda: Speeding on other roadways, \$85.

Sarah Louise Weberg, 411 Picote St., Yankton: Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus \$10.69 restitution plus 5 days in jail.

Robert Charles Millage, Junior, 1007 W. 14th St., Yankton: Municipal speeding, \$79.

Cassy Jo Zavadi, Crofton, Neb.: Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$120.

Jason Tellus, 906 E. 15th St., Yankton: Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$120.

Stephanie Nicole Budihas, 104 Creevice Dr., Yankton: Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court.

Derrick William Lande, 604 Douglas Ave., Yankton: Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, \$384 plus 10 days in jail.

Russell Allan Marsh, 43527 Shore Dr., Yankton: Operate vessel under influence, \$428; Reckless operation of boat, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Samantha Rae Songer, 903 Douglas Ave. #3, Yankton: Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455.

Miranda Jean Blaine, 206 E. 23rd St., Yankton: Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court.

Esther Ruth Lane, 510 1/2 Walnut St., Yankton: Obstruct police, jailer or firefighter, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Aggravated assault - deadly weapon, dismissal-reduction.

David Stanley Merkwani, 1206 Jackson St., Yankton: Driving under influence-2nd of, \$678 plus license revoked for one year plus 30 days in jail 20 days suspended based on conditions of court; Illegal lane change, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Reginald Lewis Dennis, Junior, Lincoln, Neb.: Possession of alcohol by minor, \$66 plus license suspended for 30 days; Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Trevor Andrew Schultz, Sioux Falls: Driving under influence-1st of,

\$528 plus license revoked for 30 days; Speeding on other roadways, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Christina Louise Evans, 909 W. 15th St., Yankton: Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus license revoked for 30 days plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court.

Sadie Kay Hansen, 922 W. 3rd St., Yankton: Speeding on other roadways, \$145.

Jasmine Denise Snoozy, 2003 Locust St. #4, Yankton: Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120 plus license suspended for 60 days.

Jeremiha J. Kohler, 2400 Douglas Ave. #46, Yankton: Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, \$634; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Christopher Jessy McCloud, Senior, Beresford: Violation of restraining order, \$1,714 plus 2 years in jail; Violation of protection order, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Violation of restraining order, recharged-by indictment; Violation of protection order, recharged-by information.

Norman Wayne Lee, Paton, Iowa: Intentional damage to property - \$400-\$1,000-2nd degree, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Intentional damage to property - \$1,000-\$100,000-1st degree, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Burglary - 3rd degree, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Entering or refusing to leave, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Intentional damage to property - \$1,000-\$100,000-1st degree, recharged-by indictment; Bur-

glary - 3rd degree, recharged-by indictment; Entering or refusing to leave, recharged-by information.

Dustin Lee Redowl, Niobrara, Neb.: Possession of controlled substance, \$1,387 plus 25 days in jail; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession of controlled substance, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession of controlled substance, recharged.

Leslie Nicholls, Hamiota, Manitoba, Canada: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$25 penalty.

Nicholas Joseph Sternhagen, 43769 304th St., Yankton: Limited exemption certain vehicles hauling as products, \$170.

Gary Vookner, Center, Neb.: Expired annual inspection, \$170.

Johnathan Moore, Lake Charles, La.: Failure to possess CDL/permit or drive a CMV without proper endorsement, \$170.

Jackson Lee Barkley, 2610 W. 31st St., Yankton: Eluding, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Driving on wrong side of road, dismissed-motion by prosecutor.

Whitney Lorene McBride, Wagner: Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court.

David Barbier, Florissant, Miss.: No alternative permit before moving vehicle, \$170.

Dick Johnson, O'Neill, Neb.: Maximum weight per tire width, \$170 plus \$33 penalty.

Douglas E. Hiskey, Columbus, Neb.: Maximum weight per tire width, \$170.

Thomas J. Suhr, Norfolk, Neb.: Overweight on axle, \$170.

Robert Bert Vanbeek, Sioux Falls: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$1 penalty.

Johnny J. Hofer, Howard: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$11 penalty.

Jacob Norman Bruget, Brandon: Speeding on other roadways, \$125.

Carl Rains, St. Cloud, Minn.: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$7 penalty.

Samuel Rasmussen, O'Neill, Neb.: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$35 penalty.

Joshua Kyle Neuharth, White River: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$59 penalty.

Kirk Huldeen, Sioux City, Iowa: Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$21 penalty.

Daniel Stueck, Columbus, Neb.: Overweight on axle, \$345 penalty; Violations of safety requirements, \$345 penalty.

Kaleb John Reigle, Staton, Neb.: Possession of alcohol by minor, \$214 plus license suspended for 30 days.

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