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## Shooter Sentenced For Murder Of Yankton Native

From P&D Staff Reports

EL DORADO HILLS, Calif. – An Oakland man has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for the Jan. 7 murder of a Yankton native in California.

Anderson Swift was sentenced Friday as part of a plea deal in the shooting death of Khrista Ibarolle, according to the *Village News*. Swift was sentenced in El Dorado County Superior Court for Ibarolle's death and other actions during a crime spree.

The string of events began with a carjacking in Oakland and ended with a vehicle crash in the El Dorado Hills neighborhood.

Ibarolle's parents, Wayne and Lori Ibarolle of Yankton, were among family and friends who spoke at the emotional sentencing, according to the *Village News*. The Ibarolles spoke of their pain in losing their daughter in an instant, but they said they are trying to forgive Swift and chose not to pursue the death penalty.

"We stand here in disbelief; we are now the voice of our daughter," the Ibarolles said. "She was educated by the university of life — an unbiased, culturally open spirit and a believer in love and prayer. Her business was doing well; her jewelry designs were getting attention.

"Then, in an instant, it was over. There is no bottom to the pain in a mother's heart, no fixing the shattered heart of a father. The Bible tells us you must forgive, and we are trying to do that. We choose not to pursue the death penalty, taking a life for a life."

"We miss her, may God have mercy on your (Swift's) soul," the Ibarolles said.

Kesha Patrice, who was with Khrista Ibarolle when she was shot, fought back tears as she shared a passionate statement at the sentencing, the *Village News* reported. Patrice spoke of losing her friend and still having flashbacks about the shooting.

Swift faced six counts — murder, two counts of carjacking, robbery, attempted carjacking and felony possession of a firearm — and avoided a

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## Celebrating The Future

### Ground Is Broken On New Boys & Girls Club Facility

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Hundreds of children and adults were on hand on the north side of Yankton Middle School Wednesday as local officials dug into the ground that will soon be a new facility for the children of Yankton to enjoy.

Over the next year, a new facility for the Yankton Boys & Girls Club will be built on this property.

Yankton Boys & Girls Club executive director Vanessa Merhib told the audience that it took a lot of work to get to this point, but it was a day worth celebrating.

"I can't begin to tell you what an exciting day this is," Merhib said. "The Boys & Girls Club has been in Yankton for about seven years and

today it's exciting to celebrate and thing about all the hard work and all the people involved — a lot are up here, some are out there and some weren't able to make it today — but this couldn't have happened without a community-wide effort. It's so exciting to be up here and see it happening."

Merhib said the fact that this is happening hasn't quite set in yet.

"It's really almost hard to believe we're here," she said. "I think it's going to hit me tonight when I sit down and go to sleep and realize this is actually happening. It's been a dream to give kids across the community of Yankton a safe and affordable place to go."

Wednesday night's festivities included a groundbreaking conducted by a number of local officials, business leaders and Boys & Girls Club

representatives, activities for kids, music and dinner.

Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle spoke on the impact the new facility is going to have on the city's families.

"I don't think a monetary value or price can be put on the impact this facility will have on programming and opportunities for youth and their families," Kindle said. "We know South Dakota has the highest percentage of both parents working in the nation and Yankton County's had the highest percentage of both parents working in our state. This facility will provide those parents the comfort of knowing that their kids are safe, having fun and being cared for while they

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ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Yankton officials, business leaders and Boys & Girls Club representatives dig in and break ground on what will become the new home of the Yankton Boys & Girls Club. The new facility is tentatively slated to open in time for the 2016 school year.

## Public Discusses Onward Ideas

### Competition Finalists' Ideas A Part Of 1 Million Cups Meeting

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The six Onward Yankton idea finalists were given a venue for comment from community leaders during Wednesday's One Million Cups meeting.

Throughout the one-hour meeting, people were able to add their input on pros and cons of each idea.

Larry Ness, CEO of First Dakota National Bank and part of the Onward Yankton Committee told the Press & Dakotan he's been happy to see the feedback from the community.

"All feedback is helpful, one way

or the other," Ness said.

The six finalists are:  
\* A partnership between Mount Marty College and the community of Yankton to boost student enrollment by 50 percent and provide career opportunities to entice them to stay after graduation, submitted by Mount Marty College.

\* Make Yankton the Missouri River Capital of Entrepreneurship, submitted by Jacob Fokken, Yankton.

\* Signature River's Edge Tower and Downtown, submitted by Gregg Kopetsky, Yankton.

\* Make Yankton the Best City in America for Children, submitted by Billie and Kelsea Sutton, Burke.

\* Create a Four Seasons Entertainment Venue below Chalkstone Hill, submitted by Carmen Schramm and Marcy Jones, Utica.

\* Recreating a community identity through connections with Lewis & Clark Lake, submitted by Benjamin Hovland, Philadelphia.

None of the finalists were able to be present on Wednesday.

Ness said the next step will be to get all the finalists together to present their ideas.

"We're going to have a session with all six people," he said.

"They'll be brought in to give their ideas to our committee orally and with a PowerPoint presentation. It'll be their attempt to sell to us what

their project is really worth and what it really means to our community. Based on that, we're going to make our decision as to who the winner is."

Ness said the meeting will take place in early September with the final awarding to be announced at a later date.

He added that it's been a thrill to see the community's response to the project.

"I'm excited in that we had 508 people submit ideas," he said. "Some people submitted more than one, and that's fine. I love that. ...

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Volunteers return from collecting trash in and along the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam during the annual Missouri River Clean-Up Event held in May. A new Missouri River initiative will seek to keep litter out of the river in the first place.

## Trash Talk: Initiative Aims To Keep Litter Out Of River

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Warning: You may be polluting the Missouri River without ever going near the water.

In Yankton, litter often ends up in the storm sewer system and finds its way into the Missouri River.

As a result, the Izaak Walton League of America (IWL) has launched a Missouri River Initiative thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation. The money comes from the Community Innovation Grant program.

The award will fund a two-year public awareness pilot project in the cities of Pierre, Fort Pierre and Yankton. The League's goal is to prevent litter from entering the Missouri River —

stopping pollution before it starts and reducing damage to fish, wildlife and water quality.

Trash and other debris pose a significant challenge to restoring the river, said Paul Lepisto, who manages the Missouri River Initiative.

"We're still getting more than two tons (of debris) in Yankton from our annual clean-up the last few years, and we're getting more than 2 ½ tons annually in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area," he said. "This initiative won't replace our annual clean-ups — it will come on top of them."

Since the first Missouri River clean-up in 2005, nearly 105 tons of trash, wood, tires and metal have been removed from the river near Yankton.

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