

Man Arrested In Death Of Sioux Falls Infant

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A man was charged Thursday for the Christmas Day death of his girlfriend's 18-month-old son in Sioux Falls.

Manegabe Chebea Ally, 24, was charged with alternate counts of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter. A jury could convict him on all or none of the counts but he'd only face one sentence if convicted, said Minnehaha County State's Attorney Aaron McGowan.

Ally was taken into custody Thursday and is being held at the county jail. He is expected to make an initial court appearance Friday, police said.

Ally was caring for the boy while his girlfriend was at work and told police the child fell off a bed onto a carpeted floor, according to court documents. But the local coroner said such a fall could not have caused the child's injuries, the *Argus Leader* reported.

Ally called 911 Monday afternoon to report that the boy was not breathing. The child was resuscitated at the apartment, but he died Tuesday at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Doctors observed numerous bruises on the child upon his arrival at the hospital, with swelling to the boy's head, patterned bruising inside the wrists and on both arms and elbows, according to the court documents.

Minnehaha County's coroner, Dr. Kenneth Snell, performed an autopsy Wednesday and determined the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head. He said the fall described by Ally could not have caused the child's fatal injuries.

Ally told police he had been playing with the boy, swinging him around by his wrists and ankles. He was not the child's father, court documents say.

The court paperwork also notes that all the people who saw the boy prior to the 911 call said he appeared happy and unharmed.

The second-degree murder charge carries an automatic sentence of life in prison if convicted, while the manslaughter charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. A conviction of first-degree murder carries either a death sentence or life in prison without parole.

Man Caught Driving Drunk To Probation Office

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A northeast Nebraska man is facing a drunken driving charge after he showed up to an appointment with his probation officer intoxicated.

The *Norfolk Daily News* reports 22-year-old Andre Armstrong was arrested Monday morning after a random alcohol test was performed at the probation office.

Norfolk Police Capt. Leon Chapman says officers went to the probation office and determined that Armstrong had driven himself to the appointment.

Chapman says Armstrong was taken to the Norfolk jail, but was later released on \$300 bond. He is charged with his second offense of drunken driving.

Funeral Set For 3 Children Who Died In Fire

SOux FALLS (AP) — Funeral services have been scheduled for three children killed in a house fire a few days before Christmas in Sioux Falls.

Miller Funeral Home is handling the services, which will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at Celebrate Community Church in Sioux Falls.

The visitation will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with family members present from 2 to 4 p.m.

The fire early Saturday killed 16-year-old Michael Hensley, 12-year-old Savannah Coon and 6-year-old Alivia Coon. The parents, Rhiannon and David White, escaped by leaping to the ground from a second-floor window.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Ireland

Mass of Christian Burial for Eleanor L. Ireland, 96, of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 29 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland with Fr. Mathew Vazhappilly as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. George Catholic Cemetery, Scotland.

Eleanor's visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. There will be rosary and Scriptural wake service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, also at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland.

Eleanor passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland.

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Leonard Gleich

Leonard Gleich, age 91, of Yankton, left this earthly world in the early morning hours of Monday, December 24, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 29, 2012 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, SD, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral

Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are Joe Gleich, David Wells, Terry Haas, Tim Haas, Brian Dobesh, Trevor Haas and Dylan Haas.

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LeRoy Lefebvre

LeRoy Darius LeFebvre, son of Joe LeFebvre and Hillary McCann of Yankton, came earlier than expected to his parents and left this world and went to Jesus' arms as an angel on Monday, December 24, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Private family burial will take place.

Visitations begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service.

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Police Using Twitter To Offer Ridealongs

BY KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Riding side by side as a police officer answers a call for help or investigates a brutal crime during a ridealong gives citizens an up close look at the gritty and sometimes dangerous situations officers can experience on the job.

But a new approach to informing the public about what officers do is taking hold at police departments across the United States and Canada — one that is far less dangerous for citizens but, police say, just as informative.

With virtual ridealongs on Twitter, or tweetalongs, curious citizens just need a computer or smartphone for a glimpse into law enforcement officers' daily routines.

Tweetalongs typically are scheduled for a set number of hours, with an officer — or a designated tweeter like the department's public information officer — posting regular updates to Twitter about what they are seeing as they perform their normal on-duty routine. The tweets, which also include photos and links to videos of the officers, can encompass an array of activities — everything from an officer responding to a homicide to a noise complaint.

Police departments say virtual ridealongs reach a wider range of people at once and help add transparency to the job.

"People spend hard-earned money on taxes to allow the government to provide services. That's police, fire, water, streets, the whole works, and there should be a way for those government agencies to let the public know what they're getting for their money," said Steve Allender, chief of the Rapid City Police Department in South Dakota, which started offering tweetalongs

several months ago after watching departments like those in Seattle, Kansas City, Mo., and Las Vegas do so.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Tarah Heupel, the public information officer for the Rapid City Police Department, rode alongside Street Crimes Officer Ron Terviel as he patrolled Rapid City. Heupel posted regular updates every few minutes about what Terviel was doing, including the officer citing a woman for public intoxication, responding to a call of three teenagers attempting to steal cough syrup and body spray from a store and locating a man who ran from the scene of an accident. Photos were included in some of the tweets.

Michael Taddesse, a 34-year-old university career specialist in Arlington, Texas, has done several ridealongs with police and regularly follows multiple departments that conduct tweetalongs.

"I think the only way to effectively combat crime is to have a community that is engaged and understands what's going on," he said.

Ridealongs where "you're out in the elements" are very different than sitting behind a computer during a tweetalong and the level of danger is "dramatically decreased," he said. But in both instances, the passenger gains new information about the call, what laws may or may not have been broken and what transpires, he added.

For police departments, tweetalongs are just one more way to connect directly with a community through social media.

More than 92 percent of police departments use social media, according to a survey of 600 agencies in 48 states conducted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Center for Social Media. And Nancy Kolb, senior program manager for IACP, called tweetalongs a "growing trend" among

departments of all sizes.

There is no set protocol and departments are free to conduct the tweetalong how they see fit, she said.

In Ontario, Canada, the Niagara Regional Police Service conducted their first virtual ridealong in August over a busy eight-hour Friday night shift. The police department's followers were able to see a tweet whenever the police unit was dispatched to one of the more than 140,000 calls received that night.

Richard Gadreau, the social media officer for the police department, said officers routinely take people out on real ridealongs, but there is a waiting list and preference is given to people interested in becoming an officer.

With tweetalongs, many calls also mean many tweets. Kolb said departments are cognizant of cluttering peoples' Twitter feeds.

That's why the Rapid City Police Department decided to create a separate account for the tweetalong, Allender said.

Kolb also said officers are careful not to tweet personal or sensitive information. Officers typically do not tweet child abuse or domestic abuse cases, and they usually only tweet about a call after they leave the scene to protect officers and callers.

But Allender, the chief of police in Rapid City, said tweetalongs also show some of the more outrageous calls police deal with on a regular basis — like the kid who breaks out the window of a police car while the officer is standing on the sidewalk.

"Real life is funnier than any comedy show out there and not to make fun of people, embarrass them or humiliate them, but people do funny things," Allender said. "... I mean, that guy deserves a little bit of ridicule, and everyone who would be watching would agree. That's just good clean fun to me."

Nebraska Told To Pay \$292,000 In Attorney Fees

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A federal judge has ordered Nebraska to pay more than \$292,000 in attorney fees for a lawsuit that challenged the constitutionality of three Nebraska sex offender laws.

But the amount awarded was a fraction of what was sought by the attorneys who represented the sex offenders, according to the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

The laws, the most recent changes to the state's Sex Offender Registration Act, were passed in 2009 but put on hold as a result of the lawsuit before they were to go into effect in 2010.

Later that year, Senior U.S. Dis-

trict Judge Richard Kopf issued a ruling that left much of the laws intact, including a requirement to publish the names of convicted adult sex offenders. But the judge said a trial was needed to determine whether other parts violated the U.S. Constitution.

The provisions in question would have made it a crime for some sex offenders to use social networking sites, and also would have required them to notify law enforcement whenever they posted anything online. The judge struck down those requirements in October, after experts and con-

victed sex offenders testified about how the changes would affect them and their work.

Federal law authorizes district courts to award reasonable attorneys' fees to prevailing parties in civil rights litigation.

Stuart Mills, whose Omaha law firm represented the unidentified offenders, requested nearly \$752,000 in attorneys' fees, more than \$13,000 for preparing the application for attorneys' fees, and more than \$26,000 in costs.

Deputy Nebraska Attorney General Katherine Spohn, who represented the state, argued the

amount was unreasonable and should be reduced. She proposed a total award of \$248,200.

In an order Friday, the judge approved nearly \$292,600, the sum of the attorneys' fees to prepare the application.

The lawsuit also involved about 50 John and Jane Doe clients and more than 200 defendants, including the state of Nebraska, the Nebraska attorney general, the Nebraska State Patrol, local prosecutors and various law enforcement officers.

The state still could appeal Kopf's October ruling.

Nebraska Wind Farm Project Awaits Power Buyers

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — A wind energy development company says it is ready to build a 200-megawatt wind farm in northeast Nebraska, but it has had difficulty attracting customers because the state's lack of tax incentives means it would have to charge more for power than companies based in other states.

TradeWind's quandary was discussed last month at the Nebraska Wind Conference in Kearney and earlier this month at the NPPD board of directors' meeting as officials updated the board on wind energy problems.

Nebraska's lack of state tax incentives for wind projects forces project developers to charge more for power, which allows projects in other states to dominate the market for exported power, said David Rich, of Nebraska Public Power District, which has been buying wind energy to meet its goals for providing power from renewable resources.

Frank Costanza, executive vice president of business devel-

opment for TradeWind, told The Associated Press on Thursday that prices Nebraska projects have to charge are always higher by several dollars per megawatt hour — up to 10 percent higher than power from comparable wind power projects in Kansas or Oklahoma, for example.

"I can tell you that until there is some movement in Nebraska, we're going to have a more difficult time in marketing power from Rattlesnake Creek," Costanza said. Without customers committed to buying the power, he said, the project won't get built.

TradeWind's Rattlesnake Creek project in Dixon County would generate enough electricity to power about 60,000 homes, according to the *Columbus Telegram*.

The Nebraska Legislature approved a bill in 2010 allowing private investment in wind projects for export to other customers in other states, but proposals for incentives have not advanced, Rich said.

"Nebraska projects are getting beat out because those states have put incentives for wind for export whereas Nebraska hasn't," he said.

A report commissioned for the Nebraska Sierra Club that was released in October said Nebraska is trailing its neighbors in wind-energy development and missing an opportunity to add jobs to the state economy.

Omaha Sen. Heath Mello said he and other lawmakers have tried unsuccessfully to pass renewable energy tax credits in recent years, while tax credits for other business ventures have won approval.

"We've passed sales tax exemptions for biochips, for data centers, and a variety of other industries," Mello said. "I think the issue at hand for us as state poli-

cymakers is: Why are we not looking at our tax structure to try to incentivize market growth in this industry?"

NPPD's Rich said the company won't lobby for an incentives bill in the session that begins next month, but it will watch with interest to see what related legislation is introduced.

The American Wind Energy Association says Nebraska ranks fourth in the country with its potential of more than 900,000 megawatts of wind energy.

The state has 11 operational wind farm sites consisting of 260 turbines capable of producing 459 megawatts of electricity, or enough to power 165,880 homes, according to the Nebraska Energy Office. In 2011, 2.9 percent of the state's power was provided by wind.

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