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Former R.C. Mayor Pleads Guilty To Charges

RAPID CITY (AP) — A former Rapid City mayor has pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a traffic stop.
 KOTA reports that 65-year-old Jim Shaw pleaded guilty Friday to speeding and failing to yield to an emergency vehicle. The charges stemmed from an early June traffic stop. The two charges are misdemeanors.

In exchange for pleading guilty to the two charges, a third charge of obstructing a police officer has been dropped.

Shaw must pay fines totaling \$145 and write a letter of admission to the court by Aug. 1.

Shaw was mayor of Rapid City for a total of eight years between 1997 and 2007.

SUV Crashes Into Bedroom, Driver Charged

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A man police say crashed his SUV through a woman's bedroom, knocking her and her bed into the back yard, is in jail.

KETV television reports 21-year-old Paul Mosher refused to take a breath test. He is charged by Omaha police with suspicion of driving under the influence and collision with a fixed object.

Investigators say Mosher was driving fast at 3:15 a.m. Friday when his sport-utility vehicle hit six cars parked on a street, struck a curb, and went airborne into the bedroom of a home.

A woman and the mattress she was sleeping on were pushed into the back yard. The woman is being treated for broken bones but her father says she will recover.

The case is not yet listed in online court records.

SD Taxpayers' Bill For Abortion Law: \$380K

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal appeals court victory for a South Dakota anti-abortion law cost state taxpayers almost \$380,000, Attorney General Marty Jackley's office said.

The sum, which does not include private donations made to support the law's legal defense, is much less than some of the law's opponents predicted when the South Dakota Legislature approved the so-called "informed consent" law seven years ago.

The law requires a doctor to tell a woman who is seeking an abortion that she could be putting herself at greater risk for suicide.

The cost includes travel expenses, fees paid to expert witnesses and advice from outside law firm as well as the time of state deputy attorneys general who worked on the case.

Sen. Corey Brown, R-Gettysburg, the chairman of the South Dakota Legislature's joint appropriations committee, said the figure was not surprising, especially for a case that dragged on for seven years.

The appeals court's ruling left all major portions of the law intact after Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas challenged it in federal court.

Neb. Fires Nearly Contained

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — One of three north-central Nebraska wild-fires, which have blackened an area of the size of Omaha, has grown, but crews remain on track to have all the fires completely contained by the end of the week-end, officials said Friday.

The total burned area expanded by about four square miles late Thursday and overnight because flames jumped a fire line on the southern edge of one of the fires, the Wentworth fire, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency spokesman Mike Wight said.

The fires burned more than 117 square miles of land along the scenic Niobrara River by Friday, Wight said.

Wight said firefighters have the three fires 70 percent contained overall, with 97 percent containment of the Fairfield Creek fire, which is the biggest. Complete containment still was expected by Sunday, he said.

Cooler conditions and higher humidity have helped firefighters in their efforts since Wednesday, and Friday morning temperatures in the upper 60s prevented the flames from growing. Friday morning also saw a weather occurrence known as a temperature inversion that aided firefighters' efforts, said Linda Hecker, a spokeswoman with the emergency response team.

"It's literally like a lid keeping cooler air over the area and holding the fire down," Hecker said. "The fire is not going to be really active today under those conditions, so firefighters can be very aggressive in constructing fire lines and trying to secure some of those lines."

That lid was expected to lift late

Friday, however, and winds were expected to shift to the northwest. That could push flames in the Wentworth fire in a new direction and cause it to grow, Hecker said. Firefighters were scrambling to dig trenches around that fire Friday morning in an effort to keep that from happening, she said.

The fires have destroyed at least 10 structures, some of them homes, with most of the damage happening last weekend near the small town of Norden.

Wight said there were no reports Friday of additional structures being burned and no new injuries reported. Three firefighters were injured in the first days of the fire.

More than 400 firefighters and support personnel remain in the area battling the fires sparked by lightning a week ago. Five helicopters also are dumping water on the flames.

Firefighters also are containing another wildfire in the northwest corner of Nebraska. The Ash Creek Fire near Chadron has burned a little more than three square miles, Cyd Janssen with the U.S. Forest Service said Friday.

The fire started with lightning Saturday and burned mostly on federal recreation area land south of U.S. Highway 20 between Chadron and Crawford.

Another fire was burning about 10 miles south of Crawford in Dawes County, blackening less than a square mile of private land. Crawford Fire Chief Brian Prosser estimated late Thursday that the Steineke fire was about 60 percent contained.

Neb. Court Upholds Conviction

BY MARGERY A. BECK
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday upheld the conviction and sentence of an Omaha man serving up to 60 years in prison for a fatal parking lot shooting.

Rufus Freemont, 26, was convicted early last year on second-degree murder and weapons charges in the June 2010 shooting death of 19-year-old Andrew Galligo. Freemont was sentenced in March to 55 to 60 years in prison for the murder conviction, 20 years for using a weapon and up to 10 years for being a felon in possession of a gun. All the sentences are to be served at the same time.

According to witness testimony and police accounts, Freemont was in the back seat of a car when a

friend who was driving spotted Galligo wearing the red and black colors of a gang to which she belonged. The woman pulled into the parking lot, got out of the car and began arguing loudly with Galligo.

A few minutes into the argument, someone in the back seat of the car stuck a gun out of the car's window and shot Galligo several times, witnesses said. Police said the shooter was Freemont.

Freemont argued in his appeal that a Douglas County District Court wrongly allowed evidence at his trial that he had a gun in the week before the shooting and that he jumped out of a second-story window to escape police trying to arrest him. He also said the lower court made a mistake by allowing autopsy photos into evidence and that his trial lawyer was ineffective.



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Texting S.D. Driver Charged With Manslaughter

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A man accused of fatally injuring a motorcyclist while he was speeding and texting is facing manslaughter charges in a case that could fuel efforts to ban texting while driving in South Dakota's largest city.

Authorities say 21-year-old Brent O'Neal was driving 60 mph in a 30 mph zone and was texting on his cellphone when he caused a chain of accidents in central Sioux Falls on Wednesday.

O'Neal's car hit three vehicles and Philip Sorensen's motorcycle before crashing into a light pole. The 33-year-old Sorensen died later at a Sioux Falls hospital.

The death prompted a heart-rending outpouring Thursday as dozens of people gathered at the site of the accident for a candlelight observance. Friends tearfully described Sorensen as a fun-loving man who sought to make people laugh.

"He got robbed," friend Nathan Alexander told the *Argus Leader*. "All of you should have known him. He brought a lot of people together."

The death has underscored recent talk of banning texting while driving in Sioux Falls. Earlier this month, the city's Public Services Committee endorsed a proposed

distracted driving ordinance that would ban texting, emailing, tweeting and Facebook use while behind the wheel.

Leaders in other South Dakota cities have indicated they might follow Sioux Falls' lead if the ban is adopted.

The South Dakota Legislature has rejected statewide bans in the last two years, saying that existing reckless driving laws make additional laws redundant. Some lawmakers have also said that it's unrealistic to enforce a statewide ban in such a vast state with hundreds of miles of rural driving.

All drivers are prohibited from texting while driving in 39 states and Washington D.C., and five other states have bans in place for novice drivers, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, a traffic safety advocacy group.

Police said Friday that O'Neal faces charges of first- and second-degree manslaughter. He was initially charged with felony hit and run and other offenses.

The most serious manslaughter charge carries a potential life imprisonment sentence.

O'Neal has a previous drunken driving conviction, six speeding tickets and four tickets for careless driving, authorities said.

OBITUARIES

Diane Peterson

Diane Peterson, age 71, of Yankton, SD died Friday, July 27, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD. Funeral Services will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Vermillion, SD with Rev. Anna M. Peck officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Vermillion, SD. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 PM. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arlene Graham

Arlene H. Graham, age 88 of Randolph, Neb., died Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at Colonial Manor of Randolph. Funeral services will be held at the United Methodist Church in Randolph, Neb. on Saturday, July 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Edna Smith

Funeral services for Edna M. Smith, age 94 of Creighton, Nebraska, will be 1 p.m. Monday, July 30, 2012, at St. Ludger Catholic Church in Creighton. Reverend Garry Welsh will serve as Celebrant. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Creighton is in charge of arrangements.

Edna died Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at Avera Creighton Hospital in Creighton, Nebraska.

Gary Tews

Funeral services for Gary D. Tews, age 72 of Fremont, Nebraska, formerly of Niobrara, will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont. Reverend Harold Schmidt of Pohacco Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial with Military Honors will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at

L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery in Niobrara, Nebraska.

Visitation with the family receiving friends will be Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont.

Gary died Thursday, July 26, 2012 at his home at Woodcliff.

Adolph Krcil

Adolph Krcil, age 80, of Yankton, died Friday, July 27, 2012 at his daughter's residence in Kearney, NE. Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Carol Rysavy

Carol Rysavy, age 69, died unexpectedly at her home in Wagner on Friday July 27, 2012. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at St John Catholic Church in Wagner. Burial is in St John Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Rosary/Wake services are 7:30 p.m., Monday at the church.

Karen "Carrie" Boulter

Karen "Carrie" Boulter passed away January 1, 2012. A second memorial service will be held at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 305 W. 26th Street Yankton, SD on Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at the VFW Hall Post 791, 209 Cedar St., Yankton. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Irene. Friends and family are welcome to attend all events. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the VFW Women's Auxiliary Post 791 and Christ The King Lutheran Church.

Lorraine Tramp

Lorraine E. (Schroeder) Tramp, age 85, of Yankton, and formerly of rural Crofton, NE passed away Thursday evening, July 26, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, surrounded by her family. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 30, 2012 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, Neb. with a Wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD, is assisting with the details. Pallbearers will be Reynold Tramp, Merle Tramp, Bill Tramp, Rodney Tramp, Bert Tramp, and Chris Tramp. Honorary pallbearers will be Verona Bedrous, Mary Jane Heine, Lavonne Bierle, Janice Hesse, Joan Kollars, Kay Tweedy, and Leanne Wendte.

Lorraine was born Oct. 26, 1926 to William and Josephine



Tramp

from Mount Marty Academy in Yankton, SD.

Lorraine worked at Kunkel's Law Office and Gurney's in Yankton, SD.

On June 4, 1947, she married Vernon E. Tramp at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Menominee, NE. They spent their entire life farming the land they loved northeast of Crofton, NE. She was a lifetime member of St. Boniface Church in Menominee. Her hobbies included playing piano and reading. They were blessed with 8 daughters and 5 sons.

She is survived by twelve children and their spouses, Verona Bedrous of Moreno Valley, CA, Mary Jane Heine of Vermillion, SD, Reynold (Susan) of Crofton, NE, Lavonne (Jack) Bierle, Meridan, ID, Merle (Sue) of Crofton, NE, Jan

(Bill) Hesse of Yankton, SD, Joan (Sid) Kollars of Norfolk, NE, Bill (Dawn Ann) of Miles City, MT, Rodney (Dee Dee) of Crofton, NE, Kay (Scott) Tweedy of Castle Rock, CO, Leanne (Jody) Wendte of Crofton, NE and Bert (Pam) of Crofton, NE; 39 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; Two brothers - Emil Schroeder of Great Falls, MT and William Schroeder of Sioux Falls, SD and Three sisters - Cleopha Schurman of Crofton, NE, Lee Walz of Sacramento, CA, and Mary Ann Dankert of Omaha, NE.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon; her parents, William and Josephine; daughter, Lori Schieffer; sons-in-law, Larry Muxfelt and Paul Heine; siblings, Michael and Roman Schroeder; great-grandson, Michael Ruzicka.

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