

## Rape Victim Dies, Murder Charge Filed

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Douglas County prosecutors charged a man with first-degree murder Thursday after a 93-year-old woman he's accused of beating and raping died from her injuries.

Louise Sollowin died Wednesday, three days after the attack in her home, Omaha police said. An officer sent to the south Omaha house Sollowin had lived in for 71 years found her covered in blood in her bedroom around 9 a.m. Sunday.

The officer said Sergio Martinez-Perez, 19, was naked and passed out on top of the woman. Authorities believe Martinez-Perez entered the home through an unlocked door.

Martinez-Perez remained in jail Thursday without bond, as prosecutors consider a murder charge. Allyson Mendoza with the Douglas County Public Defender's Office will represent Martinez-Perez. She declined to comment on his case Thursday.

But prosecutors have said Martinez-Perez acknowledged assaulting and raping Sollowin, saying he was "angry with women" after a night of drinking.

The murder charge Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine filed Thursday will be added to the first-degree sexual assault, first-degree assault and burglary charges against Martinez-Perez. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Friday.

Kleine told the *Omaha World-Herald* that the murder charge applies to this case because Nebraska law allows murder charges when a victim dies as a result of the commission of another felony, such as rape.

## Number Of Nebraska State Wards Falls

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The number of state wards in Nebraska has fallen nearly 14 percent since March 2012.

The state Department of Health and Human Services said Thursday that Nebraska had 5,284 wards as of July 15. In March 2012, the state had 6,121 wards.

Thomas Pristow, director of the Children and Family Services division, says workers in Nebraska's five service areas have adopted a new approach that focuses on providing more in-home services. Pristow says the state has also increased its monthly face-to-face meetings between wards and caseworkers.

Pristow says the highest number of state wards was 7,803 in April 2006. The number of wards fell below the 6,000 mark in 2012.

## Report: Crime In Neb. Up 1 Percent

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A new report says the number of crimes reported in Nebraska increased 1 percent in 2012, compared to the previous year.

The Nebraska Crime Commission said in its annual report Thursday that 53,911 crimes were reported to law enforcement agencies in 2012. In 2011, agencies received 53,317 reports.

The report says 4,587 violent crimes were recorded last year, a 4 percent increase. The number of murder and manslaughter cases fell to 52, a 22 percent decline. Reported robberies increased 14 percent, to 1,120. Aggravated assault cases increased 2 percent, to 2,751. The number of forcible rapes dropped 1 percent, to 664.

Commission executive director Michael Behm says Nebraska saw a 1 percent increase in property crimes, to 49,324. The nation saw a 1 percent decline.

## Re-Enactment Video Allowed At S.D. Trial

CHAMBERLAIN (AP) — Prosecutors will be allowed to use a video re-enactment of the death of a Mitchell woman as evidence against the man accused of killing her.

The *Daily Republic* newspaper reports that Judge Bruce Anderson has denied a motion from Kent Davidson's defense attorney, Clint Sargent, to exclude the video from a trial scheduled for January.

The 36-year-old Davidson is accused of fatally shooting 26-year-old Crystal Schulz in the head with a shotgun on March 11. Her body was found three days later in a shed at her mother's rural Chamberlain residence.

Davidson and Schulz were engaged. Court documents allege that Davidson killed Schulz because she was ending their relationship.

Davidson has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, second-degree murder and manslaughter, and possessing a firearm while committing a felony.

## OBITUARIES

### Tim Kostal

Timothy Lee "Tim" Kostal, age 44, of Sioux Falls, SD and formerly of Tyndall, SD, passed away unexpectedly from medical complications on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at his residence. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Saturday, July 27, 2013 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD with Rev. Dan Moris officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostal Memorial Chapel, Tabor, is assisting with the service details.

Timothy was born on June 5, 1969 in Paso Robles, California to Margret Daniels and Richard Sebbio. Later Tim and his mother moved to Tyndall, South Dakota where he grew up and graduated from Bon Homme high school continuing his education at Mitchell Vo-tech. where he graduated with a degree in culinary.

He was a compassionate person who just wanted one thing out of life and that was to be loved. His compassionate nature



Kostal

shined thru in the relationships with his family and friends. During his journey, life took him from Tyndall to Mitchell then to Rapid City then finally to Sioux Falls where along the way met and made numerous friends.

Timothy interests were softball, golfing, bowling and a true die hard Dallas Cowboy fan. Tim's other interest are writing and traveling his recent traveling adventures with family and friends took him to many NFL games, professional wrestling events and to the ocean in Florida.

Tim is survived by his dad George Kostal of Tyndall, Brother Jim (Jolene) Kostal also of Tyndall, Two sisters Larinda Kostal (Lee Alder) of Mitchell and Jessie Fischer (Kevin Pike) of Sioux Falls and six nieces and nephews. He was proceed in death by his mom Margret (Daniels) Kostal and his biological father Richard Sebbio.

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# Fighting Human Trafficking

## S.D. Taking Stand At Sturgis Rally

BY CHET BROKAW

Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota law enforcement agencies plan to step up their fight against the forced prostitution of young women and children at this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said law officers who will work during this year's Aug. 5-11 rally will be trained to detect and prevent human trafficking at the event that annually draws hundreds of thousands of bikers to western South Dakota.

"Certainly the prostitution crimes are up. Part of that is during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally," Jackley said.

The annual report on crime recently issued by the attorney general's office

showed South Dakota law enforcement agencies reported 30 arrests for assisting or promoting prostitution in 2012, up from nine arrests in 2011.

"I don't want the public to think we have this huge human trafficking situation in South Dakota. We've had some cases that justify the need to look at it to educate ourselves and work on prevention, and that's the approach we're taking," Jackley said.

Geody VanDewater, assistant chief of the Sturgis Police Department, said officers from various agencies made about six arrests for prostitution during last year's rally.

"Everybody thinks there's money to be made during the rally. There are different types of people out there trying to find out how to make their buck, you know. Some of them are doing prostitution," VanDewater said.

University of South Dakota associate professor Elizabeth Talbot, who conducts research into human trafficking, said it's difficult to know the extent of the problem in South Dakota. The large crowds and party atmosphere associated with the motorcycle rally lend themselves to forced prostitution, she said.

"Human trafficking is a problem in South Dakota. It's a problem everywhere," said Talbot, director of the university's master of social work program.

"You might be looking at someone

who's trafficked and forced to behave in certain ways and not know you're looking at someone who's not voluntarily participating," she said.

Jackley declined to give details on what officers will be trained to look for, saying he doesn't want to tip off offenders.

But Talbot said one indication of human trafficking is an older man with a much younger woman. Research indicates that the average age someone is forced into prostitution is between 12 and 18, she said.

Talbot said she's pleased law officers are being trained to fight human trafficking because it amounts to slavery. No one knows the exact extent of the problem in



Jackley

South Dakota and the nation, she said.

"We really don't know the scope of human trafficking," Talbot said. "It might not be a large problem in South Dakota, but then it might be. We really just don't know."

When the 2011 South Dakota Legislature passed a law specifically outlawing human trafficking, supporters said some women had been forced to work as prostitutes during the annual motorcycle rally.

Brendan Johnson, U.S. attorney for South Dakota, recently announced that a task force of local, state and federal officials will combat human trafficking in the state.

Jackley said the state is fighting human trafficking by training officers and conducting sting operations. Officials also are studying whether state laws need to be changed, but kidnapping laws can help fight human trafficking by providing sentences of up to life in prison, he said.

The attorney general also said he and his counterparts in nearly every other state are asking Congress to give states authority to prosecute people who run online sites that advertise prostitution. The law now gives jurisdiction to federal authorities, but states need authority to combat those crimes, he said.

"You can hire an adult escort service, you can buy children and other things that are contrary to South Dakota law," Jackley said.

## Judge Asked To Stop Nebraska Driver's License Denials

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A 24-year-old Lincoln woman is asking a judge to bar Nebraska from enforcing its policy of denying drivers' licenses to people who were brought into the country illegally as children but allowed to stay under a new federal program.

Attorneys for Mayra Saldana are seeking a judge's order to block the state policy while a federal lawsuit winds through the courts. Saldana came to the United States from Mexico at age 2, and is now a student at Peru State College. She has been granted lawful status as part of the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

The lawsuit was filed by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a national civil-rights group.

"This blatantly discriminatory policy of singling out these specific recipients of federal immigration relief must end immediately," said Thomas A. Saenz, the group's president and general counsel.

A spokeswoman for the Nebraska Attorney General's office, which is defending the state, said Thursday that state attorneys couldn't comment because of the ongoing litigation.

The lawsuit argues that the Nebraska policy violates Saldana's constitutional right to equal protection and is unconstitutional because it's trumped by federal law. More than 1,400 young people living in Nebraska have been granted work permits to stay in the United States for the next two years.

Last August, Gov. Dave Heineman declared that Nebraska would deny driver's licenses to the immigrants who became eligible to work in the

U.S. as a result of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Several months later, he said Nebraska will vigorously defend its policy, even if the state is sued.

The lawsuit is one of two challenging Nebraska's policy for deferred-action immigrants. In June, the Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit alleging that Nebraska officials violated a state law that requires them to hold a public hearing and comment period before making significant changes to state rules and regulations. The lawsuit also alleged that the policy violated the state constitution's right to due process.

Those suing the state argue that young immigrants enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program are lawfully in the U.S., noting that participants have work visas and have been issued Social Security numbers. The Department of Homeland Security also has said immigrants with work permits issued under the policy are lawfully present in the U.S.

Nebraska, like the state of Arizona, has refused to view those in President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program as legal residents. The Department of Homeland Security has said immigrants with work permits issued under the policy are lawfully present in the U.S.

Applicants for the deferment program must have come to the U.S. before they turned 16, be younger than 30, have been in the country for at least five continuous years, be in school or have graduated from high school or GED program or have served in the military. They also were allowed to apply for a two-year renewable work permit.

## Laid Off S.D. Beef Plant Workers Not Surprised

ABERDEEN (AP) — Laid-off workers at the Northern Beef Packers plant in the northern South Dakota city of Aberdeen say they haven't been paid for more than two weeks and the plant hasn't slaughtered any cattle for more than three weeks.

More than 250 workers were laid off Wednesday, following the layoffs of more than 100 workers three months ago. That leaves only six workers to watch over the idled \$115 million plant as it goes through Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which protects it from creditors while it reorganizes.

"It was inevitable," Jeffery LaCroix, who worked on the plant's slaughter line, told the *American News*. "We haven't been killing cows."

Company officials have not commented on the layoffs. They have said previously that they were trying to raise another \$20 million for plant operations.

Northern Beef has struggled since its founder secured land for the plant in 2006. It started operating on a limited basis last fall after years of delays caused by everything from financial woes and lawsuits to flooding. Officials had hoped to eventually process 1,500 cattle per day from the Dakotas, Ne-

braska, Iowa and Minnesota.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court documents show that the plant now owned by Korean investors owes millions of dollars to nearly 300 creditors in the U.S. and South Korea. Northern Beef also owes about \$500,000 in back property taxes to Brown County and also has pledged to pay \$950,000 to help resurface a road in the area. County commissioners have approved hiring an attorney with expertise in bankruptcy law.

The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation has scheduled a Friday meeting in Aberdeen with the laid-off workers to inform them about unemployment benefits and services available to help them find new jobs.

Mayor Mike Levsen said he is unhappy with the beef plant's management.

"There is a realization that people in management have a responsibility to their employees," he said. "One would hope management would act in such a way that they wouldn't screw up people's lives. We literally have had hundreds of people come to this community to make it grow. Now because of the failure of the beef plant, their personal lives have been disrupted."

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