

## Sioux Falls Robbery Suspect Arrested

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls police say an arrest has been made in Sunday's robbery of a convenience store.

Police say 20-year-old Stryker Alan Clemons was arrested Thursday afternoon in Brookings. A Crime Stoppers tip led to the identification and a warrant was issued.

Clemons was charged with second-degree robbery related to the crime at the Gas Stop on North Kiwanis Avenue. He is being held on \$10,000 bond.

Attorney information for Clemons was not immediately available.

## Dakota Ranchers Apply For Fed. Aid

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — About one-third of the initial applications made to a federal aid program for disaster-stricken ranchers have come from the Dakotas, and most of the money doled out so far has gone to South Dakota producers.

South Dakota ranchers lost an estimated 43,000 cattle and other livestock in an early October blizzard. More than 1,000 animals died in southwestern North Dakota.

The Livestock Indemnity Program authorized by the new federal farm bill started taking applications April 15. As of May 1, there were 1,034 applications, with 326 from South Dakota and 32 from North Dakota.

The government says about \$343,000 has been disbursed to ranchers nationwide so far — with 85 percent of the money going to South Dakota ranchers. The applications from North Dakota are still being processed.

## Garcia Competent To Stand Trial

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A former doctor accused of killing four people with ties to an Omaha medical school has been found competent to stand trial.

A competency hearing for Anthony Garcia, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was held Friday in Douglas County District Court after he spent three months undergoing psychological evaluation at the Lincoln Regional Center. His attorneys asked for the evaluation in February after becoming concerned about his mental state.

Garcia is charged with first-degree murder in the 2008 deaths of the 11-year-old son of Creighton University pathologist William Hunter and the family's housekeeper, as well as the deaths last May of Creighton pathologist Roger Brumback and his wife.

Authorities say Garcia was motivated by revenge for being fired in 2001. He has pleaded not guilty.

## Police Investigate Suspicious Powder

HURON (AP) — Huron police say authorities are investigating a white powder substance sent to the South Dakota Farm Bureau office in Huron.

The Farm Bureau office was closed briefly Friday morning while authorities investigated. Police say the substance arrived in a letter earlier in the week.

Fire Department personnel used hazardous material protocol to safely contain the substance. The materials were packaged and are headed to the South Dakota Department of Health Laboratory in Pierre for identification.

Police say the substance is believed to be non-hazardous and there is no threat to the public.

The origin of the letter and contents remain under investigation.

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# Solum, Vehle Will Chair Legislative Study Panels On Highways And Alcohol

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Two experienced lawmakers will lead the interim committees this summer.

The Legislature's Executive Board chose Rep. Roger Solum to head the study of South Dakota's laws regarding shipping and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

Solum, R-Watertown, will be chairman of the nine-member panel.

The study comes in the wake of a long battle during the 2014 session that saw the defeat of legislation that would have allowed interstate shipments of wine.

The board selected Sen. Mike Vehle as chairman for the 15-member committee that will analyze South Dakota's highway needs and financing.

Part of the highway panel's work is determining the impact of the 2011 and 2013 increases in license plate fees.

The two committees will hold several meetings during the summer and fall, then file reports on their work and make recommendations on legislation to the Executive Board.

The findings of the panels likely will be the foundation for work on the two topics during the 2015 legislative session.

The alcohol study's vice-chairman is Sen. Corey Brown, R-Gettysburg. He was prime sponsor of the wine-shipment legislation, SB 114.

Brown's bill made it through the Senate 23-11, after much parliamentary maneuvering.

But the House Commerce and Energy Committee later killed it 10-3

after a series of amendments.

Solum was chairman of the House committee. He is serving his sixth year in the House and is running for re-election to a fourth two-year term.

Brown is the Senate's president pro tem, serving his sixth year in the Senate and seeking re-election to a fourth two-year term.

Other members of the alcohol interim committee are senators Ryan Maher, R-Isabel; Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City; and Jim Bradford, D-Pine Ridge; and House members Brock Greenfield, D-Clark; Troy Heinert, D-Mission; Timothy Johns, R-Lead; and Tim Rounds, R-Pierre.

Vehle, in his role as Senate Transportation Committee chairman, has been the champion for better funding of highway projects during legislative sessions. He is serving his tenth year

in the Legislature and is seeking re-election to a fourth two-year term in the Senate.

The highway interim committee's Senate members are Bob Ewing, R-Sioux Falls; Jean Hunhoff, R-Yankton; David Omdahl, R-Sioux Falls; Larry Tidemann, R-Brookings; Chuck Welke, D-Warner; and Jim White, R-Huron.

Its House members are David Anderson, R-Hudson; Gary Cammack, R-Union Center; Mary Duvall, R-Pierre; Scott Parsley, D-Madison; Jim Peterson, D-Revillo; Jim Schaefer, R-Kennebec; Mike Verchio, R-Hill City; and Dick Werner, R-Huron.

Duvall, who is in her second year in the House and is seeking re-election, was chosen to be vice-chair.

## Nebraska Court: Man Must Stay Away From ConAgra

BY MARGERY A. BECK

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OMAHA, Neb. — A man charged with shooting at window washers outside food company ConAgra's headquarters in Omaha in 2012, and later acquitted, must stay away from the company's property, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled Friday.

In late 2012, Douglas County Court granted ConAgra a temporary restraining order against Ryan Zimmerman, who had been charged with several felonies in the Nov. 10, 2012 shooting outside the ConAgra building, where his estranged wife worked. No one was injured in the shooting,

and Zimmerman was acquitted by a jury in August of the charges after his attorneys were able to raise doubts about witness testimony.

Douglas County District Judge James Gleason had denied ConAgra's request to extend its restraining order against Zimmerman for another year.

In a 4-2 decision Friday with one justice not participating, the Nebraska Supreme Court reversed the lower court's ruling, ordering it to issue the one-year injunction against Zimmerman. The majority reasoned that the lower court was wrong to exclude evidence of Zimmerman's lengthy criminal history, reports showing he had harassed his wife at ConAgra and of

protection orders issued to keep Zimmerman away from his wife.

That evidence provides "relevant connection between the past actions of Zimmerman and the likelihood he will trespass again, while also demonstrating his flagrant disregard for the criminal law," Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack wrote for the majority.

In a dissent, Justices William Casel and Kenneth Stephan said the majority opinion goes against more than 100 years of court precedent and wrongly speculates that Zimmerman will commit a crime on ConAgra property. They also said that ConAgra, as a large and successful corporation, was

getting special treatment as a result of the Supreme Court ruling.

ConAgra has already issued a letter to Zimmerman barring him from being on ConAgra property and can be arrested for criminal trespass if he does, the dissent said. State law provides restraining orders for victims of domestic abuse or harassment, it said.

Zimmerman's attorney, Michael Wilson, said it's unclear from the opinion whether the one-year extension becomes effective this year or will commence from the date of the lower court's original order — making it moot, as a year has already passed since then.

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