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USD Assault Case Under Investigation

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VERMILLION — The Clay County state's attorney is determining what charges, if any, may be filed regarding an alleged sexual assault last September on the University of South Dakota campus.

State's Attorney Teddi Gertsma acknowledged Friday afternoon she was reviewing the authorities' findings on the case. However, she hasn't determined how she will proceed.

"(I) haven't made any decisions yet — maybe next week," she told the *Press & Dakotan*.

Vermillion Police Chief Matt Betzen referred his investigation to Gertsma for her action.

"I have sent the case to the state's attorney," Betzen said. "Basically, at the time (of the alleged assault), the University released the pictures of three people. One of the people wasn't involved. The other two people were involved with the alleged event."

Betzen said the alleged incident occurred in a USD dorm, but he declined to provide other details or the names of possible suspects.

"Two of the subjects were at the alleged event," he said. "We believe one committed a sexual assault. The charges will be determined by the state's attorney."

Betzen emphasized this case is unrelated to another alleged incident of sexual assault which occurred at about the same time off the USD campus.

"They just occurred close together in the same time frame," he said. "There was a lot of speculation that the two were related, but they're not. We didn't believe they were related, and we don't believe they are (at this time)."

At the time of the alleged incident, USD officials said they are very concerned about the two incidents, according to the *Vermillion Plain Talk*.

USD officials felt it was in the best interest of students to let them

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State-U: Breathless!



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

This University of South Dakota fan makes her sentiments known about the USD-South Dakota State University football rivalry, the renewal of which took place Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. However, she and other Coyote fans may have been left breathless at the end of the afternoon as SDSU rallied for a 30-23 victory. For details on Saturday's game, see page 7.

Officials: Avian Flu Won't Hinder Holiday Turkey Sales

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The Avian influenza that struck bird plants in South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa several months ago won't put a damper on holiday meals.

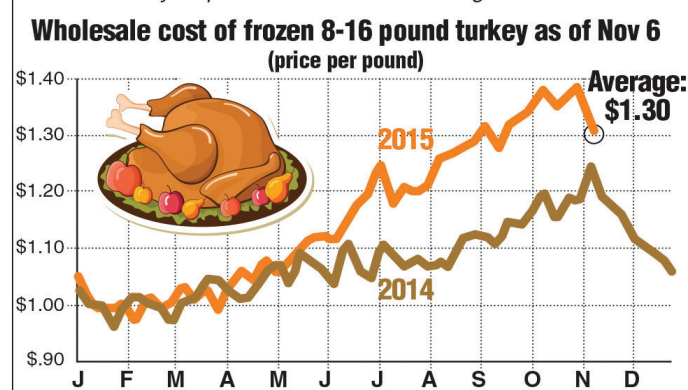
The flu, which reportedly affected poultry in the country from December 2014-June 2015, has since died down. However, there were worries that the impact the flu had on poultry, especially turkeys, would hurt holiday season meals.

According to Ken Rutledge, president/CEO of Dakota Provisions, a turkey plant located in Huron, a turkey shortage is unlikely.

"There should be an ample supply of turkeys," he said. "However, you might not see retailers featuring turkeys the way they have in the past. Normally in some places, you can buy \$300 worth of groceries to get a free turkey. There might still be some of those, but I would guess they'd be less enthused doing it this

Turkey high, but coming down

While the prices that supermarkets pay for turkeys are about 15 percent to 20 percent higher than they were a year ago, stores are offering their pre-Thanksgiving discounts. The retail price has come down by 36 percent from three weeks ago



year because there won't be as many turkeys. Everyone should get a turkey but there won't be an abundance of them."

While Dakota Provisions doesn't sell whole birds, the plant

took a hit from the flu when 11 of their growers tested positive.

"It certainly took volume off

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France Strikes At IS Forces

Hunt Continues For Suspect Who Got Away

BY GREG KELLER
Associated Press

PARIS — France launched "massive" air strikes on the Islamic State group's de-facto capital in Syria Sunday night, destroying a jihadi training camp and a munitions dump in the city of Raqqa, where Iraqi intelligence officials say the attacks on Paris were planned.

Twelve aircraft including 10 fighter jets dropped a total of 20 bombs in the biggest air strikes since France extended its bombing campaign against the extremist group to Syria in September, a Defense Ministry statement said. The jets launched from sites in Jordan and the Persian Gulf, in coordination with U.S. forces.

Meanwhile, as police announced seven arrests and hunted for more members of the sleeper cell that carried out the Paris attacks that killed 129 people, French officials revealed to The Associated Press that several key suspects had been stopped and released by police after the attack.

The arrest warrant for Salah Abdeslam, a 26-year-old born in Brussels, calls him very dangerous and warns people not to intervene if they see him.

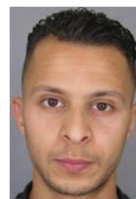
Yet police already had him in their grasp early Saturday, when they stopped a car carrying three men near the Belgian border. By then, hours had passed since authorities identified Abdeslam as the renter of a Volkswagen Polo that carried hostage takers to the Paris theater where so many died.

Three French police officials and a top French security official confirmed that officers let Abdeslam go after checking his ID. They spoke on condition of anonymity, lacking authorization to publicly disclose such details.

Tantalizing clues about the extent of the plot have emerged from Baghdad, where senior Iraqi officials told the AP that France and other countries had been warned on Thursday of an imminent attack.

An Iraqi intelligence dispatch warned that Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi had ordered his followers to immediately launch gun and bomb attacks and take hostages inside the countries of the coalition fighting them in Iraq and Syria.

The Iraqi dispatch, which was obtained by



Abdeslam

Mount Marty Trap Shooting Team Receives Grants

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Mount Marty College's (MMC) trap shooting team has received some much-needed help.

A few weeks ago, the team received grants from the NRA Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF). The RMEF grant was a \$2,218 check and the NRA grant gave the team shooting supplies of shotgun shells, two guns, safety glasses and electronic hearing protection gear. Coach Randy Hummel plans to use the RMEF grant on shooting vests and targets.

The coed shooting team, cur-

rently made up of seven members, practices sporting clays, skeet shooting and wobble trap type of shooting. Most of the traps shooting in this part of the country is known as American trap shooting, according to Hummel.

"With most trap shooting, the targets are a clay disk that come out of a thrower buried in the ground," he explained. "With American trap, the targets are always going away from you and can move at angles up to 45 degrees, left or right. Skeet shooting is where you are on a clock face with a thrower at three and nine o'clock."

"Everywhere there's a number that's basically a shooting station," he

continued. "Targets are always coming out of the three or nine o'clock thrower and they have to be shot in a certain order."

Hummel's passion for shooting prompted him to be the team's coach when the program was first started.

"Mike Rockne saw that there was a group giving a \$10,000 start-up grant to any college that didn't already have a trap shooting team, so he talked to MMC about it and they said they'd be willing to start a team if he got the grant," Hummel explained.

It was an easy decision for Hummel to agree to coach MMC's

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Sunday Rollover



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Two people sustained non-life-threatening injuries in this one-vehicle rollover on 898 Rd. near St. Helena, Nebraska, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. No other information on the incident was available at press time. Yankton ambulance and fire crews and the Cedar County Sheriff's Office responded to the accident.

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