

Officer Fatally Shoots Man In Rapid City

RAPID CITY — Rapid City police say an officer responding to a domestic assault call fatally shot a man who lunged at him with an apparent metal bar.

Authorities say officers Tuesday night responded to a report of a domestic assault at a residence with a man and woman inside, and forced their way in after the man refused to open the door.

Police say 46-year-old Patrick Lundstrom lunged at Officer Matt Macrander with what appeared to be a metal bar raised over his head, and Macrander shot him. Lundstrom was pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was hurt.

The state Division of Criminal Investigation will look into the shooting. Macrander is on leave pending the probe. Both are standard procedure.

Macrander has been a Rapid City officer since February 2013.

Couple Convicted Of Assaulting Woman

OMAHA, Neb. — Two Omaha people are scheduled to be sentenced in November for kidnapping and savagely attacking a woman over her boyfriend's debt.

Ronald Ford Jr. and Shavontae Green were convicted for the January attack on a 38-year-old woman. Their sentencing is set for Nov. 3.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reports that Ford was upset because the woman's boyfriend owed Ford money for a laptop computer. The 33-year-old Ford and 26-year-old Green went to the boyfriend's house in January but found only the woman there. They beat her, kidnapped her and took her to their home.

Prosecutors say the woman was beaten again, sexually assaulted, burned with a cigarette, whipped with a chain, doused with boiling water on a shoulder and on her chest and also was splashed with bleach.

Former Gov. Miller's Body To Lie In State

PIERRE — The body of former South Dakota Gov. Walter Dale Miller will lie in state in the Rotunda of the Capitol building in Pierre on Monday morning.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says public viewing will be allowed from 7-11 a.m. Central time on Monday, with a memorial ceremony to begin at 1 p.m.

Miller died Monday night at age 89. Arrangements are pending for his funeral in Rapid City.

Miller stepped in as the state's leader in 1993 after a plane crash killed his predecessor, Gov. George Mickelson. Miller served as the state's 29th governor through 1995.

Trial Rescheduled For Man Injuring Baby

COLUMBUS, Neb. — A trial has been delayed for a 23-year-old Columbus man accused of seriously injuring the 4-month-old daughter of his live-in girlfriend.

The *Columbus Telegram* reports that Francisco Villatoro has pleaded not guilty to intentional child abuse resulting in injury. His trial was to begin Monday in Platte County District Court.

The trial has been rescheduled to begin Nov. 30. Villatoro's attorney had sought more time to consult with medical experts about whether shaking had caused the infant's injury.

Authorities say Villatoro called 911 on May 23 to report that the baby was choking. The infant was taken to Columbus Community Hospital and then transferred to an Omaha hospital. Doctors say the little girl suffered a head injury.

Police Investigating Next Casino Robbery

RAPID CITY — Rapid City police are investigating the armed robbery of another casino.

Authorities say a man wearing a black hooded sweat shirt and ski mask entered Brewsters Discount Liquor Casino with a handgun shortly before 1:30 a.m. Tuesday and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. The casino employee wasn't hurt.

Rapid City has had seven casino robberies since early August. Police say it's too early to know if the latest robbery is connected to any of the previous ones.

Man Imprisoned Faces Murder Charge

OMAHA, Neb. — Authorities say a man imprisoned for an unrelated kidnapping conviction faces a murder charge in Omaha.

Omaha police say an arrest warrant for first-degree murder and a weapons count has been issued for 24-year-old Kevin Mariscal. He's in Tecumseh prison, serving 15 years for a 2010 kidnapping in Sarpy County. Online court records don't list the name of an attorney who could be contacted to comment on behalf of Mariscal.

Mariscal is suspected of killing 50-year-old Barbara Gonzales, of Omaha. Her body was spotted in a south Omaha residential alley by teenagers walking a dog on July 6, 2010. She'd been shot with a handgun.

Man Pleads Guilty In Lake Crash Death

RAPID CITY — A Rapid City man involved in a fatal crash on Lake Pactola has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and boating under the influence.

Authorities say 29-year-old Jody Kreycik was drunk when his personal watercraft collided with a boat on Aug. 14. The crash killed 33-year-old Gabrielle Fisher, one of two people on the boat.

Kreycik faces up to 10 years in prison. A sentencing date was not immediately set.

Woman Convicted Of Vehicular Homicide

LINCOLN, Neb. — A woman has been convicted in the crash death of an 81-year-old man in south Lincoln.

Online court records say sentencing is scheduled Dec. 4 for 51-year-old Laurie Clemans, who pleaded no contest on Tuesday and was convicted of misdemeanor vehicular homicide.

The accident occurred around 3 p.m. on March 30 at the intersection of Old Cheney Road and Nebraska Highway 2. Police say a car driven by Monty McMahon, of Lincoln, was struck by Clemans' vehicle as Clemans tried to turn left. McMahon was pronounced dead at a Lincoln hospital.

Man Gets 30 Years For Assaulting Officer

RAPID CITY — A Box Elder man convicted of assaulting a police officer with his car has been sentenced to serve 30 years in prison.

Authorities say officers were attempting to serve an arrest warrant for a parole violation on 26-year-old John Root, Jr. on New Year's Day in 2014. They say Box Elder Officer Nick Rosser became caught in Root's car door and was dragged, and that Root also aimed his car at two Pennington County deputies.

Rosser suffered minor injuries.

A jury in late August convicted Root on three counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, and one count each of resisting arrest and obstructing a law enforcement officer. He was sentenced Tuesday and will get credit for nearly two years he's already spent behind bars.

Student Gets Transportation Scholarship

PIERRE — The state Department of Transportation has awarded a South Dakota School of Mines and Technology student with a scholarship provided by an association of state highway and transportation officials.

The \$1,000 scholarship announced Tuesday for Justin Kepler is from the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Kepler is a senior in civil engineering at the Rapid City institution. He has previously worked in the state department's office in Pierre.

The association of state highway and transportation officials granted member state departments each a scholarship to give to someone who is pursuing education and career opportunities in a field related to transportation.

Dakota Access Refuses To Provide Liability Coverage

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Dakota Access won't willingly provide its liability insurance policies to the state Public Utilities Commission, the lead lawyer for the crude-oil pipeline project in South Dakota said Wednesday.

He was responding to a lawyer for the city government of Sioux Falls who asked the commission to compel the company to turn over the policies.

The question likely won't be settled until the middle of next week, near the scheduled conclusion of the project's permit hearing.

Brett Koenecke of Pierre said he needed the weekend to prepare the company's argument against providing the insurance policies.

Diane Best, a lawyer for Sioux Falls, asked for three days after Koenecke's filing to prepare a response.

She wants the insurance policies to be presented for Dakota Access, its parent companies and affiliates.

Koenecke said he would "resist vigorously" her request.

"We think we got solid reasons for doing so. We're not just saying no. We're saying no for a reason," Koenecke said. "Those are very sensitive documents."

Commission chairman Chris Nelson requested and received a listing of homes along the pipeline's route. He also wants a listing of farmsteads.

Nelson questioned Dakota Access official Joey Mahmoud about corporate liability in case of a spill or other emergency.

Mahmoud said the three partners in the project would be responsible.

They will be Sunoco Logistics, Energy Transfer Partners and Phillips 66, according to Mahmoud.

Commissioner Gary Hanson asked another Dakota Access witness whether there is a reason for routing the pipeline so close to the largest population concentration in South Dakota.

Hanson, a past mayor of Sioux Falls, said he is concerned about the proposed



PHOTO: BOB MERCER  
Jack Edwards, construction manager for the Dakota Access pipeline project, listens to a question Wednesday morning during a Public Utilities Commission Meeting in Pierre. The court reporter is Cheri McComsey Wittler.

route running near the Sioux Falls landfill, Wall Lake, Harrisburg and Tea.

Jack Edwards, the construction manager for Dakota Access said city officials advised the company where the route would have the least impact.

Hanson asked for the names of the elected officials with whom the company met. Edwards said he could provide them.

Hanson returned to his question about the reason for routing it there.

"It was a method to get from point A to point B in the shortest distance," Edwards replied, adding that they realized they needed to move the route further south.

"In the pipeline business it's always motivated by the shortest route," Edwards said.

Hanson asked the same question for a third time. "Is there any need?" Hanson asked.

As Edwards paused, Hanson said he assumed the answer was 'no' because Edwards delayed answering. "No, you're correct, yes," Edwards replied.

The proposed project would transport crude oil from the Bakken and Three Forks formations of northwest North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to southern Illinois.

The route would enter South Dakota through Campbell County and continue at a 45-degree angle southeasterly through McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner and Lincoln counties on its way to Iowa.

The hearing began Tuesday afternoon. It continues today and Friday and resumes next week Tuesday. It is scheduled to continue through next week Friday if necessary.

Omaha Targeting Data Centers, Hoping They Lead To More Jobs

BY DAVID A. LIEB  
Associated Press

At least 20 computer data centers are located around Omaha, Nebraska, including some just across the Missouri River in neighboring Iowa.

They help power Internet searches for Google and Yahoo. Others house the financial data of Travelers Insurance and Mutual of Omaha. And some serve the computing needs of ConAgra Foods, Union Pacific railroad and other major companies in a wide variety of fields.

Some have been drawn to the area by tax breaks offered by Nebraska and Iowa, two of the most prominent Midwestern competitors in an increasingly aggressive battle among states to lure data centers.

This summer, Omaha hosted its fourth annual Data Center Day, delivering a recruitment pitch to more than 50 site-selection brokers and business executives.

It's a big effort to appeal to an industry that often employs just 20 or so people to tend to its warehouses of computer servers and hard drives. But local officials insist data centers can have strong multiplier effects.

Their construction produces jobs for electricians and pipefitters, among others. And once a data center is built, a company sometimes locates other parts of its operations nearby.

The marketing holding company Interpublic Group consolidated its data centers from Hong Kong, London, New York and elsewhere to the Omaha area in 2009, when it employed 270 people in the area. Today, Interpublic has 488 employees there, as it has added back-office jobs in accounting, invoicing and payroll.

Online state records indicate that Interpublic Group received at least \$2 million of sales tax breaks or tax credits from Nebraska in 2012 and 2013, but that does

not include any property tax breaks or additional sale tax breaks since then.

Yahoo, which also has both a data center and other operations in Nebraska, received at least \$13 million in state tax breaks during 2013 and 2014, according to those online records.

Various other data centers also might have received Nebraska incentives, but a lag time in reporting makes the total unclear.

Iowa has extended about \$100 million of state tax breaks to data centers, mainly to Microsoft, Google and Facebook, according to records provided to *The Associated Press*.

A data center "kind of gets us in the door with the company, so we can sell the company on other operations to locate in greater Omaha," said Mark Norman, senior director of client services for the Greater Omaha Economic Development Partnership.

Drones Grant Allows For Storm Study

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A proposal to use drones to study severe storms has received a boost from a \$1.9 million federal grant to refine the aircraft and some of the instruments they carry.

University of Colorado researcher Eric Frew said Wednesday the National Science Foundation grant will allow CU and four other schools to develop guidance systems that maximize the drones' flight time.

The grant will also help develop some of the instruments the drones will carry.

Test flights would be done over tornado-prone states in the West and Midwest.

The other schools involved are the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Texas Tech, the University of Minnesota and Texas A&M.

Researchers say drones can penetrate parts of storms that other instruments can't reach, at less cost and with less danger than piloted planes.

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