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SD Inmate's Death Ruled Homicide

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PIERRE — The death of an inmate who was serving a life sentence for murder at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls has been ruled a homicide, law enforcement officials announced Monday.

Kent Davidson, the 37-year-old inmate whose body was found in his cell last week, died from strangulation and asphyxia, according to his death certificate filed Monday. His injuries were inflicted with a bed sheet.

An investigation is ongoing into Davidson's death, the Attorney General's office said Monday, but no sus-

pects have been publicly identified.

Davidson was injured late on Sept. 7 and died early on Sept. 8, according to his death certificate.

Davidson had a cell mate who was deemed a "low moderate" risk, according to the Department of Corrections. Davidson was assessed as a "moderate" risk.

Davidson pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in April in the death of his girlfriend, 26-year-old Crystal Schulz, who was shot in the head on March 11, 2013.

Her body was found three days later in a shed at her mother's rural Chamberlain residence, and David-

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Firm Looks To Renew SD Pipeline Permits

TransCanada Faces Four-Year Deadline Due To Lack Of Construction

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — A Canadian company that has been waiting for years to pipe more tar-sands oil from Alberta through the Great Plains states presented documents Monday to revive the project's construction permit in South Dakota.

TransCanada Keystone originally asked for the permit in 2009 from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The PUC granted the permit June 29, 2010.

Because TransCanada Keystone didn't begin construction within the required four years, the company must take another step.

TransCanada needs to certify to the PUC that the conditions in the permit will still be met.

TransCanada's vice president for the project, Corey Goulet of Calgary, Alberta, signed an affidavit Friday swearing that the company has met the conditions so far and will comply with all of them during construction, operation and maintenance of the pipeline.

The PUC received the certification documents Monday.

The commission's three elected commissioners and staff will review the certification filing and the permit conditions, according to Patty Van Gerpen, the PUC's executive director.

It is the first time certification became necessary on a pipeline project in South Dakota, she said.

The commission will decide at future public meeting how to proceed, including participation by interveners and accepting public comments.

"Our plan is to open a docket related to the prior (one)," Van Gerpen said.

Dakota Rural Action has been the leading opponent to the project in South Dakota.

The project, known as the Keystone XL pipeline, remains stalled at the federal level.

The U.S. State Department under President Barack Obama hasn't granted permission for the pipeline to pierce the U.S.-Canada border.

The South Dakota segment would cover 313 miles. It would cross from Montana into South Dakota at the northwest corner and continue through nine counties on a southeast path into Nebraska.

There would be seven pumping stations along the South Dakota segment in Harding, Meade, Haakon, Jones and Tripp counties.

The route also would cross portions of Butte, Perkins, Pennington and Lyman counties.

The plan calls for Keystone XL to connect with other pipelines at a junction at Steele City, Neb.

Opponents don't want more oil mined from tar sands in Alberta because they contend it will be a source of worse pollution. They

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The Sound Of Success



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Doyle and Caroline Becker, owners of Yankton-based Riverfront Broadcasting, were recently named the South Dakota Broadcasters of the Year during a state convention in Sioux Falls. The firm owns KYNT-AM, KKYA-FM and KDAM-FM in Yankton, as well as stations in Mitchell and Pierre.

Broadcasters Earn SD Honor

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The month of September has been good to Caroline and Doyle Becker.

Ten years ago this month, the husband-and-wife duo fulfilled a life-long dream of Caroline's to own a radio station. Move forward 10 years and the pair, owners of Riverfront Broadcasting, were named S.D. Broadcasters of the Year, the first couple in the state to win the award and the first ever from Yankton. They received the award from the South Dakota Broadcasters Association during the group's recent convention in Sioux Falls.

However, if you ask Caroline, the process to broadcasting success began a long time before that.

"I started working at KYNT in high school," she said. "During my job interview with Scott Kooistra, he asked what my long-term goals were. I told him I wanted to own the station."

That dream became a reality in 2004, when the

Beckers were approached by Caroline's mentor, Dean Sorenson, about an opportunity to purchase two stations in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

"We had always planned on getting into broadcasting, but when Dean Sorenson approached us about the opportunity in Nebraska City, our first reaction was we are not ready," Caroline said. "However, when we started looking into it, it was just too good of an opportunity — so we jumped."

Noting that there is no right or wrong way to take over a radio station, the pair said it was a fantastic, crazy time that wouldn't have been possible without their financing partner First National Dakota Bank in Yankton and local attorney Sheila S. Woodward.

At the time, Doyle was working in the bio-medical department at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and had been offered a job out of state.

"With the job offer I had, we were looking for what

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Heineman: Picking New Lt. Gov. Could Take Weeks

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman says he will appoint a new lieutenant governor even though he only has about four months left in office.

But Heineman said Monday that he doesn't expect to announce a replacement for Lavon Heidemann for several weeks.

Heidemann, a former state senator and University of Nebraska regent, resigned last week after a judge approved a protection order against him at his sister's request.

Heineman says state law requires him to appoint a second-in-



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command even though he's leaving office in January.

Nebraska's protocol calls for the lieutenant governor to take over the governor's office if Heineman were to die or become permanently incapacitated.

Without a lieutenant governor, the next person in the succession line would be Speaker of the Legislature Greg Adams, of York.

SD Board Adopts New PE Standards

RAPID CITY (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Education has adopted a new set of physical education standards that are meant to encourage students to maintain physically active lifestyles.

The board during its Monday meeting in Rapid City also discussed proposed science criteria.

The physical education standards at the elementary school level focus on fundamental motor skills. In middle school, students apply those motor skills. In high school, the emphasis is on fitness and wellness.

The standards draw from national guidelines and were tweaked for South Dakota students. The committee that developed the new benchmarks removed cricket from the list of activities, for example, because that sport is not popular in the Midwest.

The proposed science standards are designed to give students an idea of how science is used in the field.

Mead Project Gains Additional Recognition

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Dakota Territorial Museum director Crystal Nelson is excited by the designation of the Mead Restoration Project as Yankton's 125th Legacy project.

Renovations to turn the Mead Building on the Human Services Center (HSC) campus into the new home of the Dakota Territorial Museum in 2018 remain on track. But recently, the project was given some added recognition in conjunction with South Dakota's quinquennial.

Dakota Territorial Museum director Crystal Nelson said the building was given Yankton's 125th Legacy project designation.

"The 125th committee got together, which comprises of a lot of different people in the community," Nelson said. "We did the November kickoff last year for the 125th and what we decided early on after that event was over was we needed to choose a legacy project and follow all the guidelines to become a 125th community. Part of that is picking a 'legacy project' ... With the 125th, they've chosen to make the Mead Building the legacy project for the

Yankton community."

Nelson said an example of such a project came 25 years ago when the Dakota Theater in downtown Yankton was renovated for the state's centennial.

"The committee (in 1989) chose to make Dakota Theater the legacy project," she said. "It was, I think, at a point where it either needed to be embraced by the community or it would've ceased to exist."

She added this was an example the Mead Building would need to follow in order to be preserved by the community.

"It's just a matter of saying, as a community, we embrace and want to preserve this particular project because we want it to be here," she said. "Like they did for Dakota Theater — they took it on, they made it the legacy project and now, 25 years later, they're still using it. It's a very big part of our community. We hope to see that at the 150th

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