

**Charged with alien smuggling**

**Egg farmer pleads guilty**

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SAN ANTONIO — The owner of a Denton County egg farm pleaded guilty in federal court Monday to one count of conspiring to import illegal aliens in a case criticized by U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez.

In a plea bargain agreement, Helen Mahard pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge before U.S. District Judge Fred Shannon. The agreement also called for a guilty plea on behalf of the Mahard Egg Farm Inc.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Maeso charged that Mrs. Mahard and her husband con-

spired in February 1982 to import illegal Mexican aliens to work on the egg farm near Prosper, Texas, in Denton County.

The plea bargain also called for charges against Mr. Mahard to be dismissed at Mrs. Mahard's Dec. 16 sentencing. The maximum penalty is five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The case was highlighted last week when Gonzalez, a Texas Democrat, charged that four aliens being held to testify in the case were farmed out to work long hours for low wages at a south Texas feed company.

U.S. Attorney Ed Prado confirmed last week the four men had been farmed out by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. But Prado said federal officials were unaware the men were made to work up to 80 hours a week for a reported 85 cents an hour.

When the aliens complained about their working conditions, they were picked up by the U.S. Border Patrol. They had been in custody since last year waiting for the Mahard case to come to trial.

Shannon ordered Monday that the four men be released and that money owed them by

the U.S. Department of Labor be forwarded through a Mexican consulate.

"Let the people go," Shannon told Prado. "It's almost Thanksgiving. Let the people go."

After the hearing, Prado turned to several Border Patrol officials in the courtroom and told them, "We need to get rid of these people (aliens)."

However, Prado told Shannon the government was not prepared to release up to 65 other illegal aliens, who are being held in Del Rio as material witnesses in alien smuggling cases.

**18-year-old charged with aiding a suicide**

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HOUSTON — Kent Kretsinger's suicide, allegedly with his girlfriend's aid, shattered the lives of two families. Now, 15 months later, the families are immersed in an unprecedented court case.

Kretsinger's girlfriend, Jean LeeAnn Miller, now 18, is charged with aiding a suicide, a felony in Texas carrying a maximum possible penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Arrestment is scheduled Dec. 5, with trial expected sometime next spring.

Friends said Kretsinger was outwardly a happy-go-lucky high school graduate when he shot himself in the chest with his father's .38-caliber pistol Aug. 27, 1982.

He went before a grand jury whose foreman was a lawyer, Frank Briscoe, who had handled some legal affairs in Kretsinger's death.

Kretsinger and Miller met in summer school, where Kretsinger was taking a course he needed to graduate from high school.

Friends said Miller was something of a novelty when she came to Klein High School one day with her hair dyed purple. Friends said she was heavily into punk rock music. She also wrote poetry dealing with anger and suicide.

"Kent was fascinated with her," recalled friend Matt Brandon, now attending Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

He was a long-distance runner, an aspiring photographer and a saxophone player. Kretsinger was working as a busboy, preparing to go to junior college.

Friends said Kretsinger was known to talk of committing suicide, but his mother, Ann, a single parent and assistant manager of a furniture store, described him simply as "my loving son."

She said he did not show any suicide inclinations, although he did leave a will, leaving his car and other belongings to Miller. In suicide notes to friends and family, Kretsinger said he was happy and gave no reason.

"I thought she had a power over him," Mrs. Kretsinger said. "But it was the power of love. He loved her like you love a person for weeks."

Mrs. Kretsinger did not allow Miller to come to the funeral.

Miller's parents, Jack and Miller, had a different view of the relationship between Kretsinger and their daughter.

"He had an incredible power over Jean," they said in a written statement. "He convinced her that he would only be happy if he committed suicide."

"It appeared he had been planning his suicide for some time. He had developed a plan to make sure the attempt would be successful this time. He planned the entire scenario."

Prosecutor Don Stricklin said "I have no doubt that Kent Kretsinger shot himself." Asked whether Miller was present at the time, Stricklin added, "No, that we can prove."

Mrs. Kretsinger said she was disappointed when the case was dismissed the first time but was surprised when a grand jury became involved after the judge dismissed the case.

"I don't want to hurt Jean. But it's not right for things to happen and be forgotten. And I don't want this to happen to anyone else," Mrs. Kretsinger said. "I'm not bitter. But my two kids are my life."

Mrs. Kretsinger believes her son's death was caused by the influence of punk-rock music with its lyrics focusing on hopelessness, but she said she partly blames herself.

"Most parents are embarrassed or ashamed and don't want to be known. I'm beyond that," she said.

The Millers indicated in their statement they feel their daughter is a victim of the suicide, and they said she has had considerable difficulty since, including undergoing psychiatric treatment.

"Evidently, there is a desire to cause as much damage as possible to Jean, even though she is a victim of the suicide, not the cause," the family statement said.



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