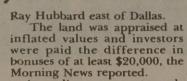
State senator denies foul play in land deal

United Press International DALLAS — State Sen. Ted Lyon profited from a condominium marketing firm under state and federal scrutiny and failed to warn potential investors he was representing person-al financial risk in the transac-tions, The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday.

Lyon, a Mesquite Democrat whose law firm handled busi-ness for Kitco Developers Inc. and its owner Clifford Sinclair, denied any wrong-doing in the enterprise, according to a copyr-ight report in the Morning News.

Under the scheme, Kitco recruited investors to pledge their net worth as security on loans to buy land, mostly around Lake



According to state records compiled in a two-month Morning News inquiry, the Lyon and Smith law firm handled incorporations for dozens of investor companies formed to take part in the land deals and received fees of \$500 to \$1,000 for each transaction. But the deal was so structured

that individuals were personally liable for the loans, a fact Lyon did not bring up while the deal was being closed, the Morning News said. "Anybody who would go

down there and sign a note for that much money and not read the papers is pretty stupid if you ask me," Lyons said.

But an attorney representing an investor in one of the transac-tions said it was up to Lyon to warn investors of possible risks.

According to records, Lyon himself personally took part in a land deal through Lyon De-velopment Inc. in which he signed a \$700,439 note to Bell Savings Association of Belton for two acres in Lancaster.

Bell Savings president Ken Law said Lyon demanded sever-al months ago that he be allowed to assign the debt on the land site of a planned condominium project - to another investor.

The Kitco condominium investment packages involve hundreds of investors who are per-sonally liable for millions of dollars in real estate notes, which could represent substantial losses to lending institutions in event of default, the Morning

The schemes have come under scrutiny of the FBI, the Texas Savings and Loan Depart-ment and the Federal Home Loan Board, the Morning News reported

Group rejects federal law arbored tax fugitive

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. Leonard Ginter, the man accused of helping hide tax fugi-tive Gordon Kahl before a fiery shoot-out June 3, was sentenced to five years in prison Tuesday but his wife was spared a prison term. Norma Ginter, 58, re-

ceived a five-year suspended sentence and was placed on probation for that time.

She will remain in custody, however, until the Ginters are tried for capital murder in the death of Lawrence County Sheriff Gene Matthews. Au-thorities said Matthews and Kahl killed each other with their last shots at the Ginters'

home near Smithville.

Two other men convicted of harboring Kahl were also sentenced by U.S. District Judge Franklin Waters.

Ed Udey, 70, of Cotter received two concurrent fiveyear sentences, and Arthur Russell, 74, of Mountain Home, was sentenced to five years with all but six months suspended.

The maximum penalty would have been 10 years in prison and a fine of \$15,000.

"I thought it was a just sentence and we were very satis-fied with it," said Prosecuting Attorney Asa Hutchinson. According to testimony in

the October trial, the Ginters

helped hide Kahl in Mountain Home for about a month, then moved him to their concrete bunker a few days before authorities found him.

At the time, Kahl was being sought in the February shooting deaths of two federal mar-shals in North Dakota. Kahl had been a farmer there and was a member of Posse Comitatus, a paramilitary group that opposes individual in-come tax and rejects federal authority.

Ginter was a charter mem-ber of Posse Comitatus when he lived in Dickeyville, Wis., but the couple banded with a less formal group of tax pro-

testers in Arkansas, a fi and neighbor said. The Ginters were also

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United Press International MIDLAND — No mechanical or pilot errors have been found

to explain the crash of a private plane that killed eight men, including six Midland-Odessa television station employees, an official said Tuesday.

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An investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, Warren Wandel, confirmed the chartered twinengine Beechcraft-100's landing gear was up when the plane crashed early Saturday.

But he told reporters at a

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news conference the pilot would have put the landing gear up if he had decided to make another conducted to try and de mechanical or pilot failur approach before landing at the Midland Regional Airport.

The plane, carrying em-loyees of the Odessa-Midland KOSA television station, was returning from taping two high school football games when it crashed.

"According to witnesses we have interviewed and a recon-struction of a flight profile, the landing gear was down when the pilot approached runway 16," Wandel said.

He added that the landing lights had been on — indicating

"Sometime during the acci-dent sequence the pilot selected to six months before and to gear up, and it was up at im-

plane was traveling betwee mph and 150 mph crashed in a field east of main runway Pilot Keith Elkin of Mi had more than 5,000 ho flying experience, with hours experience flying particular type of plane, W

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