

# Nurse Jones convicted of injecting drug in boy

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SAN ANTONIO — A state district judge Wednesday found Gene Jones guilty of injecting a 4-week-old boy with a drug injection.

Judge Pat Priest, who delivered his verdict immediately after the final arguments, said the only reasonable conclusion he could reach was that Jones injected Rolando Santos with a powerful blood-thinning drug.

"I find that child received a massive dose of heparin during the 3 to 11 (p.m.) shift Jan. 9, 1982, and that Gene Jones did it," Priest said.

The judge sentenced the 34-year-old nurse to 60 years in prison and ordered that she pay court costs. He did not rule on a portion of the indictment that alleged Santos was impaired by the drug injection.

Special Prosecutor Nick Rothe said the sentence will run concurrently with the 99-year sentence Jones received for murdering a 15-

month-old girl in Kerrville.

Throughout the trial, Rothe and assistant District Attorney Ray Fuchs tried to show that four separate life-threatening incidents involving Santos were part of a pattern of abuse in Medical Center Hospital's pediatric intensive care unit.

"It is difficult for any human being to contemplate what we have here, an individual who is trained and licensed to care for patients but, for reasons known only to that person (Jones), tries to do just the opposite, to harm the people in their care," Rothe said.

Rothe cited the testimony of nurse Susanna Maldonado, who said that Jones threatened her with death, apparently because Maldonado kept a list of the 42 infants who died on Jones' shift between January 1981 and March 1982.

"But for the intervention of Dr. (Kenneth) Copeland, Santos would have been added to that list," Rothe

said.

Testimony showed that Santos suffered seizures from unknown causes Dec. 29, 1981, and Jan. 1, 1982. He also had two episodes of profuse bleeding and cardiac arrest on Jan. 6 and Jan. 9, 1982. He was in Jones' care in all four incidents.

Jones said an investigation by the Centers for Disease Control showed that infants were 10 times more likely to suffer cardiac arrest and 10 times more likely to die when Jones was working.

"It's more horrifying when you consider this woman was treating not just patients, but babies, and not just babies but critically ill babies in the intensive care unit," Rothe said.

Defense attorney Royal Griffin said in his final arguments that the state failed to produce any evidence linking Jones to the incidents with Santos. He also called the CDC report "a totally worthless enterprise."

# Nine visitors die in hotel fire

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BAGUIO, Philippines — Firemen Wednesday retrieved the bodies of more victims of a blaze that swept through a luxury hotel and killed 17 people, nine of them Americans visiting for the 40th anniversary of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's return to the Philippines.

At least 51 people, including 36 members of the American Legion tour, were injured in the blaze that

gutted the wood-frame, four-story Pines Hotel in the hillside tourist resort of Baguio, 125 miles north of Manila.

"The Americans have all been accounted for," said Maj. Barry Glickman, a spokesman at the Clark U.S. Air Force base, where the injured Americans — many of them elderly and infirm — and unhurt tour members were airlifted.

The conditions of the other in-

jured, some of whom were hospitalized in the Baguio area, were not known.

The fire erupted around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday and burned through the night. Officials estimated some 330 guests were inside the 423-room hotel at the time, including the U.S. group and a 110-member Asian women's delegation.

A number of the victims jumped from windows to escape the thick smoke and flames. Eight guests fled to the roof, where they were trapped for hours until being hoisted to safety by a U.S. Air Force helicopter, officials said.

Police said the fire appeared to have started in a fourth-floor room and may have been touched off by a broken light bulb. The exact cause was under investigation.

Thirteen bodies were pulled from the fire-blackened ruins early Wednesday, but identifications were not immediately available.

Four bodies were found Tuesday night, including those of an American couple identified as Hamilton Cosnahan, 70, and his wife, Lucille, 77, of Houston, the Philippine News Agency said.



Bicycle accident

Photo by ROBERT W. RIZZO

Carlos Perez, a junior aerospace engineering major from El Paso, receives treatment from College Station emergency personnel after he was thrown off his bike.

# City Council to hear land rezoning request

At its regular meeting tonight, the College Station City Council will hold a public hearing on a rezoning request and consider a resident's request for sewer and water service.

The council will hold a public hearing on the request to rezone about one acre of land in the Lot 1 Courtyard Apartments Subdivision. The land currently is zoned Apartments High Density District R-6, and the requested zoning is Administrative-Professional District A-P.

The council is expected to con-

sider a resolution supporting Proposition No. 2 in favor of the Permanent University Fund.

A request by Weldon Jordan that the city provide sewer and water service to his residence in Harvey Hillside Subdivision will be considered by the council, and it will also consider authorizing the city staff to negotiate a professional contract for traffic signal design.

The Greens Prairie Road project also will be discussed.

# Pope appeals for priest's release

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II Wednesday appealed for the immediate release of a kidnapped pro-Solidarity priest in Poland and denounced the abduction as "shameful" and "inhuman."

It was the pope's first public comment on the case since Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko, 37, was abducted from his car in northern Poland Friday by at least two men, one of whom was wearing a police uniform.

The kidnapping set off a new cri-

sis in church-state relations in John Paul's native Poland.

In Warsaw, Poland's Interior Ministry issued a communique saying five people — including an Interior Ministry employee — have been detained for questioning in the affair.

The statement said the cars the five were using near the scene of the kidnapping outside the city of Torun Friday fit a description provided by Popieluszko's driver, who escaped abduction.

But a nationwide manhunt has so

far failed to turn up any trace of Popieluszko.

Speaking in Polish, the pope addressed his appeal for Popieluszko's release to the 1,000 Poles among the 7,000 pilgrims in the Vatican's Pope Paul VI Audience Hall.

"I share the just anxiety of all society in the face of this inhuman act, which constitutes an expression of violence perpetrated against a priest and obviously the violation of the dignity of the inalienable rights of the human person," the Pope said.



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