TDC inmate dies from stab wounds

Associated Press

ROSHARON — A 25-year-old convicted burglar was fatally stabbed by his cellmate Tuesday, the 15th homicide this year inside the Texas Department of Corrections, the nation's second largest prison system, authorities said.

Pedro Izanga Ruiz, serving a 5year sentence at the TDC's Darrington Unit for burglary of a habitation, robbery and sexual contact with a child in Grayson County, died about 8:50 a.m. of multiple stab wounds to his upper body, said prison spokesman Phil Guthrie.

Prison guard Thomas Hernandez, 27, also suffered a superficial wound near the lower rib cage,

A 40-year-old inmate who shared a cell with Ruiz in the administrative segregation wing was being questioned about the attack, Guthrie said. The suspect was serving a 20-year sentence for aggravated rob-

bery in Atascosa County, he said. It was the 5th homicide this year at the unit, located about 25 miles south of Houston.

Guthrie said Ruiz was stabbed as Hernandez was preparing to take him to the shower.

Guards confiscated an 8-inch piece of metal apparently broken off the screening over cell doors, the

In addition to the 15 homicides, there have been 140 non-fatal stabbings throughout the prison system.

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Houston car dealer fined for bait-and-switch ads

Associated Press

HOUSTON - A Houston Chevrolet dealer must pay \$60,000 in fines, the highest civil penalty ever assessed, for running a bait-and-switch advertisment, a Texas Motor Vehicle Commission official said.

Henri ten Brink, assistant director of enforcement for the commission, which regulates car dealers in Texas, said Landmark Chevrolet used baitand-switch tactics "with alluring and insincere offers made to attract people to the store in order to sell them a product at a higher price."

Jim Johnson, manager of Land-mark, replied to the commission's action in a prepared statement and refused to answer any questions.

"We feel this fine pays our dues for aggressively entering the Hous-

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ton market," Johnson said. "Our sales have more than doubled in the nine months since we've purchased Landmark. Our auditors have documented the facts that we have saved consumers hundreds of thousands of dollars during this period with our low price-trading policies."

The commission also entered agreed judgments against nine other Houston-area dealers for advertising violations and assessed each penalties of \$500, the minimum under commission rules, ten Brink said.

The nine dealers assessed penalties include: Bob Marco Buick; Marcus Jones Buick; Al Parker Buick; Hub Buick; DeMontrond Buick; Ben Reading Buick; Vance & Sons AMC Jeep, Renault and Ron Carter Chevrolet.

Houston officials expedite benefits from Navy por

HOUSTON — Even though the Houston-Galveston port didn't get named as the homeport for the USS Wisconsin, officials say their pitch for the base has spurred local port development business.

"Obviously we would have like to have had it here," said Dick Bryant, a spokesman for the Houston Economic Development Board who spearheaded the Houston proposal. But we're thrilled for Corpus Christi and that it came to Texas. We think there will be an economic trickle along the Gulf Coast."

Bryant said he expects the Corpus Christi port to establish a network for other ports of which the Hous-ton-Galveston port will more than

donated by Houston businesses for the homeport bid has enabled the port to start aggressively competing for business worldwide.

The proposal presented by Houston officials was the best feasible plan to lure the Navy Department to choose the Houston-Galveston port,

Bryant said.

"We feel very good and we still feel it's the best plan," Bryant said.

Paul Mabry, press secretary for Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, agreed with Bryant in saying Housagreed with Bryant, in saying Hous-ton officials had offered a complete and luring proposal full of incen-

"We offered the most cost effective proposal with a financing mechanism, and a guaranteed price with buy back option," Mabry said. The likely be a part. buy back option," Mabry said. The He said the half million dollars 'Houston proposal also would have

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Although the Houston-Galve port was overlooked as the ho port it did, however, gain two ates and three mine sweepers.

Former hostage is reunited with relatives

Associated Press

HOUSTON - Former TWA hijacking hostage Allyn Conwell was reunited with a brother and sister Tuesday in Washington before anticipating a flight back to Houston later in the day.

Carma Little and Ron Conwell were flown by TWA to Washington to greet their brother when landed at Andrews Air Force Base from Frankfurt, West Germany. President Reagan welcomed the former hostages when they landed.

Conwell's mother, Lois Conwell of Houston, and his wife, Olga, were

(Downtown Houston and Bryan/College Station closed Sunday.) Shop Downtown Houston Monday-Friday, 9:30 to 6, Saturday 'til 5:30.

on hand in Frankfurt when the 39 hostages arrived Sunday from Damascus, Syria after their 17-day or-

The Conwells were to be greeted by another brother, Mike, and other relatives when they arrive at Hous-ton's Intercontinental Airport at 11:41 p.m.

"I think he's probably tired of being in the spotlight, but I don't think he realizes the impact he and the others really had in the United States," Little, said Monday. "I don't think he's aware just how great a part they played."

Mike Conwell's wife, Dianne, she expects the family to ret home for rest when they arrive

Houston. Conwell, 39, acted as spoken for the hostages in press confere during their captivity. He and other passengers were hind aboard TWA Flight 847 which parted from Athens, Greece. Little said she had talked big

with Conwell this week before headed to Washington.

"He said he felt good, that he glad to be out and that he washa to finally be spending time will wife," Little said.

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