

Philadelphia 'horror house' suspect thwarted in jailhouse suicide attempt

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A man charged with murder after police found half-naked women chained in his basement and body parts in his freezer tried to hang himself in jail Thursday, but was not seriously injured, authorities said.

Gary Heidnik has been held without bail at the Philadelphia Detention Center since being arrested last

week and charged with two counts of murder and multiple counts of rape and kidnapping.

David S. Owens, superintendent of the Philadelphia prisons, said Heidnik used his T-shirt to suspend himself from a shower pipe.

Heidnik was taken to the Guiffre Medical Center, where Dr. James Guiffre said the prisoner had an

abrasion around his neck, but was not seriously injured.

Hospital spokesman Frank Craven said Heidnik was brought to the hospital about 10:30 p.m. "with what looks like an apparent suicide attempt."

Heidnik was in stable condition and alert, Craven said, adding that he would be admitted for observation and further evaluation.

Police led to his dilapidated row-house by a woman who said she escaped from Heidnik found three women chained in a basement pit.

Heidnik, a self-styled minister, apparently lured the women to his house with flashy cars and money. Despite the run-down condition of his house, authorities have said he has a \$500,000 stock portfolio.

Runoff

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"we're both in the runoff," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said his first move in the runoff will be to contact Hogan and try to clear everything up before campaigning resumes again.

He also said he doesn't plan to alter his campaign now that he's advanced to the runoff.

"We will still run a campaign with an experience platform — the platform we began with is one we felt we could win with, so we're going to stick with it," he said.

Hogan said he has no plans to change his campaign strategy much either since it worked well enough to get him into the runoff with a considerable majority. But he will listen to the advice of any candidates who

now may choose to endorse him, he said.

"I'm going to stay on what I believe in and keep the same ideas," Hogan said. "But I'm going to talk with other candidates who are endorsing me so I can get some ideas from them."

He also said starting this campaign from the position of front-

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ing the runoff campaign he could still be disqualified, but said if the candidates spend responsibly from here on out that event is unlikely.

Reached for comment, Bradshaw said, "I knew when the complaint

runner gives him some added confidence.

"Down deep, it makes you feel good, but that's how it affects everybody," he said. "If you win a track meet by a hundred yards it gives you a better feeling than winning by a few inches. I'd feel terrible if I just got lazy and quit campaigning at this point, though, so I'm going to keep at it."

was filed that it would end up this way, because I knew the facts. I had my receipts and my file, and I was ready to present it to whoever wanted to see it."

He has mixed feelings about the publicity's effect on his image and

Bradshaw said it's not easy starting out from behind, but he's not intimidated by starting the race from that position.

"It takes 50 percent to win an election, so that means that Mason has to get 23 percent more, and I have to get 33 percent more," he said. "We'll just have to work a little harder than before. I think we can do that — I believe we can do that."

his campaign now that he's in the runoff, he said.

"If the other candidates' intention was to bother me personally, then they won," he said. "If it was to knock me out of this race — they lost."

Texas gets money from Senate's 'no to Reagan veto

DALLAS (AP) — The Senate override of President Reagan's veto of the highway bill frees up \$850 million in federal funds for Texas highways in 1987, state officials said Thursday.

That money will support about 20,145 jobs in construction and related activities, said Marcy Goodfleisch, spokeswoman with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in Austin.

It also may mean that Texans will be able to drive 65 mph on some highways by mid-summer, she said.

"We've been waiting for two days," she said, referring to congressional action. "Reaction in the whole department has been very positive because we know we can go to work on projects that are now needed."

She said estimates are that 23.7 jobs are created with every million dollars spent on highway projects. The department will begin letting contracts almost immediately.

"We have been postponing projects for a while now and as early as December started using

some major state dollars for the projects that would have been by federal dollars," she said, citing the new bridge in Baytown, Southeast Texas as an example.

The bill permits states to raise the speed limit from 55 to 65 mph on most stretches of interstate highways and earn more state highway dollars and more than 100 highway demonstration projects tailor-made for individual lawmakers.

The 65-mph limit would apply to 2,422 miles of interstate highways in Texas, but not to more urban miles. Trucks would be allowed to drive only 60 mph during the day and 55 mph at night, Goodfleisch said.

Goodfleisch said the state highway commission must await new regulations from the legislature set a public hearing before the vote on whether to raise the speed limit on some highways. Legislative action, she said, is necessary.

The 67-33 override vote of U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Ben Bentsen of Texas. Gramm, a Republican, voted to sustain the veto, while Bentsen joined his low Democrats in favor of the override.

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