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Paper: Officer permitted rape to protect operation

DALLAS (AP) — A Groesbeck police officer watched his companions rape a suspected prostitute in Dallas because he did not want to blow his cover, according to newspaper reports.

Officer Tomas Echartea, who was working on an undercover drug investigation for University Park police, told reporters he pretended to be sick to avoid participating in the attack.

"You don't want to ruin your credibility (with the suspects)," he told the *Dallas Morning News*. "If it had been a life-threatening situation, I would've blown my cover. I would've had to. You just can't let someone be killed."

Dallas police officials said they were unaware of the incident but would begin a criminal investigation to find the woman to determine

whether she wants to press charges. Detectives also will ask Echartea to give them a full account of what happened, deputy chief Ray Hawkins said.

"I think he had some obligation as one human being to another to help her as best he could," Hawkins said. "All women, even prostitutes, have a right not to be raped."

Officer Echartea reportedly said the incident occurred in Dallas sometime last June while he was working on a two-month investigation. The operation ended with the arrests of four University Park employees on charges of selling drugs.

Groesbeck Police Chief Chuck Walker defended the officer's actions, saying he could not have intervened without risking his life and the investigation, the Dallas newspaper reported.

"He can't put himself in a life-threatening situation" Walker said. "If it were a life-threatening situation, his cover would have been immaterial then."

Dallas County District Attorney John Vance said he did not know whether state law requires Texas peace officers to intervene in felonies they observe, the newspaper reported.

"I think it would be good if he did, but I don't believe the law requires it of him," Vance said.

Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer said the department does not have a written policy requiring undercover officers to try to stop felonies.

Echartea first recounted the incident publicly in an interview with the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.

Rape-trial juror gets subpoena

Alleged call to DA may result in contempt charge

HOUSTON (AP) — A juror must appear in court later this week to explain a telephone call he allegedly made to a defense attorney during the rape trial of a former Houston police officer.

Juror James Everett Darby Jr. was subpoenaed Monday to appear before State District Judge Lupe Salinas on Friday. Darby's court appearance will coincide with the formal sentencing of the former officer, James Cebula, 29.

Darby, a cab driver, was on a jury that gave Cebula 10 years probation and suspended fines after finding him guilty of raping an intoxicated woman in a park last year.

Since jurors are ordered by judges not to have dealings with parties to a legal action, State District Judge Michael McSpadden said, the brief conversation, regardless of how innocuous it may have sounded, could be construed as a violation and result in a contempt finding.

McSpadden, who presided over the trial's punishment phase in Salinas' absence, said Darby

now denies having called defense attorney Dick DeGuerin, a claim that also may come under scrutiny at Friday's sentencing hearing.

The call to DeGuerin, was placed July 30 — after Cebula's conviction but the day before jurors returned the sentence. DeGuerin did not talk with Darby then but later called Darby's number back and recorded the call.

A transcript of the call shows this exchange: Darby: "... this here's going to be off the record today, OK?"

DeGuerin: "All right. Who is this?" Darby: "This is Darby. I want to paralegal for you."

DeGuerin: "Well, let me tell you something, I can't talk to you. We're under strict instructions —"

Darby: "Oh, yeah. That's right."

DeGuerin: "... not to talk to any jurors."

Darby: "Oh, OK. I thought maybe since it was a different thing, you know..."

DeGuerin: "No, I can't talk to you. If you've got anything to say, you can. I can talk to you after the trial."

During jury selection, Darby claimed to be a law student at Texas Southern University. School records, however, do not show that he ever was a student there.

McSpadden is recommending as terms of Cebula's probation a 30-day sentence, full restitution to the rape victim for whatever counseling she requires, sex offender therapy and no early termination of the 10-year probation.

The Houston Area Women's Center favors those terms and proposes that Cebula be prohibited from holding a job or doing community service that would bring him into contact with women and children, said spokesman Aileen McMurrer.

The Women's Center also plans to present Salinas with a 150-signature petition decrying the probationary sentence.

Driver's ed not just for kids anymore

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 10 million over-teen-agers; "driver's ed" is not just for kids any more.

Drivers aged 55 and over are taking a refresher course had been convicted of traffic offenses and serious accidents that did their cohorts who didn't return to the classroom according to a California study released Tuesday.

The American Association of Retired Persons said the study indicates that proper training can help older people "remain safe drivers longer."

"To lose the ability to drive traps older people in their homes," said AARP President-elect Robert Maxwell. "For older Americans driving a car is more than just transportation. It means independence and dignity."

Drivers over age 65 are seen only to those age 15 to 24 in traffic accidents, and, when the number of miles driven is taken into account, the two groups almost are equal.

The Department of Transportation says the verdict isn't yet whether refresher courses actually change driver performance of older Americans.

But James Hedlund of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the California study "certainly gives us more positive information than we had before."

The study compared driving records for 40,339 graduates of California's eight-hour Mature Driver Improvement Program with those of 75,064 older drivers who did not take the course. All were aged 55 and above; with ages ranging into the 80s.

Factoring out differences between the two groups in gender, prior driving record, age, and area of residence, the graduates had 16 percent fewer accidents involving death, injury and 15.7 percent fewer traffic convictions.

The report cautioned that drivers who signed up for the voluntary training were "a highly self-selected group who would be expected to have lower subsequent accident rates."

Nevertheless, it said, there was "suggestive evidence" that the courses were responsible for at least some of the reduction in accident risk.

"We feel the results are quite suggestive and promising," said Peck, director of research for the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Despite the positive results, neither Peck nor the AARP advocate mandatory driver's education for older Americans, saying unwilling participants make poor students.

"Drivers with real bad attitudes and bad records probably would be irresponsible to it," Peck said.

'Pro-victim' amendment gets support

AUSTIN (AP) — The scales of justice too frequently are tipped against crime victims, advocates of a proposal to put victims' rights in the Texas Constitution said Tuesday.

"All too often, the plight of victims is lost in the struggle to maintain the rights of the accused and convicted, and trampled on the courthouse floor," said Rep. Bob Richardson, author of the proposed constitutional amendment on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The coalition, which includes victims' advocacy groups and lawmakers, does not want to erode constitutional safeguards for people accused of crimes, said Richardson, R-Austin.

"Rather, we call on the Texas judicial system to apply rights to crime victims with equal vigor, recognition and maintenance," he told a news conference.

Although victims' rights already are outlined in law, putting them in the constitution would strengthen them, Richardson said.

The rights in the proposed amendment include the right to restitution; to reasonable protection from the accused; to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the accused; and to fair treatment throughout the criminal justice process.

"After all, a constitution that protects the rights of the worst among us surely ought to be able to protect the rights of the most innocent among us," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, who sponsored the proposal.

The Texas Crime Victims Rights Committee, formed to push for the amendment, is headed by Janie Wilson of We the People, a group formed after three young people were abducted from Lake Hawkins

in 1986 and murdered. After that crime, victims' groups gathered 85,000 signatures supporting stricter laws for criminals and increased rights for victims, Wilson said.

"We didn't know what rights existed for crime victims, but we knew whatever they were, they were

not being honored and they were not being implemented," she said. "This constitutional amendment is a direct result of our quest for victims' rights."

Bob Stearns of VIGIL, a coalition of victims' rights groups pushing for the amendment, said the committee wants to make Texans aware that crime victims have rights. He said a

"good job" could be done if the advocates could raise \$100,000 to \$750,000.

Victims are neglected despite great odds that crime will touch people's lives, Richardson said. A crime is committed somewhere in the United States every five seconds, he said.

Border strikes enter 2nd week; managers take case to courts

McALLEN (AP) — Managers at U.S.-operated border manufacturing plants said Tuesday they are taking their case to the Mexican courts as strikes affecting 3,000 workers entered their second week in a turf battle between labor leaders in Reynosa, Mexico.

Fifteen plants have been shut down over the past two weeks by Jose Rafael Morales de la Cruz, who heads a union local of maquiladora workers within the Confederation of Mexican Workers, known as the CTM in Mexico.

Morales closed down the operations because the workers are organized under a different CTM-affiliated local under labor leader Abel Hernandez.

Morales contends that Hernandez's credentials as a CTM leader were pulled in June. Officials speaking for the 15 plants said Hernandez has credentials and that two Mexican federal court injunctions bar Morales from calling strikes until after hearings this month to resolve the dispute.

Don King, general manager of West Bend de Mexico, said the companies are trying to get Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari to intervene, and that they will present their case at the hearings set for Friday and for Aug. 24.

"All we're asking is for the existing labor laws to be enforced and for us to be recognized as Mexican corporations, which we are," King said. He said the last 15 plants to locate in Reynosa chose Hernandez as their labor leader but that Morales has tried to interfere.

"You have to ask yourself why the last 15 companies

to come to Reynosa have not chosen Rafael Morales as their labor leader," King said.

There are 42 maquiladoras employing about 25,000 people in Reynosa. Morales countered that he believes Hernandez is operating illegally and the companies' attorneys have given them bad advice.

"I'm sorry that their lawyers have not told them the truth and that they are deceiving them," Morales said. He said he has offered to negotiate with the companies, but they refused.

King said the companies do not need to talk with Morales, because he does not represent the union operating at their plants.

"You have to understand that our employees are not striking," King said. "They are being prevented from working by Morales."

After Morales' people hung the official red and white strike banners at the 15 plants, workers and management were locked out under Mexican law.

The companies' position has the support of Juan Carlos Pena Guzman, president of Reynosa's Chamber of Commerce, and Osvaldo Gutierrez Garza, head of the Reynosa office of COPARMEX, a national association representing management.

"The strikes are giving a bad image to Reynosa," the chamber of commerce president said. "Mr. Morales wants a monopoly to control all of labor in Reynosa."

"The companies have a legal contract with Mr. Hernandez," Gutierrez added.

Kerrville PI follows case to Ecuador

KERRVILLE (AP) — Kerrville sleuth Steve Rambam is on the trail again, and his latest assignment will take him to Ecuador, where the steamy political climate competes with the dense jungle to produce an atmosphere hostile to Americans.

Rambam, the 32-year-old private investigator who calls pal Kinky Friedman's Echo Hill ranch home, has embarked on another of his humanitarian efforts — this time to find the missing son of an Israeli government official.

"The boy's probably dead; he's been missing for six years," Rambam says matter-of-factly. "Given the situation in Ecuador, if his parents haven't heard from him in all this time, there's no chance I'll find him alive."

Rambam's candor is standard equipment with this real-life detective, who was typecast in one of Friedman's mystery novels.

A private investigator since he was 18 and a champion of Israeli causes, Rambam now heads an executive protection service with offices in New York, Orlando, Los Angeles, Toronto and San Antonio.

Lately, he's been in the news with his campaign to raise the public consciousness about

inadequate security at U.S. airports.

Rambam, who successfully smuggled a fake handgun through San Antonio airport checkpoints, blasts the complacency of domestic airports and says this country has escaped hijacking only by the grace of God.

His attention to airport security is evolving into more than a personal concern. Rambam and Kerrville attorney Scott Monroe are putting together a non-profit organization to encourage Texas legislators to take the lead in heightened airport security.

While much of Rambam's detective work is glamorous, high-profile stuff, such as coordinating security details for foreign officials visiting America, mostly he does traditional private investigation.

The majority of his cases are missing persons, and most of those are teen-agers.

The subject of Rambam's latest search is Moran Ruebner, who was 23 when he disappeared from the Hotel Norte in Quito in 1983. Ruebner, a student, was traveling around the world after completing three years' mandatory service in the Israeli army.

Rambam dismisses any notion that

Ruebner chose to disappear.

"He was a good kid, not involved with drugs, and he had lots of contact with his parents throughout his travels," Rambam says.

The missing person expert says the Ruebner case is a "freebie."

"This is my major good deed," he says. "I want to do this for the family because it's a sad story."

Ruebner's parents are survivors of the Holocaust who emigrated to Israel after they met and married in a displaced persons camp, Rambam said.

"Moran's parents lost all their families during the war, and now they've lost their son. They know he's dead, but they want his body."

Rambam is worried about his own safety, about whether he might be "disappeared" while he's searching for clues in the unpredictable South American political climate.

The proximity to Colombia and the random drug violence there also frightens him.

"They have a murder rate higher than New York, L.A. and Detroit combined," he says.

"So the more publicity the better for me. I want Ecuador to know the U.S. is watching me on this one."

"I want to make sure I come back." Accompanying Rambam on his foray to South America will be someone he's worked with before: Major Alan Klebanov, an investigator with the Israeli army.

"Ruebner's father is a big shot in Israel and they want to find out what happened to Moran," Rambam says.

"Israelis don't leave bodies on the battlefield."

Rambam plans to question hotel employees and people on the street in Quito. He'll go into the jungle and to remote villages along Ruebner's intended backpacking route.

"I'm going to tell the Ecuadorian police I'm not trying to discredit them. I don't want any details, I just want Moran's body."

With characteristic self-confidence, Rambam says he will find the missing man, even if it means many repeat trips to Quito. He counts a 100 percent success rate on the missing person cases that make up more than his business.