

Police continue to search for men in guard's attack

MISSION (AP) — A security guard found his own life in danger while helping provide 24-hour protection for the driver of a truck that collided with a school bus, killing 21 students.

Police continued a search Tuesday for three men who allegedly doused the security guard with gasoline and tried to set him on fire.

Authorities said the armed assailants may have been planning to set fire to the home of Ruben Perez, who drove the soft drink truck involved in the Sept. 21 accident.

The students drowned after the truck knocked the bus into a water-filled pit in nearby Alton.

Cesar Cito Luna, chief of criminal enforcement for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department, said Alexander Murillo, 21, a security guard for Wackenhut Security Services, was making his rounds at Perez's home early Monday when he encountered the three men.

"He said they had pistols and rifles, with masks on their faces," Luna said. "They gagged him with a pair of socks and tied his hands with shoelaces. They poured gasoline on him and tried to set him on fire."

But the matches would not light, Murillo told deputies.

"They were kneeling down trying to set him on fire," Luna said. "He kicked one and that one knocked another one down and the guard ran to the house. He woke up the family and told them to call police."

The assailants escaped by the time a nearby sheriff's deputy arrived, Luna said. Investigators have leads in the case, he said, but would not elaborate.

"We're in the process of interviewing more people," Luna said Tuesday.

The 24-hour security guard protection was hired by Valley Coca-Cola.

"Shortly after the incident, upon the request of the family, we hired security for the family," Julie Smith, spokeswoman for the McAllen-based soft drink distributor, said.

She said Perez, 25, remains on suspension from the company with pay, pending the outcome of an investigation of the bus tragedy. Perez said his brakes failed just before the crash at a rural intersection.

Mattox: Richards prefers tax to lottery for education funds

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox, rapping his Democratic gubernatorial opponent Tuesday, charged that state Treasurer Ann Richards prefers higher taxes to a state lottery.

"Ms. Richards obviously doesn't even want to give the voters of Texas a choice between a tax hike or a lottery," he said.

Mattox, Richards' opponent in the March 13 primary, referred to a newspaper report in which Richards said she would expand the sales tax to services rather than create a lottery to raise money to fund education improvements.

"The new tax she backs — expanding the sales tax to cover services — amounts to a direct personal income tax on those who provide those services," he said. "And we all know what that means: higher prices to the Texans who buy those services."

Responding to the charge, Richards' campaign manager Glenn Smith said Mattox was wrong.

"Ann has clearly stated her position," Smith said. "She is in favor of a lottery as a source of non-tax revenue and she opposes higher taxes. Higher taxes are not the solution."

Mattox said he is convinced that Texas faces a choice between lottery or new taxes. A lottery, he said, could raise \$600 million a year within a few months of starting.

"We will not have a lottery in Texas without strong leadership that does not equivocate about the desire

Mattox sues company for selling mixed meat

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox filed a lawsuit for more than \$1 million Tuesday against a San Antonio meat company, alleging it sold adulterated ground beef to 10 state schools and hospitals and two San Antonio school districts — Edgewood and South San.

Named as defendants are Alamo-Braun Beef Co. Inc., doing business as Braun Beef Co. Inc., and George R. Braun, the company's president.

The lawsuit in state district court in Austin said the company had signed contracts with the state and school districts to deliver pure ground beef products but instead delivered ground beef that contained poultry organs.

to have a lottery," Mattox said. "I will provide the leadership necessary to get a lottery referendum through the Legislature and to the people."

The Dallas Morning News re-

A man who identified himself as George R. Braun said over the telephone, "I think at this time, I believe I can't comment on that."

According to the lawsuit, the State Purchasing and General Services Commission purchased 89,783 pounds of ground beef products for \$103,900 between September 1987 and September 1989.

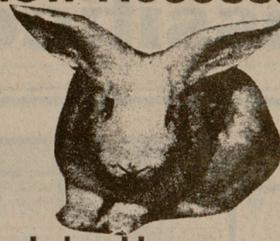
An analysis of meat by Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory revealed the presence of poultry organs in the beef, the suit alleges.

The lawsuit said children with poultry allergies could be adversely affected by the presence of poultry organs, but they do not pose a health hazard at large.

Mattox is seeking damages and restitution that could amount to more than \$1 million, according to a statement from his office.

ported that the event, held at a private residence Monday night, was expected to raise between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Other sponsors were TV personality Linda Ellerbee, author Dan Jenkins and playwright Wendy Wasserstein.

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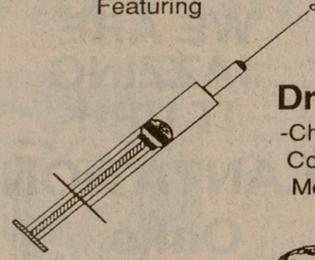
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Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between October 23 and October 30.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• A chemical substance was poured into a washing machine in Underwood Hall. When the woman retrieved her clothing, her skin turned blue upon contact with the clothing.

• A motorcycle fending (front) was damaged while in Parking Area 30.

• A section of a brick fence at the All Faiths Chapel was knocked over.

• A beverage type substance was sprayed on the walls and carpet in a room in Blocker.

• The hood of a vehicle was damaged while parked in Area 88.

• The gate arm to Parking Area 22 was broken off.

• Someone climbed up on the roof of Les Appelt Hall and tore the lightning arrester system from its mounts. Apparently, the same lightning arrester rods were used to damage the walls in the building.

• A bale of hay was set on fire at the rear of the Satellite Utilities Plant. The College Station Fire Department squelched the fire. It was determined that the fire was deliberately set.

• Parking Area 19 was barricaded with a broken gate arm, a street sign and bricks.

• An American Eagle Airlines personnel reported that someone had opened the passenger door of one of their aircraft parked on the tarmac at Easterwood Airport.

• A T-top on a student's vehicle was shattered while parked on Bizzell Street.

• A vent window latch was broken on a car parked in Area 62.

• Windows in cars parked in Area 40 and 62 were shattered.

ASSAULT:

• A student reported she was assaulted by another student outside Lobby Hall. The man allegedly slapped and choked her during an argument. He fled the scene after hearing the police were called.

• Assault charges will be brought against a student in Cain Hall after a

student claimed he assaulted her after an argument.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

• A tapestry wall hanging of apples was stolen from the Rudder Theater Complex.

• Two suspects stole several 12-packs of soda water from the 7-Eleven store on University Drive.

Officers found the vehicle in which the suspects had fled parked in Area 39. Two students were identified and the stolen items were found in the car. Both suspects were given a citation for theft and released.

• A Texas A&M hang-tag was stolen from a student's car on Coke Street. Another hang-tag was taken from a car in Parking Area 73.

• A wallet was taken from an unsecured office in the Psychology Building. A wallet also was stolen from a room in Rudder Tower.

• A rear license plate was stolen off a vehicle parked on Lamar Street.

• Nine bicycles were stolen from various locations around campus.

• A wallet was stolen from an unsecured backpack in the Rosenthal Meat Science Center.

• Cash and jewelry were stolen from the Heep Center for Soil and Crops Sciences.

• An unsecured backpack was stolen from Sbis.

• Cash was stolen from a wallet placed in an unlocked locker in the Sbis Dining Area employee locker room.

• A purse was stolen from an unlocked filing cabinet of the Small Animal Clinic. The purse, minus the cash, was recovered in a trash can on the second floor.

• A rear license plate and inspection sticker were stolen off a motorcycle while in Parking Area 35.

• A Sony hand-held micro-cassette recorder was stolen from the Academic Building.

• A woman positively identified the man she saw steal her wallet in early October.

TERRORISTIC THREAT

• A bomb threat was phoned in to the Emergency telephone line, re-at 12:15 p.m. on Friday at Harrington Tower. The building was evacuated and searched without incident.

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BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

• Ten stereos were stolen from cars parked in Areas 30, 40, 56, 63, 69 and 88. Most entries were made through a broken window.

• A radar detector was stolen from a car in Parking Area 89. Stereo speakers from a different car were stolen in the same lot.

• The T-tops were stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 56.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:

• Two Apple MacIntosh computers were stolen from the Teague Building along with various other computer equipment.

• An Emerson VCR was stolen from the Grounds Maintenance Building.

• PUBLIC INTOXICATION:

• Three students were running amok in the Commons banging on doors. Police arrested one man after he gave officers a false name and appeared to be intoxicated.

• In Parking Area 20, a student was found passed out in his car with the motor running and the vehicle in reverse gear. He was arrested after police determined he was inebriated.

• Police responded to a disturbance in Dorm 2 where they found a student being restrained by several individuals. The other students were forced to restrain the man after he began throwing furniture. He was arrested for public intoxication.

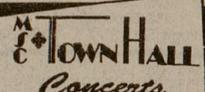
• FALSE ALARM OR REPORT:

• After authorities responded to an alarm in Les Appelt Hall, they discovered it had been activated by someone pulling a manual pull station. The same incident occurred in Eppright Hall.

• FELONY:

• A G.E. Image Translator VCR was stolen from the Academic Building.

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