

Report: Two charged in triple killing had been paroled early

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two men accused of executing a 13-year-old girl and two others last April were paroled last year under mandatory prison release guidelines, the Jacksonville Daily Progress reported Sunday.

Kenny Boyd, 22, and Rodney Moore, 23, were released after serving a fraction of previous sentences for manslaughter, the newspaper said. Boyd was paroled in December, about four months before the killings in rural Center, after serving about four years of a 12-year term. Moore was paroled in September after serving just over three years of an eight-year term.

"In my 13 years as a prosecutor, Kenny Boyd is without question the scariest defendant I have ever seen," said Shelby County District Attorney Karen Price.

Boyd, Moore and two others are accused in the April 22 murders of Keith Moore, 25, his wife's sister, Christy Calhoun, 13, and Brian Keith

Brooks, 26. Keith Moore and Rodney Moore are not related.

The three victims were shot in the back of the head in what is believed to have been a drug-related attack, police said.

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Jimmy Matthews
 Center police chief

Vivian Watts and her daughter Collandra, who live in a trailer behind the house where the three murders took place, also were

wounded when the gunmen fired into their home.

The four suspects face charges of capital murder and attempted capital murder.

Boyd is being held at the Shelby County Jail on \$1.45 million bond. Rodney Moore's bond hasn't been set. Two other suspects, Jecarro Keion Bennett, 19, and Rickey Tyrone Lathan, 19, are being held on \$300,000 bond.

Center Police Chief Jimmy Matthews, a 30-year police veteran, called the attack "the scariest thing I had ever seen."

"They were all shot in the back of the head, execution-style," Matthews said. "It was like they were out to get them and they weren't going to leave any witnesses."

Nineteen bullet casings from a semiautomatic assault-style rifle were found at the scene, he said.

Matthews said the slayings were probably drug-related. It was the first triple slaying in Center.



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Hog Wash

Rebecca Elmore, age 7, gives water to a pig while waiting for showtime at the Saddle & Siroin Pig Futurity held at Pierce Pavilion Saturday afternoon. Three-hundred pigs competed for trophies and cash prizes.

Commission investigates Temple-Inland for fraud

Plaintiff alleges corporation submitted false financial reports, knowingly underpaid federal income taxes

LUFKIN (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating possible income tax and financial reporting fraud at Temple-Inland Inc., according to court records.

Jeffrey S. Ammon, 38, alleges in depositions filed in a wrongful termination lawsuit that the Diboll-based corporation knowingly underpaid its federal income taxes by \$80 million to \$100 million and submitted false financial reports to its shareholders during one or more of the six years he worked in the company's tax department.

He filed the lawsuit Aug. 4, 1995, in Travis County, but it was transferred later that year to Angelina County, where Diboll is. In the lawsuit, Ammon contends he was fired for refusing to release allegedly false information to the Internal Revenue Service, the SEC and Temple-Inland's shareholders.

Temple-Inland denies the claim and says Ammon wasn't fired, but resigned.

Temple-Inland, whose 1997 gross sales are projected to exceed \$2.8 billion, has major interests in paper, packaging, building products, timber, timber lands and financial services. Its Diboll headquarters are 104 miles north of Houston in East Texas.

The SEC issued subpoenas in April for Temple-Inland and Ammon to produce related documents "pursuant to a formal order of investigation entered by the commission" in the matter, according to documents in the file of Ammon's lawsuit.

In one subpoena, the corporation is ordered to produce "all documents related to the calculation of Temple-Inland's income tax liability," while another required Ammon to produce all documents "related to the calculation of the income tax provision in Temple-

Inland's financial statements for fiscal years 1991 to the present."

In a telephone interview from his home in Ridgeland, Miss., Ammon told The Lufkin Daily News that he has talked to the IRS and SEC about his allegations.

But neither agency would comment on the matter.

"I can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any investigation," said Patricia Thompson, a branch chief in the SEC's Division of Enforcement.

Fannie Smith, assistant public affairs officer for the IRS's North Texas district, told the newspaper that privacy laws prohibit her from confirming or denying whether the IRS is investigating.

Ammon testified April 29 before state District Judge David Wilson that he already had either shared documents relating to the case

or discussed their contents with the IRS, the SEC, his wife, his parents and his friends.

Wilson issued a temporary injunction ruling June 10 that prohibits Ammon from releasing any of the information to any other third parties except investigating federal agencies.

Tony Bennett, Temple-Inland's vice president of public and government affairs, and Richard Warner, the corporation's general counsel, would not comment on any aspect of the case.

"The company has a policy whereby it does not comment on specific allegations in matters which are the subject of pending litigation," Warner said in a statement. "The company, however, is prepared to and is in the process, as a part of the litigation, of fully defending both the lawsuit and the allegations contained in it."

Flooding refills aquifer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Recent rains raised the level of the Edwards Aquifer by 10 feet in four days and should continue to refill the natural underground reservoir for two more months, officials say.

The recharge leaves the San Antonio's sole source of drinking water at its highest level since May 1994. The rains, which produced severe flooding in the Texas Hill Country, also are allowing farmers cultivating tens of thousands of acres west of San Antonio to reduce their reliance on the aquifer.

"There have been a lot of irrigators who have turned their pumps off and probably won't turn them on for the rest of the year," said Steve Walthour, hydrologist with the Edwards Aquifer Authority. "These are the guys who generally irrigate up until around the fourth of July."

"This is about the time of year that we start getting into heavy lawn watering, and we don't have that now."

Officials say the aquifer level at the Bexar County index well jumped from 666.3 feet above sea level June 20 to 676.9 feet Friday. That compares with the June historical average of 662.7 and a six-year low of 627.5 feet in the middle of a drought a year ago.

The aquifer's all-time high of 703.3 feet was recorded in June 1992, and its low was 612.5 feet in 1956.

Also showing an improvement are aquifer-fed springs.

Flows from the Comal Spring in New Braunfels rose from 273 cubic feet per second (cfs) on June 1 to 320 cfs on Wednesday, just above the June average of 288 cfs.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy High: 98° Low: 75°	Partly cloudy High: 100° Low: 75°	Partly cloudy High: 99° Low: 75°

Small-town jewelry factory thrives in unique surroundings

ROARING SPRINGS (AP) — The intricacies of jewelry design always appealed to Kelly Keltz, though it's not the typical line of work for someone rooted in rural West Texas.

When his farm went bust more than a decade ago, struggling Motley County didn't offer many options. For a farmer-cum-artisan who wanted to stay close to home, however, Thacker Jewelry was a dream.

"It was very important to stay in a small town," said Keltz, who carved molds for 11 years at Thacker Jewelry's factory here in Roaring Springs. "It's great that this opportunity was here."

Thacker Jewelry employed 45 of the town's 270 or so residents during the oil boom, when money flowed like the namesake springs nearby. Since the mid-80s bust, the workforce has slipped to 15.

"The town has continued to survive even when the oil boom took a nosedive," said Jeff Thacker, who

owns the business with brother Joe. "We were able to get through that and keep our heads above water."

Inc. Magazine listed the company among the nation's fastest growing 500 during the heyday. The Thackers grossed as much as \$5 million before the economy crashed.

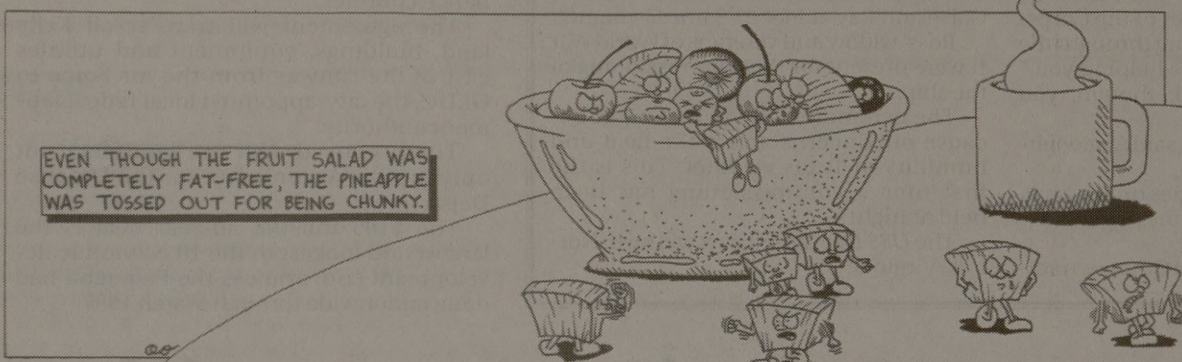
The company, which consists of the factory and a retail outlet in Lubbock, an hour to the southwest, grosses around \$3 million annually, Joe Thacker said.

People still stream in from across the state to see the rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings displayed in the tiny Roaring Springs showroom, set up in what was a bank lobby until 1932. Joe Thacker estimates that his storefront provides a third of the town's annual sales tax revenue.

Motley County's only other incorporated town, Matador, earns roughly the same amount of sales tax as Roaring Springs despite being three times larger.

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