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Right to lie' case goes to U.S. Supreme Court

FORTWORTH, Texas (AP) — Po- Carolina, could not be reached to e officers at a money-printing lant thought it was all in fun when ey would call each other or suervisors, laugh into the phone, hen hang up.

The prank lasted for months, unl plant managers launched an inestigation in October 1992 to dermine who was involved. When olice Sgt. Lester Erickson was sked, he professed ignorance. He as fired anyway.

The question of whether a govmment employee can be punhed for denying wrongdoing has become a serious legal dispute. On Dec. 2, it will go before the U.S. Supreme Court, with Erickson's case used as an example.

The latest ruling has gone in faor of the workers, most of whom had been fired. It was made by a ederal Circuit Court of Appeals, nd has been appealed by the Of-

ice of Personnel Management. Government officials say the ecision impedes agencies' abilito investigate misconduct and liscipline workers who lie about sconduct.

Not so, says Erickson's attorney, aul Marth of Greensboro, N.C.

"The Federal Circuit really oes not condone a right to lie," said, but the court does say a deral employee "has the right to ny misconduct.

Erickson, who now lives in North

quadruplets' mother comment despite repeated efforts

by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Marth said he has not talked to Er-

Engraving and Printing, which

oversees the Western Currency Fa-

cility in north Fort Worth, referred

questions about the investigation

that snared Erickson to the solicitor

The Star-Telegram compiled a

sketch of the mad laugher saga from

documents in Erickson's case and a

separate unfair labor practices

complaint that other officers filed

ficers had united to replace their gov-

ernment employees union with a unit

of the Combined Law Enforcement

gue that management retaliated

against the four main union orga-

nizers by, among other things,

changing shifts and giving some of

them nonuniformed assignments.

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CLEAT efforts, according to a legal

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written by an attorney with the

general counsel's office of the Fed-

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Russia, China, Egypt and Kenya —

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to obtain weapons of mass de-

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Bush said Saddam is buying

"I doubt it's weapons so much

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eral Labor Relations Authority.

brief in the labor case

Although Erickson was not

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Associations of Texas, or CLEAT.

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A spokesman for the Bureau of

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two men were arrested Monday on charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in the shooting death of Sheila Bellush, the mother of quadruplet toddlers found slain in her

2 arrested in killing of

Texas Rangers arrested Samuel "Sammy" Gonzales, 27, and Daniel Alex Rocha, 29, both of San Antonio, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

'I would not say this was based on a tip," Cox said. "It was based on an investigation. The Rangers were working as long ago as last Wednesday, talking to people. ... They were known to us as possible

Rocha was arrested at his home and Gonzales at work, Cox said. Both arrests were made between noon and 1:30 p.m.

Both were being held in Bexar County Jail. No bond was set, nor was it known whether they would fight possible extradition.

Officers continued to hunt for suspected killer Jose Luis Del Toro, a 21-year-old from La Pryor in South Texas. He reportedly was last seen in the U.S.-Mexico border town of Piedras Negras.

The DPS and other investigators are still relentlessly searching for Mr. Del Toro," Cox said. "The investigation is still focusing on Mexico." Cox said it was not immediately clear how Gonzales and Rocha

"I really can't speculate on that," Cox said.

Sarasota County sheriff's officers visited San Antonio last week, initially to talk to Mrs. Bellush's ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne. They had divorced in 1988 and he gave up parental rights to his daughters, Stevie and 12-year-old Daryl, several months ago.

Police later changed their focus to Del Toro, who they believe went to Sarasota to kill Mrs. Bellush, then fled to Mexico. Florida authorities said Del Toro left his fingerprints on a clothes dryer in the house.

The motive is unclear, though Sarasota sheriff's officials suspect the killer had help in choosing Mrs. Bellush as the target and making

Del Toro was sentenced Sept. 10 in Travis County to 30 days in jail for misdemeanor theft. He was permitted to serve the sentence on

He reported to jail Oct. 31 and was released Nov. 2, five days before Mrs. Bellush was killed. The weekend of the slaving, he had said his aunt died in California and he wanted to go to the funeral, according to Travis County sheriff's spokesman Curtis Weeks.

A car Del Toro is believed to have driven nearly 1,000 miles from Texas to Florida was recovered in Austin. Inside were a .45-caliber handgun and directions to Mrs. Bellush's street written out by an unwitting clerk at a nearby gas station, authorities said

Sarasota sheriff's Lt. Bill Stookey said Mrs. Bellush apparently was last seen alive Nov. 7 when her husband, James Bellush, went to work

Stevie came home and found her lying in blood in the kitchen of their rented home. The 35-year-old woman's four 23-month-old toddlers – Frankie, Timothy, Joseph and Courtney — were wearing life jackets and were unharmed, crawling around her body, authorities said

Last Thursday, James Bellush adopted his wife's two older daughters. He and the six children will be moving to New Jersey to be near

"I never thought I was going to bury my wife at age 35," he told mourners at a packed memorial service. Bellush, a 35-year-old representative for Pfizer Pharmaceutical,

met his wife in August 1992. They were married on April 23, 1993, in The couple moved to Florida in September, shortly after felony as-

sault charges were filed against Mrs. Bellush. The charges stemmed from allegations made by Stevie that she had beaten her with a belt,

Child Protective Services caseworkers investigated and later dropped the state's efforts to take temporary custody of the girl.

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"We designed it with future expansion in mind," Patterson said.

Miller said that the child care center advisory committee is looking for possible subsidies to help fund the center and to pro-

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Shaun Travers, a coordinator of student judicial services in the Deings, such as the ones by the student judicial services have, are different from trials because they focus on the development of a stu-

He said if media representatives were present at the hearings, the environment of the proceedings would change.

"Our hearings are a one-on-one conversation between me and a student with a few witnesses in the room," Travers said. "If the media is there, students may not talk about why he or she chose to drink such as a fight with parents, girlfriend or

boyfriend or a problem with their grades. My goal is for the person to earn something. I want that opportunity to help you grow."

Carter said closed hearings make people wonder if they are fair. Travers said that although A&M

hearings are closed to the public, anyone can get statistics on the number of hearings by the violation of policy from the Department

Kim Novak, coordinator of student judicial services in the Department of Student Life, said that A&M should combat crime in a way that promotes cooperation among departments.

'Student judicial services, student affairs or UPD cannot fight crime on this campus alone," she said. "This (the fight) has to be involved in every aspect of campus life.'

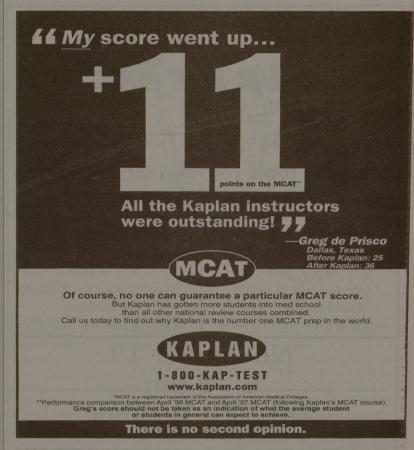
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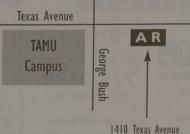
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