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## Bryan police adds 4 motorcycle units

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The Bryan Police Department added four motorcycle units to the police force hoping to reduce accidents at intersections and alleviate increased traffic congestion, Lee Freeman, Bryan police chief, said.

Freeman said the officers will patrol high-accident locations including intersections where motorists frequently drive through red lights.

Joe Brown, public information officer for the city of Bryan, said the motorcycle officers were needed to step up the enforcement of speed control at intersections.

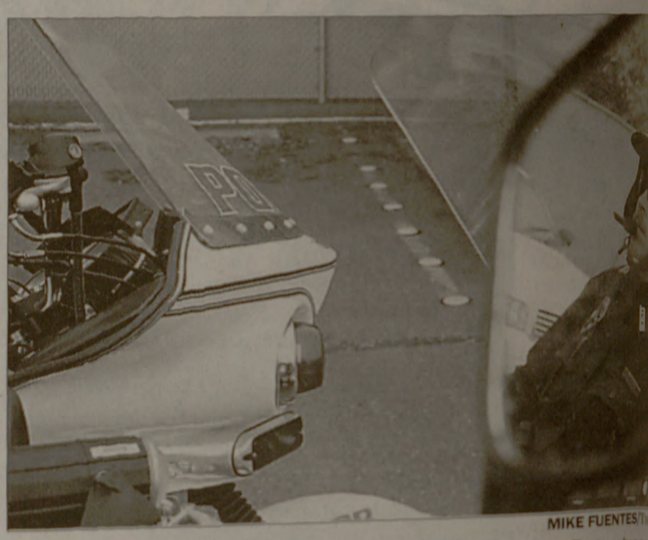
"This addition to the police department is necessary since intersection collision fatalities rank in number only behind fatalities resulting from drunk driving accidents," Brown said. "We have a lot of people run red lights, and it's ludicrous to do so when the longest cycle a light runs is 75 seconds."

Brown said motorcycles are more effective in situations involving intersections because they are easier to conceal than cars.

Brown said motorcycle officers will also look for motorists driving without seat belts.

"An officer on a motorcycle can sit on the side of the street and simply look down a row of cars to find people who aren't wearing their seat belt," he said.

Scott McCullom, a lieutenant for the College Station Police Department, said the College Station department started motorcycle patrol in 1989 with three officers and cycles. He said there are now five officers



Allen Silverster, a police officer for the Bryan Police Department, sits on one of the four motorcycles the department added to the force.

and the department hopes to add more in upcoming fiscal years.

Brown said Bryan has tried using mounted police to work on congestion problems, but the care of the horses was too expensive.

He said the main objective of the motorcycle officers is to ensure public safety for the community.

"We just want to make sure everyone gets home safe," Brown said. "We also want people to realize that an injury or a death due to an intersection is not worth a few seconds of spared time at an intersection."

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## Not a matter of black and white

*Mother of black, white twins makes announcement she will give son back to biological parents*

NEW YORK (AP) — They were born to the same woman on the same day, loved and cared for in the same way, and raised as brothers.

But the 3-month-old boys are not related. One is black, one is white. They ended up in the same womb apparently due to a doctor's mistake.

Now the only mother the boys have ever known says she will return the child who does not share her DNA — the black child — to his genetic parents.

"We're giving him up because we love him," Donna Fasano said in a handwritten statement supplied by her lawyer Tuesday.

"Both of these boys are beautiful — two precious, normal little boys," said her lawyer, Ivan Tantleff. "They sit in the swing together. They sit in the tub together. ... We're going to try to arrange some kind of visitation rights so the boys grow up to know that they are brothers."

Rudolph Silas, lawyer for the black couple, Deborah Perry-Rogers, a nurse, and Robert Rogers, a teacher, from Teaneck, N.J., said they are amenable to visitation. "It's in the children's best interest," he said.

Silas said the Rogerses will likely get custody in a few weeks, after DNA tests and legal papers are completed.

"My clients are both ecstatic," Silas

said. "They are the proud parents of a 3-month-old baby boy. Of course there's some mixed emotions in the manner in which it's been brought to this point. But they're happy she made the decision she's made."

He added: "We would have wished to have been a lot more involved earlier. But we appreciate the stress she was under."

The case began April 24, 1998, when Fasano and Perry-Rogers underwent embryo implantations in the Manhattan offices of Dr. Lillian Nash. Only Fasano became pregnant.

Nash later advised Fasano she might have mistakenly received someone else's embryo.

Fasano sought DNA testing from another doctor and learned, while the babies were still in utero, that one was not hers.

She did not know the other parents' identity until the Rogerses sued the Fasanos and Nash March 16.

"This wasn't my doing," Fasano said in her statement. "People with infertility problems should be able to go to their doctors and trust them to do the right thing."

"To them it may be a job; to me it's my life. ... (Nash) may have given me two beautiful babies, but she destroyed their lives."

## FBI investigates murder after woman escapes, claiming sexual torture

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — Dozens of FBI agents, including psychological "profilers" specializing in violent crimes, converged on a trailer home Tuesday in an attempt to solve a murder investigation that began with a case of sexual torture.

The case began to unfold when a woman escaped the home wearing only a padlocked metal collar attached to a chain. She said she had been kidnapped and held by David Ray and Cindy Hendy.

Another woman then came forward and said she had been tortured. And a friend of Hendy's told investigators that Ray had killed four to six other victims, dumped the bodies and dumped them in Elephant Butte, 150 miles south of Albuquerque.

Investigators have been searching the dusty hills around Ray's double-wide trailer home for several weeks. They have expanded their search for victims nationwide into Arizona, Texas and Mexico and urged anyone who has escaped the couple's torture to come forward.

State Public Safety Secretary Darren White said investigators have collected more than 1,000 pieces of evidence and are pursuing more than 100 leads "throughout the country" and have brought in three FBI "profilers," the behavioral specialists depicted in "The Silence of the Lambs."

"This is a very dark, very disturbing case for everyone involved," White said. "We believe this case involves victims, and we won't rule out the possibility this case involves homicide."

He said he feared divulging too many details would involve "descriptions so vile" other victims would not come forward.

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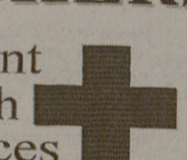
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