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Sheriff pleads guilty to theft, drug charges

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- Carl Burris

Frio County sheriff

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Frio County sheriff has pleaded guilty to felony theft and drug "I've been in law enforcement most of n charges after allegedly pocketing thousands of dollars confiscated during a 1994 traffic stop and later trying to sell marijuana to replace the miss- its course. ing money.

In a San Antonio federal courtroom on Tuesday, Sheriff Carl Burris said he took \$7,726 confiscated during the traffic stop and tried selling about 262 pounds of seized marijuana in order to replace the missing money in 1997. Burris faces a minimum

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penalty of five years in prison for conspiring to distribute marijuana and stealing from a federally funded government.

His conviction will not be final until his sentencing,

which has not been scheduled.

press-News, the 53-year-old Burris said he would withdraw as a candidate for re-election but would selling the marijuana.

"I've been in law enforcement most of my life," he said. "When you make a mistake, you need to stand up, 'fess up to it and let the law take

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn said an investigation of unidentified members of law enforcement in Frio County, which is located about 40 miles south of San Antonio, was ongoing.

Last week, U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo allowed Burris to keep his sidearm because his department is reportedly short on deputies and engaged in an "extensive investigation relating to a triple homicide case.' Three burning corpses

were found in rural Frio County on Sept. 17, days after the sheriff filed a plea agreement in federal court admitting he pocketed the money and tried

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DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas Child Pro tective Services caseworker said the mot er of a Dallas toddler who climbed out ofte window of their moving car to her deat "likely" knew the child had fallen from the car but continued driving home.

"It seems implausible that a mothe would not notice a healthy active 3-year-old moving about the car to the point that she ejected from the vehicle," caseworker Ale jandra Torres-Muchnick said in an affiday seeking to remove the two living childrend Norma Suarez and James Estrada.

Amanda Estrada died Sept. 24 afte falling out of the car, driven by Suarez, and falling onto the pavement of a bridge spare ning the Trinity River. The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the deal an accident by blunt-force trauma, but then was no word on whether the child died upg impact with the pavement or by being hitb two cars.

Sex Dallas police and CPS are conducting vestigations into the incident to see whether Suarez was negligent. cau An attorney representing the family de

nied the allegations. DENVE "These a good, solid people," Gary Krupkin told The Dallas Morning Newsi orado rapi Wednesday's editions. "The cops and the alarmed vi bling to un

CPS are trying to frame the facts in a way that is most beneficial to them. These parents are wrongfully accused. Salazar ste Amanda's siblings, a 2-year-old girl and looking for

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home in Dallas County on Friday.

According to CPS records reviewed by

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Man linked to third attack

Crime's DNA tests cause charges to be filed in another

accused of killing two women.

ready has been charged in connection with two 1996 bathtub slavings at an Arlington apartment complex and a 1999 rape at an Arlington college. Charges against Scheanette also were pending in three other sexual assault cases - two in Lancaster in 1998 and one in Grand Prairie last year.

suspect in the third Lancaster attack when police confirmed the two other assaults a month ago, said Lancaster police Lt. Thurman Selman.

idence at the time, but we think sexual assault charges against their jurisdictions.

lington Morning News in Wednesday's editions. Scheanette, held without bail in the Tarrant County Jail, has declined interview requests.

One of Scheanette's attorneys in the capital murder cases, Stuart Oliphint, did not have details on the additional charges

"I know that there are several jurisdictions attempting to link offenses to Mr. Scheanette," said Oliphint. "These are all allegations at this point. These are all nonindicted cases.

Scheanette is charged with two counts of capital murder in the slaying of Christine Vu and Wendie Prescott. Lancast-

Scheanette with the Dallas County district attorney's office on Monday in connection with two October 1998 attacks on women.

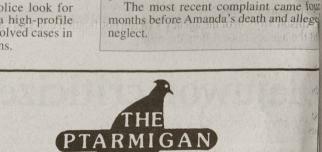
Scheanette has also been charged with sexual assaults in Grand Prairie and at the University of Texas - Arlington. Police are waiting on written confirmation of the DNA results in the Hunter's Creek attack before filing a third aggravated sexual assault charge

Sociology professor Robert L. Young, who teaches criminology courses at the University of Texas lington, said police look for links between a high-profile er police filed two aggravated suspect and unsolved cases in

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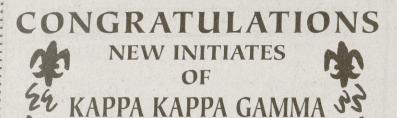
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