

Strode bound over in Naples shooting

By Geoff Liesik

A 22-year-old man will stand trial on charges of attempted murder and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person following a probable cause hearing on Wednesday.

Court records show that Spencer R. Strode was bound over for

trial on charges of attempted murder and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person following a probable cause hearing on Wednesday.

Eighth District Court Judge A. Lynn Payne, however, dis-

missed a misdemeanor charge of altering the serial number on a pistol, finding that prosecutors had not presented sufficient evidence during the hearing to support the charge.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Naples Police Sgt. Manny Escoto, Strode and 18-year-old Spencer Rich went to a woman's home on the night of the shooting to see if Strode could borrow \$250. Escoto said Strode owed that amount to Rich but was unable to get the woman to loan him the money.

The two men left the house together in a pickup truck around 3 a.m. and ended up parked in a residential driveway near the Shivers 'n Jitters coffee shack in Naples. Escoto said Strode told investigators that while they were sitting in the truck, Rich told him "you are done."

"Spencer Strode said he saw a gun in Spencer Rich's hand," Escoto said. "Spencer Strode stated that he reached for his weapon, which was on top of the dashboard, cock[ed] it, and shot Spencer Rich numerous times."

Police said Rich, shot at least

four times in the stomach, got out of the truck and ran to Shivers 'n Jitters before collapsing in the parking lot. A call to 911 alerted authorities to the shooting.

Strode left the area but was later tracked down at a home in Uintah County. He was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Uintah County Jail.

Rich, interviewed by police at Ashley Regional Medical Center before being flown to University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, identified Strode as the person who shot him, Escoto said. He also denied pulling a gun on his alleged attacker.

Police executed a search warrant on Strode's truck the day after the shooting. Escoto said they recovered a two weapons: a .45-caliber handgun and a 9 mm handgun. The sergeant said the serial number had been filed off of the 9 mm, and noted that both Strode and Rich have prior felony convictions that make it illegal for them to possess firearms.

Strode, who is free on bond, is slated to return to court on March 17 for a status hearing.



A Tridell woman was killed Wednesday night after her truck went off state Route 208 near Fruitland and struck an embankment. Utah Highway Patrol troopers said road conditions were dry and they do not believe Adella Muse, 71, was impaired. Muse's body has been turned over to the State Medical Examiner's Office for an investigation into cause of death. Troopers suspect she may have suffered a medical emergency that led to the crash.



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about three miles south of Mt. Emma, Utah.

Kidney Lake Project Area Legal Description: Kidney Lake USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map. T.2N, R.6W, Sec. 1, 6 & 31 of the West Uintah Special Meridian. The area ranges in elevation from approximately 10,200 to 10,300 feet above mean sea level.

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above mean sea level.

Primitive hand tools would be packed into these wilderness work-sites by crews and horses and/or may be flown in by helicopter to implement work planned for stabilization. In addition to primitive hand tools, light machinery (small tracked excavators and small backhoe/skidsteers), and other motorized and mechanized equipment would be used to breach/stabilize the dams. The machinery would be flown in and out of the immediate work site at both lakes by a heavy lift helicopter. We anticipate that either Moon Lake Dam, the Center Park Trailhead, or the Yellowstone ATV Trailhead would be chosen as a staging/landing area for the helicopter delivery and removal of equipment and supplies. In the interest of public safety area closures and traffic control would be necessary before and during helicopter delivery operations. Closures would include the helicopter staging/landing area and select portions of the surrounding area, as well as trails leading to the wilderness lakes and the lakes themselves. Also in the interest of public safety, all work sites would be closed to the public during the stabilization effort and one permanent trail reroute along an existing social trail to Kidney Lake would be implemented west of Island Lake. Also, as part of a contingency plan to accomplish work in one season and reduce implementation costs, a one-way motorized route may be used to transport equipment and

supplies over the existing trail between Five Point and Superior Lakes, if needed. Two to three crews would be camped at or near Kidney Lake; and four to six crews would be camped within the Garfield Basin during the 90-day work season. Detailed information on the proposed project is available on the Ashley National Forest webpage at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects> or may be reviewed during business hours (0800 to 1630, Monday through Friday) at the Ashley National Forest, Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main Street, Duchesne, Utah, 84021.

For a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice the general public and interested parties may submit comments to R. Brian Paul, at the above address or contact him at (435) 781-5217.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to all water users of the Gray Mountain Canal.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING of the water users of the Gray Mountain Canal will be held February 10, 2009 in the Duchesne County Administration Building, Conference room #1 at 7:00 p.m. Items on the agenda include a review of financial reports, Presidents report, elections of board members.

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Former clinic worker gets jail for forgeries

A former Uintah Basin Medical Center employee was sentenced Thursday to 14 days in jail for using forged prescriptions to illegally obtain Lortab from a hospital clinic.

Kathy R. Giles, 51, of Tabiona, entered guilty pleas in November to three counts of forgery and three counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. At the time, Duchesne County Attorney Stephen Foote said the pleas were entered in exchange for a promise by prosecutors not to file more charges against Giles.

According to Duchesne County Sheriff's Detective Dan Brusio, Giles used her position as a medical assistant at UBMC to forge prescriptions for Lortab. Each prescription netted her an average of 90 pills, Brusio said.

The detective said Giles wasn't reselling the medication, but was keeping it for her own personal use. Brusio said his investigation revealed that

Giles had been forging prescriptions for about three months at the time she was caught in late August.

Giles told 8th District Court Judge A. Lynn Payne on Thursday that she had apologized in person to her former employer for the forgeries, and added that she was "clean for a long time" before relapsing into prescription drug abuse.

Giles has a prior conviction in 1990 in 3rd District Court for prescription forgery and attempted prescription forgery. She received a probation sentence in that case.

In addition to ordering Giles to report to the Duchesne County Jail today, Jan. 27, to begin serving her 14 day commitment, Payne also ordered her to serve 36 months on probation, pay a \$500 fine, and pay \$233 in restitution. Giles must continue with substance abuse treatment as well.

Suits target oil shale plan for the Rockies

By Judith Kohler Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Two lawsuits by conservation groups take aim at the Bush administration's push to open nearly 2 million acres of public land in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado to commercial oil shale development.

A coalition of groups filed the lawsuits in federal court in Denver to challenge regulations and a plan approved late last year to tap the more than 1 trillion barrels of oil believed to be locked in a large formation under the three states.

The plan also covers development of tar sands in Utah.

Colorado elected officials have accused the Bush administration of rushing through commercial oil shale rules and plans without adequate review of the potential environmental impacts and even before the technology is proven.

Industry and federal officials have said that commercial production is likely at least a decade off.

The conservation groups claim in their lawsuits that the Interior Department and Bureau of Land Management broke environmental laws by curtailing public comment and failing to consider protecting wilderness-quality land and habitat for the greater sage grouse, under review for possible inclusion on the federal endangered species list.

"The BLM, in its stampede to

beat the clock before the inauguration, is threatening wildlife, water and wilderness by opening up millions of acres of public land to destructive, unproven oil shale and tar sands development," said Ted Zukoski of Earthjustice, one of the attorneys who filed the lawsuits.

The 13 groups also claim that regulations setting royalty rates for oil shale violate federal law requiring fair market value for public resources. Companies would pay a 5 percent royalty rate during the first five years of production, compared with 12.5 percent to 18.8 percent for conventional oil and gas production on public lands.

Colorado Sen. Ken Salazar called the rate a "pittance" when it was announced in November. He has also called the regulations "premature and flawed."

Salazar, a Democrat, is President-elect Barack Obama's choice as interior secretary. Another claim in the lawsuits is that federal agencies cut out the public by not giving people a chance to protest amendments to 10 different management plans for public lands in the area.

BLM spokesman Matt Spangler in Washington, D.C., declined to comment on the lawsuits Friday night.

The same groups have said they will file another lawsuit unless the oil shale plan considers the potential impacts on endangered species.

Shale deposits in northwest Colorado, Wyoming and Utah are thought to hold more than 1 trillion barrels of oil. About 800 billion barrels of that are believed to be recoverable.

The area is "home to some of the nation's healthiest elk herds, rare plants and more than a dozen species protected as threatened or endangered by the federal Endangered Species Act," according to one of the conservation groups' lawsuits.

The Bush administration released final oil shale rules in November, a few weeks after a congressional ban on using federal funds to write final regulations expired.

Federal officials have disputed that they rushed the plan or rules through. They point out they've missed deadlines set in the 2005 federal energy bill for completing the oil shale environmental impact statement and regulations.

Even after rules are issued, federal officials say, more rounds of environmental reviews and permits from more than 40 federal, state and local agencies would be required before any projects are approved.

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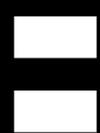
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