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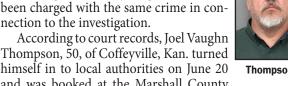
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Second suspect charged with financial exploitation of elderly Marshalltown residents

About a week after the T-R first reported that a Davenport man had been charged with financial exploitation of an older individual after allegedly helping to spend

over \$500,000 worth of funds that belonged to a pair of Marshalltown residents over the age of 80, his younger brother has been charged with the same crime in connection to the investigation.



and was booked at the Marshall County Jail. The criminal complaint against Joel Thompson alleges that the exploitation occurred between February of 2023 and October of 2024, and the connection between Joel and Jeremy Thompson and the alleged victims has not yet been made public. According to a release from the Marshalltown Police Department (MPD), a "lengthy" investigation that included two financial audits

began on Nov. 7, 2024 as the result of a complaint made by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) about a possible financial exploitation of a dependent adult.

Joel Thompson's bond is currently set at \$50,000 cash, and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 30 at



Tim Kelly, owner of Edgeworth Precision, works at a lathe while repairing a firearm for a customer. Kelly opened the business not long after moving to Marshalltown and has relied solely on word-of-

Marshalltown resident runs gunsmithing business out of carriage house

BY LANA BRADSTREAM

TIMES-REPUBLICAN

Sometimes life gets hectic and people do not have as much time to do what they enjoy. Tim Kelly has been experiencing that, but still moves forward to making his goal of working full-time in his gunsmithing business a reality.

When he is not working at Emerson or spending time with his family, Kelly, 59, tries to get Edgeworth Precision up and running. The name of the business is inspired by the name of the house the Kellys purchased. After he and his family moved to Marshalltown in 2019 from South Dakota, he began transforming a backyard carriage house into Edgeworth, a business for building and repairing firearms.

"For the repair work, I do anything, pretty much," Kelly said. "The building, for the most part, is precision rifles and I got into doing smokeless muzzle loaders."

He refrains from working on AR-15 rifles and fully automatic firearms. Kelly also does not work on 3D-printed guns, also known as "ghost guns."

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'We have a problem'



UnityPoint Health-Marshalltown Hospital Administrator and Executive Director of Operations Shari King, left, speaks about the future of EMS services in Marshall County as Marshalltown City Councilors Mark Mitchell, center, and Barry Kell, right, look on during Monday night's meeting. The council agreed to move forward with a plan to hire a consultant and split the cost evenly between the city, the county and UPH.

UPH-Marshalltown administrator addresses future of local EMS service with city council

By ROBERT MAHARRY

TIMES-REPUBLICAN

At the end of an otherwise short and succinct meeting on Monday night, UnityPoint Health-Marshalltown Hospital Administrator and Executive Director of Operations Shari King addressed the city council about the future of emergency medical services (EMS) in the county and reported that her organization is currently losing approximately \$1 million a year providing them.

King introduced herself as a representative of both UPH and an EMS task force that has been assembled within the last year before explaining the difference between the 911 service - which was the topic up for discussion at the meeting — and transfers, which are the responsibility of any hospital to move a patient from location to location as medical need arises.

The current 911 setup includes no funding from any sources other than what it can bill, and in some instances — for example, a patient declines to go to the emergency room after an ambulance arrives — no bill can be issued. Insurance companies often deny reimbursement requests

for EMS services.

"Right now, neither the city nor the county provide any funding to UnityPoint Health-Marshalltown for providing this service. The wrinkle here is that I think a lot of our taxpayers think they are paying for this service and that this is something that is already covered as an essential service," King said.

A handful of smaller communities in Marshall County do have volunteer EMS services, but King said they are "feeling the stress" of dwindling numbers and keeping their members up to date on training. In general, King noted that fewer and fewer individuals are entering the EMT and paramedic fields, and the reimbursement is not covering the

cost to deliver the service. Marshalltown and Marshall County, she added, are "very unusual" in that UPH is the primary provider of 911 ambulance services. County hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals are able to access other sources of public funding such as an EMS tax and reimbursement through Medicare, but UPH-Marshalltown is neither. King estimated that only two or three other services statewide where a hospital is the primary provider of EMS.

According to King, concerns about "EMS deserts" are growing around the state, and she then discussed a law signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds in 2021 allowing for voters in individual counties to designate EMS as an essential service funded by either an income surtax or a property tax levy not to exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 of valuation by a 60 percent supermajority. Just to the east, Tama County voters approved such a designation at the polls last November.

King then shared something of a summation of her remarks to that

"What really transpired is we were looking at the nature of the service that we're providing, the challenges we're having with staffing and the financial loss we're taking. That's really what signaled 'Hey, we have a problem, certainly, in Marshall County.' We need to work collaboratively to find a solution that will be long-term sustainable because right now, our current model is not sus-

tainable," she said. As a result, meetings with stakeholders and elected officials evolved

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Iran launches missiles at US military base in Qatar in retaliation for American bombing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran launched a limited missile attack Monday on a U.S. military base in Qatar, retaliating for the American bombing of its nuclear sites but indicating it was prepared to step back from escalating tensions in the volatile

The U.S. was warned by Iran in advance, and there were no casualties, said President Donald Trump, who dismissed the attack as a "very weak response."

importantly,

they've gotten it all out of their 'system,' and there will, hopefully, be no further HATE," Trump posted on Truth Social.

Qatar condemned the attack on Al Udeid Air Base as "a flagrant violation" of its sovereignty, airspace and international law. Qatar said it intercepted all but one missile, though it was not clear if that missile caused any damage.

Iran said the volley matched the number of bombs dropped by the United States on Iranian nuclear sites over the weekend. Iran also said it targeted the base because it was outside of populated

Those comments, made immediately after the attack, suggested Iran wanted to de-escalate with the United States, something Trump himself said after the strikes early Sunday on

Qatar Maj. Gen. Shayeq Al Hajri said 19 missiles were fired at the base that is home to the Combined Air Operations Center, which provides command

and control of air power across the region, as well as the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, the largest such wing in the world. Trump said 14 missiles were fired, 13 were knocked down and one was "set free" because it posed no threat.

Trump said Iran might be able to "proceed to Peace and Harmony" and said he would encourage Israel to do the same.

However, Israel's war on Iran continued, with the Israeli military expanding

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