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# **DEAR ABBY** Pregnant wife questions her husband's honesty

EAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for three years. Most of that time, it has been perfect. Six months ago, we received some amazing news: We are expecting



PHILLIPS

a child! This was a miracle. We had been struggling to conceive, and I had almost given up hope that it would ever happen.

My problem is, when my hus· band and I started

dating, my husband and my brother became fast friends. At first, I was thrilled that the man I loved got along so great with my family. But ever since the news

of our pregnancy, they have become almost inseparable. They text constantly, and it seems almost every weekend they are taking a hunting trip or going to the casinos.

My husband says he's just trying to have some fun before the baby comes along. Am I wrong to feel he should be spending more time with me, the pregnant mother of his future child? He's a great provider and a loving husband when he is present, but I can't help but feel neglected.

One evening, we were sitting on the couch watching TV and I happened to get a glimpse of his phone. I noticed he was texting my brother (as usual), but then I saw the text from my brother: "Goodnight babe," with a HEART EMOJI! I didn't mean to snoop, but I was shocked and couldn't unsee this. I immediately asked what was going on, and he very defensively told me it was an inside joke and that I shouldn't be reading his texts over his shoulder.

I feel crazy for even thinking what I'm thinking, but could something be going on between my brother and my husband? I don't even know how to begin to confront this issue, and I'm afraid if I ask my husband pointblank, he will lie to my face. I feel lost and betrayed. Please help. - CRESTFALLEN IN COLO-

RADO DEAR CRESTFALLEN: As thrilled as you are about this pregnancy, your husband may be

approaching arrival of his child as a door closing on having a life. There are straight men ("men's men") who prefer the company of men over that of women. Because vou are afraid to confront your husband about what you saw, have an in-person talk with your brother and ask him why he sent a heart emoji to your husband.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to my husband for eight years. He lost his mom 22 years ago. Ever since her cremation, he has kept her ashes in the living room. It scares me because I believe in ghosts. I know it's hard to let go of our dear ones. (I lost my own mom a few years ago, so I know the feeling.) How can

less so. In fact, he may regard the I convince him to take the ashes out of the house or put them in the ground without hurting him emotionally? - SPOOKED IN PENNSYLVANIA

> DEAR SPOOKED: Honey, if your late mother-in-law is coming back to haunt you, she will do it regardless of where her ashes are located. Yes, your husband is having trouble letting go of the remnants of his mother, but he's hurting no one. She may "visit" you SOONER if you push her out from under your roof.

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# Venue

#### From A1

first-degree murder for the May 10, 2024, shooting death of Stacev Allen.

Jury selection in the trial be-

that had been prepared by Hindman, the prosecution and defense. Jury selection was expected to take place Wednesday with witness testimony beginning Thursday.

After reviewing the completed gan Tuesday morning in Monona questionnaires Tuesday after-County District Court with ju- noon, the defense made an oral the prospective jurors have determined later.

rors provided a questionnaire motion for a change of venue. The prosecution resisted.

Hindman granted the motion, saying in his brief written order it was unlikely Allen could receive a fair trial in Monona County.

knowledge of and have formed opinions about the facts of this case, that actual prejudice to the defendant would result were the trial to proceed in this county ...," Hindman said.

Hindman ordered the trial "In short, the court finds, continued to an undetermined based on the extent to which date in a county that also will be Allen was taken into custody

Allen is accused of killing Stacey Allen, 47, outside their home in the 1900 block of Granite Street. The Monona County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the home at 5:42 p.m. Deputies arriving at the scene found Stacey Allen's body, and Jamie without incident.

## BRIEFLY

### Everly man pleads not guilty of theft

SIBLEY, Iowa – An Everly, Iowa, man has pleaded not guilty of charging a customer more than \$33,000 to install garage doors and never completing the work.

Joshua Griffin, 43, entered his written plea Monday in Osceola County District Court to one count of first-degree theft.

According to court documents, Griffin accepted a \$33,800 check from a rural Hartley, Iowa, man on Jan. 3, 2024, to install garage doors on his shop.

Griffin told the man \$27,800 was to prepay for the purchase of the doors and he needed the full amount before ordering them. Griffin cashed the check and stopped working on the garage the next month. In April 2024, Griffin stopped communicating with the customer and never installed the doors.

When an Osceola County Sheriff's deputy contacted Griffin, Griffin said he had ordered the doors. The deputy contacted the door company and learned the doors had never been ordered. The company told the deputy an estimate had been provided to Griffin for \$20,319, more than \$7,000 less than what Griffin had told his customer the doors would cost.

Griffin was arrested in May.

# Galva woman gets prison for selling 100,000 fentanyl pills

SIOUX CITY - A Galva, Iowa, woman has been sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison for selling at least 100,000 fentanyl

Braleigh Schossow, 25, pleaded guilty in February to one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. She was sentenced Thursday in U.S. District Court in Sioux City to 141 months in prison. There is no parole in the federal system. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Schossow admitted that between December 2020 and February 2024 she sold at least 100,000 pills containing fentanyl. She would acquire counterfeit pills stamped with "M30" that contained fentanyl from her sources in Minnesota. Schossow then sold tens of thousands of the pills across Iowa and Nebraska. After she acquired fentanyl pills from her source in Minnesota in 2022, some of those pills were sold to a person who later died from an overdose. When law enforcement executed a search warrant at her home in 2023, officers found more than 7,000 fentanyl pills, cocaine, \$72,000 in cash and a loaded handgun.

# Man pleads no contest to vehicular homicide

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DAKOTA CITY – A South Sioux City man faces up to 10 years in prison for causing a fatal crash at a South Sioux City intersection.

Bradley Gatzemeyer, 27, pleaded no contest Tuesday to charges of vehicular homicide and driving under the influence with a passenger under age 16.

District Judge Bryan Meismer found Gatzemeyer guilty of the charges and scheduled sentencing for Oct. 7 in Dakota County District Court.

Under terms of a plea agreement filed in the case, the prosecution and defense both will recommend Gatzemeyer be sentenced to no

years in prison for vehicular homicide. They also will recommend a sentence of nine to 10 months on the driving under the influence charge, and that sentence will be served concurrently, or at the same time, with the vehicular homicide sentence.

Under Nebraska statutes, vehicular homicide is punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

A charge of driving under the influence was dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Gatzemeyer is charged in connection with a May 4, 2024, collision at the intersection of College Way and U.S. Highway 77 that resulted in the death of Debora James,

less than five and no more than 10 64, of Sioux City. James was turning from College Way onto northbound U.S. 77 in a Volkswagen Passat when she was struck by a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck driven by Gatzemeyer, whose 4-year-old child was a passenger in the back seat

James was extricated from her car and transported to MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center, where she later died.

Officers investigating the crash found two empty Fireball shooter bottles in Gatzemeyer's pickup and, while speaking with him, detected the odor of alcohol. A blood test showed his blood-alcohol content at 0.155%, nearly twice the legal limit of 0.08%.

# Man pleads no contest to manslaughter

#### **NICK HYTREK** nhytrek@siouxcityjournal.com

man involved in a fatal shooting in law.

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handed Thomas a 9mm handgun Manslaughter is punishable by up he had fixed. The gun discharged as DAKOTA CITY - A Sioux City to 20 years in prison under Nebraska Thomas was handling it, and Nunez was struck.

a South Sioux City apartment has pleaded no contest to manslaughter.

Tobias Thomas, 24, entered his plea Tuesday in Dakota County District Court to the Class IIA felony.

District Judge Bryan Meismer found Thomas guilty and scheduled sentencing for Sept. 23.

Under terms of a plea agreement, the prosecution at sentencing will recommend a prison sentence of 40-48 months. The defense will recommend a 30-32-month sen-

Thomas shot Javier Gustave Nunez, 23, April 27, 2024, in an apartment at the Flatwater Crossing Apartments, 2800 Flatwater Drive.

After responding to a report of a shooting, police found Nunez in his apartment with a single gunshot wound to the chest. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to court documents, Thomas and Nunez had been drinking in the apartment. a .111% alcohol content, above the Nunez was cleaning his guns and legal limit of .08%.

The shooting appeared to be unintentional, police said in court documents.

Investigators recovered the gun and a single spent shell casing at the scene, plus three rifles, a shotgun, a second handgun and gun-cleaning tools and supplies.

Thomas submitted to a breath test about an hour after police were summoned, and the results showed

# Onawa woman sentenced to prison for painkiller theft, fraud

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SIOUX CITY - An Onawa, Iowa, woman was sentenced Tuesday to more than three years in federal prison for stealing prescription painkillers and embezzling money from her employer.

Sarah Haptonstall, 47, had pleaded guilty in February in U.S. District Court in Sioux City to single counts of acquiring and attempting to acquire a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, deception and

### subterfuge, possession of a firearm by a felon and bank fraud.

A federal sentencing formula suggested a prison sentence in the 18-24-month range.

Lumping all the charges together, U.S. District Judge Leonard Strand said, lessened the seriousness of each charge, basically giving Haptonstall a "discount" on her sentence. Strand said a sentence higher than the guideline range was more appropriate and settled on 42 months. There is no parole in the federal system. Haptonstall

will self-surrender to the U.S. Bureau prohibited from possessing because of Prisons at a date to be determined.

A former delivery driver for an Onawa pharmacy in 2021, Haptonstall later resigned after it was discovered she was stealing drugs.

Haptonstall was charged with breaking into a former customer's home in March 2023 after she no longer worked for the pharmacy and stealing prescription pills and oxycodone. Sheriff's deputies interviewed her and searched her vehicle, finding a 9mm pistol, which she was of a previous conviction for stealing drugs. Several empty prescription bottles also were found.

She was later charged in a separate case with making more than \$8,000 in payments to herself from January 2023 through March 2023, when she worked as the secretary for an Onawa business and was responsible for maintaining the business' books and accounts. Strand ordered Haptonstall to pay \$8,382 in restitution to the business, an amount she has

already paid

Haptonstall was placed on probation in Monona County in February 2023 after pleading guilty of swapping out 10 hydrocodone tablets with Tylenol and keeping the hydrocodone for herself while she was a delivery driver for the pharmacy. She now faces a probation revocation hearing in that case. Strand ordered that if her probation is revoked and her original 10-year prison sentence imposed, it would be served consecutive, or back to back, with her federal sentence.



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