

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**Mom: Man charged in killings 'didn't know anything'**

VINITA – A woman says the man charged in the 1999 deaths of an Oklahoma couple and the disappearance of her teenage daughter and a friend “didn’t know anything” about where the missing girls are.

Lorene Bible questioned 66-year-old Ronnie Dean Busick Thursday at the Craig County jail. Busick was charged Monday with four counts of first-degree murder in the killings of Danny and Kathy Freeman, their daughter Ashley Freeman and Bible’s daughter, Lauria.

Danny and Kathy Freeman were shot in the head and their bodies were left in their burning home in northeastern Oklahoma, near the Kansas border. Investigators believe the teens were killed later, but their bodies haven’t been found.

The Tulsa World reports Bible told Busick she was speaking to him to find her daughter, not to attack him.

**Oklahoma gains 6 rigs as US rig count rises to 1,021**

HOUSTON – The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by eight this week to 1,021.

At this time a year ago there were 870 active rigs.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes reported Friday that 825 rigs drilled for oil this week and 195 for gas. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma added six rigs, Texas gained four, North Dakota added three, Louisiana and Ohio each gained two and California added one.

Alaska and New Mexico each declined by three, Wyoming lost two and Colorado, Kansas and Pennsylvania each declined by one.

– AP

**Raising awareness about plastic bag recycling**

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In the United States, approximately 100 billion single-use plastic bags are used each year. Of that, merely 3 percent is recycled and 50 million end up as litter nationwide, according to the US EPA. To raise awareness about plastic litter, the 2018 theme of World Earth Day is “End Plastic Pollution.”

Plastic bags and films must be recycled separately from other materials because they jam typical recycling machinery. Therefore, they should not go into your recycle cart or campus recycle bin. While plastic bags cannot be recycled along with rigid plastics, such as beverage containers, they can be recycled separately with certain local merchants.

In Stillwater, the most common place to return single-use plastic bags is to your grocer. All three Walmart locations accept plastic bags in bins located at each of the front entrances. At Sprouts on 6th Avenue, there is a plastic bag recycle bin near the front desk and at Food Pyramid, located on Main Street, the recycle bin is in the foyer. Lowe’s also accepts plastic bags for recycling in its foyer.

Stillwater residents may be wondering if these plastic bags are recycled or trashed. The bags are indeed recycled and many are transformed into other products, however, each merchant uses a different method to send collected bags and plastic films to recycle processors.

Wal-Mart bales its cardboard and plastic bags and a private hauling company gathers those bales for transport to Tulsa. There, recycling professionals separate the cardboard and plastic bags into their own bales. A variety of haulers then transport the bales to recycle processors. Globally, Walmart recycles three million tons of plastic and fiber per



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year. The company also has a zero-waste goal.

Food Pyramid bales cardboard and plastic bags together as well. A private packaging company collects the bales and takes them to a recycling center in Oklahoma City where the cardboard and plastic bags are separated. The cardboard is re-baled and shipped to a paper mill in Lawton, OK to be manufactured into new cardboard and the plastic bags are recycled into new bags that are used in the OKC area.

Sprouts, which also has its own baling machine, ships baled plastic bags and films to a recycling firm in Winchester, Virginia. The firm turns the plastic bags into faux-wood decking. Sprouts offers five cents off the total grocery bill for every re-used bag utilized during a visit to their store.

When recycling grocery bags, make sure to remove receipts and other items. Although recycling plastic bags is better than landfilling them, reusing bags as many times as possible also extends their utility. Disposable, single-use bags, however, cannot be reused repeatedly. The best option is to invest in durable bags that can be cleaned and reused indefinitely. Finally, imagine our watersheds without plastic litter as a way to help you remember to shop with your new durable bags.

**PUBLIC RECORDS**

**PAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

For the week of April 23-27

**Marriage licenses**

- Trevor John Steward and Elizabeth Ann Murray - April 23
- Chad Nikolas Steen and Ladonna Lorese Frasure - April 25
- Zachary Brett Mcvey and Lindsey Ann Warner- April 25
- Colton Alan Roberts and Danica Marie Esparza - April 26
- Nicholas David Denzler and Sarah Christine Scrogins - April 26
- Toby Rex Demoss and Elizabeth Ross Contreras - April 26
- Anthony Ryan Pugh and Jessica Lynn Davidson - April 26
- Justin Donel Barbera and Hannah Elizabeth Lee - April 27
- Renu Pandey and Gehendra Kharel - April 27
- Jhoshua Don Charlton and Amy Lynae Ervin - April 27

Bryan Patrick Davis and Mykah LaShon Adkins - April 27

**Divorce filings**

- Donald Eugene Short II and Angela Rae Short - April 24
- Justin Dale Wahpekeche and Darcee Jean Bowling - April 25
- Christopher Lee Smart and Kaylie Nicole Smart - April 25
- Andrew Warren Towe and Danielle Deborah Towe - April 26
- Richard Harold Cox and Sandra Milena Campo Rios - April 26
- Blake Paul Cheramie and Holly Astra Cheramie - April 26
- Matthew Ray Lansford-Barela and Sonia Lansford - April 26
- Travis Wade Watkins and Sarah Ruth Watkins - April 27
- Patrick Warden Phillips and Heather D. Cazzelle Phillips - April 27
- David Stanley French and Jennifer French - April 27
- Alex Ryan Clopton and Jaymie Clopton - April 27

**SHERIFF'S REPORTS**

**PAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**THURSDAY**  
Suspicious vehicle - 11:28 a.m., 6300 block E.

9th St., Cushing  
Stolen property (dog) - 2:22 p.m., 2800 block S. Harmony Rd., Cushing  
911 (burglary) - 8:13 p.m., 12900 block S. Redlands Rd., Coyle

**ROAD, LANE CLOSURES**

**Road Closed**

Closing - Opening	By	Type of Work	Street/Intersection
04/28/18- 04/28/18	OSU	Event	Hall of Fame Avenue from Washington Street to Knoblock Street.
04/28/18- 04/28/18	City of Stillwater	Event	Boomer Lake Station Drive from Lakeview Road to Boomer Lake Drive.
04/23/18- 04/28/18	Operations	Road Repair	Alley - Duncan Street/Husband Street from 10th Avenue to 11th Avenue.
05/01/18- 05/01/18	Unplanned, LLC	Event	7th Avenue from West Street to Duck Street.
05/02/18- 05/02/18	Eskimo Joe's	Event	Elm Avenue from Knoblock Street to West Street.
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04/25/18- 05/04/18	Operations	Emergency Water Line Repair	Intersection from Monticello Drive to Melrose Drive.
04/16/18- 05/08/18	Downey Contracting	Water Line Construction	Washington Street from 11th Avenue to 10th Avenue.
04/24/18- 05/08/18	Downey Contracting	Water Line Construction	Country Side Drive from 19th Avenue to Elvin Drive.
04/24/18- 05/08/18	Downey Contracting	Water Line Construction	Lowry Street from 11th Avenue to 10th Avenue.
04/24/18- 05/08/18	Downey Contracting	Water Line Construction	Chester Street from 11th Avenue to 10th Avenue.
05/02/18- 05/10/18	Unplanned, LLC	Event	4th Avenue from Duncan Street to Main Street.
05/02/18- 05/10/18	Unplanned, LLC	Event	Husband Street from 5th Avenue to 3rd Avenue.
02/19/18- 06/01/18	McKee Utility Contractors	Water Line Construction	Western Road from 44th Avenue to 32nd Avenue.
01/01/18- 06/30/18	Miller-Tippens	Construction	Lincoln Street from 6th Avenue (SH 51) to 4th Avenue.
08/01/16- 08/01/18	Origin Constructors	Construction	Ramsey Street from 6th Avenue to 4th Avenue.

**Lane Closed**

Closing - Opening	By	Type of Work	Street/Intersection
04/24/18- 05/04/18	Operations	Sidewalk Repair	5th Avenue from Hester Street to West Street
04/23/18- 05/07/18	Central States Construction	Construction & scaffold erection	Hester Street from 6th Avenue (SH 51) to 5th Avenue.
04/20/18- 05/08/18	North Central Construction	Water Line Construction	5th Avenue from Kings Street to Orchard Street
04/30/18- 05/31/18	McKee Utility Contractors	Water Line Construction	32nd Avenue from Pioneer Street to Western Road.
04/23/18- 06/02/18	Big Star Services	Sidewalk Construction	Washington Street (7am-5pm, M-F) from Airport Road to Links.
10/30/17- 06/18/18	Origin Constructors	Building Construction	Hester Street from 6th Avenue (SH 51) to 5th Avenue.
02/05/18- 06/30/18	North Central Construction	Construction	6th Avenue (SH 51)(Left and Right Turn Lanes) from Gray Street to Blakely Street

**POLICE REPORTS**

**STILLWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following calls occurred within the city limits of Stillwater.

- 9:47 p.m., 100 block S. Monticello Dr. Domestic (physical) - 10:06 p.m., 800 block S. Murphy St. Physical domestic just occurred - 10:16 p.m., 2000 block E. Lone Wolf Ave. Suspicious activity - 10:48 p.m., 32nd Ave. and Western Rd.

**THURSDAY**

- Fight in progress - 2:12 a.m., 1000 block W. 6th Ave.
- Assault - 3:13 a.m., 1600 block W. University Ave.
- Auto theft - 11:56 a.m., Martin St. and Landry Ln.
- Suspicious activity - 2:23 p.m., 3rd Ave. and Perkins Rd.
- Auto larceny - 3:24 p.m., 1800 block N. Perkins Rd.
- Larceny - 7:13 p.m., 1100 block S. Duck St.
- Injury accident - 5:53 p.m., 400 block W. 7th Ave.
- Physical domestic in progress - 6:52 p.m., 1400 block N. Perkins Rd.
- Verbal domestic in progress - 7:41 p.m., 200 block S. Marshall St.
- Physical domestic just occurred - 8:19 p.m., 600 block E. McElroy Rd.
- Physical domestic in progress - 8:40 p.m., 2400 block S. Washington St.
- Suspicious person(s)

**CRIME BLOTTER**

**PAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

The following people have been charged in Payne County. The charges have yet to be proven in court.

**Friday Felony charges**

Deandre Tre Horne, 23, Stillwater, attempting to elude, operating a motor vehicle while driver's license has been suspended and failure to carry security verification form

**Misdemeanor charges**

Kha Liq Laranzo Berryman, 22, Shawnee, possession of controlled dangerous substance, transporting an opened container of beer, speeding and failure to carry security verification form  
Jason Kyle Hegwood, 42, Amarillo, Texas, operating a motor vehicle while driver's license has been suspended and failure to carry security verification form

Robert Earl Chitwood, 53, Fairfax, public intoxication

Nathan Kylen Sperka, 27, Stillwater, knowingly concealing stolen property

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