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## Man suspected in Kavairlook case arrested in Ohio

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Fairbanks police believe they have finally caught the man who shot John Kavairlook Jr. outside the Rock 'N' Rodeo bar just over a year ago.

Detectives from the Fairbanks Police Department traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, last week, where they arrested Patrick Dale Burton, 23, on a warrant for first-degree murder.

Police had previously arrested three men in connection to the shooting but believe Burton to be

the actual shooter, according to a news release Friday from the department.

Kavairlook, 23, was fatally shot in the parking lot of the Walgreen's store after a fight that began at the nearby Rock 'N' Rodeo bar in May 2015. According to accounts of the incident, Kavairlook and another man had been fighting inside the bar, leading staff to kick them out.

Kavairlook was accompanied by his wife, and the man he fought



Kavairlook

with was accompanied by three friends.

Rocks were thrown, and, as Kavairlook approached the four men, one of them shot him multiple times, killing him. The men fled the scene, leading to the year-long manhunt.

In the weeks following Kavairlook's death, community members rallied to raise awareness of police efforts to track down the men suspected of the killing. More



Burton

than 100 people gathered at the Tanana Chiefs Conference parking lot and made their way up the Old Steese Highway to the area where the shooting occurred, trying to spread the word about the investigation in hopes a tip might help investigators.

At the time of the rally, Fairbanks Mayor John Eberhart said police had received more than 100 tips via phone and Facebook.

In June 2015, police released video of the four suspects taken by a Bentley Mall business's security cameras about 12 hours before the shooting.

In the fall of 2015, police arrest-

ed Joel Roland Joseph, 26, in Selma, Texas; Demarious William Hinson, 25, in Orlando, Florida; and David Gregory Joseph, 34, in Anchorage, for their connection to the case. When police arrested the three men, Eberhart said detectives had already spent more than 3,000 hours working the case.

Burton is currently incarcerated and awaiting extradition to Fairbanks. Police are still investigating the shooting and request anyone with information to contact Detective Peyton Merideth at 450-6592.

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## Dow Jones drops 600 points after Brexit result

**Inside** » David Cameron resigns as Britain's prime minister. » A10

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The global economy faces months — if not years — of slower growth as Britain's stunning decision to abandon the European Union threw financial markets into a tailspin and darkened the outlook for corporate and consumer spending.

Though the damage is likely to be concentrated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, experts said the repercussions would ripple across the world and into the United States. The domino effect was on full display Friday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted more than 600 points in one of the most harrowing days of trading this year. The drop was even more dramatic in Europe and Asia, where major stock indexes sank 7 percent or more.

The vote escalated the risk that the global economy would not just stall, but actually slip into recession. Recurring crises over government debt in Europe, the bumpy slowdown in China and the collapse in commodity prices have already battered prospects for global growth. International policymakers have long warned that the sluggish recovery from the Great Recession has left the world economy more vulnerable to another downturn.

Britain's exit from the EU — popularly known as Brexit — could prove to be the final straw, experts said.

"We think the time has come to consider that a financial market crash today may push a world economy teetering on the verge of a contraction over the edge," said Carl Weinberg, chief economist at High Frequency Economics.

The freefall in financial markets was a testament to the massive uncertainty surrounding the logistics of

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## SHARK SOAKER



Zea May, 7, shoulders a water squirter while dragging an inflatable shark across the sand as hundreds of people blanket the beach at Tanana Lakes Recreation Area to try and beat the heat Friday afternoon. "It's just really great here. The kids love it," May's mother, Athena, said, adding that they've been frequenting the beach all summer. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

## Charges dropped in 2014 Kodiak Jack's stabbing case as victim insists police have wrong man

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A man who had been prepared to plead guilty to a 2014 bar stabbing instead left a Fairbanks courtroom with charges dismissed Friday afternoon after the stabbing victim reiterated his belief that police had arrested the wrong man.

Travis Loughridge, 26, has spent much of the last two years under state supervision, wearing an electronic ankle monitor while awaiting trial for a stabbing outside Kodiak Jack's nightclub. On Nov. 14, 2014, the victim was cut in the chest and abdomen and had to be taken to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

A grand jury indicted Loughridge on a charge of first-degree felony assault, the most serious classification of assault in Alaska.

Loughridge had planned to plead guilty

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Victim

to the lesser-charge of third-degree felony assault at a court hearing Friday. The hearing took a turn when the stabbing victim was asked his opinion of the plea agreement.

"I don't think it was Travis that did it. I can't point the finger at him. The court says otherwise, but in my mind it wasn't him," the victim said, speaking to the court by teleconference. "We had an altercation inside the club, but that was the last time I saw him."

His statement led District Attorney Joseph Dallaire to ask for a moment to confer with Loughridge, Loughridge's lawyer and the victim outside the presence of the judge.

Dallaire came back from a short conversation in the hallway to announce he was dismissing charges. The prosecutor told Superior Court Judge Douglas Blankenship that he hadn't previously been told that the stabbing victim affirmatively believed Loughridge did not stab him.

Dallaire, who inherited the case from former Assistant District Attorney Sean Skillingstad, said he had thought that the victim merely wasn't able to confirm that Loughridge was his assaulter.

"Judge, with that information I don't think I can go forward in good faith. So I'm not going to," Dallaire said. The police crimi-

nal complaint against Loughridge was based largely on the account of three bystanders who tackled Loughridge four blocks from the night club and held him down until police came. One of the bystanders told police that Loughridge returned to the bar parking lot after the fight to stab the man he had been fighting with earlier. The three men got into a car to pursue the assailant.

Loughridge told police at the time that he had been in a fight with the stabbing victim but that he didn't return to Kodiak Jack's. He had been walking home when the three bystanders tackled him, he said.

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## Rangers close Savage River area because of bears

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Denali National Park has temporarily closed its popular Savage River parking lots and area trails because of recent grizzly bear conflicts.

The National Park Service announced Friday that two bears have clashed with humans in the last week — a sow at 8 Mile Denali Park Road and a small juvenile bear near Savage River at mile 15 of the road. The Savage River area is popular because it is the furthest people can drive into the park in their own vehicles other than during the annual September road lottery.

The juvenile bear caused the closure because it ate candy and soda from a backpack thrown by a hiker and needs to be restrained not to approach people for food. No backcountry permits will be issued for the area during the closure.

The sow bit a bus driver, but the Park Service doesn't consider this bear as much of a threat because it was displaying normal bear behavior by defending cubs.

The Park Service sent a news release Friday outlining the incidents with both bears.

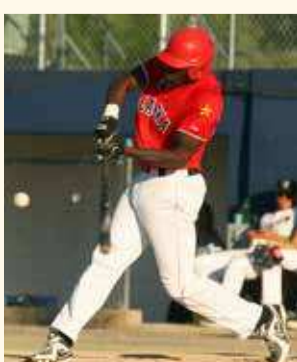
In the sow incident, Aramark-Doyon bus driver Phil Buchanan was out hiking to the north of the park road Thursday afternoon near Mile 8. He heard a grizzly cub "shriek" and saw the cub's mother running at him.

"Buchanan acted appropriately and stood his ground," the news release states. "However, the sow dove at his feet and bit him in his left calf. He also sustained an injury

BEAR » A3

**GOOD MORNING**

**The weather.**  
Partly cloudy.  
Isolated showers.  
High today ..... 77  
Low tonight ..... 56  
  
Sunrise: 3:01 a.m.  
Sunset: 12:45 a.m.  
  
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SOURDOUGH JACK:



**"For sugary animals, I prefer elephant ears over bear claws."**

