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Manslaughter charge in stabbing

Hastings Tribune

It was an emotional affair Monday as 42-year-old John Lee King was arraigned in Adams County Court.

Adams County Attorney Donna Fegler Daiss brought a manslaughter charge against the Omaha man who is accused of stabbing 32-year-old Paul Derengowski of Elkhorn Friday night at Midlands Lodge, Burlington Avenue and J Street.

King entered the courtroom crying and mouthing the words "I'm sorry" to his family seated in the audience.

Manslaughter is a Class 3 felony that is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. If King is sentenced to prison, he will serve at least one year.

According to Nebraska criminal law, a person commits manslaughter if he or she kills another without malice, either upon a sudden quarrel, or causes the death of another unintentionally while in the commission of an unlawful act.

King appeared without counsel, but Adams County Judge Jack R. Ott appointed the public defender's office to represent him in the future.

After reviewing the incident report during the hearing, Ott found probable cause for the warrantless arrest and detention of King.

According to Fegler Daiss, King allegedly stabbed Derengowski one time Friday at the hotel. Derengowski died later that night at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital during surgery.

King cried throughout the hearing, often looking up at the ceiling or turning back toward his family.

Police Chief Larry Thoren said King and Derengowski were contract employees at AGP Grain Cooperative, 2801 E. Seventh St. King said during the hearing that he was hired to do "hydroblasting."

King has been in Adams County Jail since Friday.

Bond was set at \$250,000 cash or surety. A preliminary hearing was set for 2 p.m. Nov. 25.

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Brothers



BRENT MCCOWN / Tribune

Clarence (left), Arthur and Allan (right) Sole pose with various mementos from their tours in the military. Clarence and Arthur both were wounded and awarded Purple Hearts during the Korean War. The brothers grew up on a farm near Nelson.

In Arms

JEFFREY GAUTREAUX
Hastings Tribune

For the injuries they suffered in the Korean War, brothers Arthur and Clarence Sole received Purple Hearts. But the Army veterans say they are not heroes.

“I wouldn’t classify myself as a hero,” Arthur said. “The heroes didn’t come back alive. We got to live our lives.”

Both brothers, who originally are from Nelson, each received nine

medals for valor, with the most prized being the Purple Heart.

They are not all that interested in people remembering that fact, however.

What they want them to remember, especially on this Veteran’s Day which marks 50 years since the end of the Korean War, are the sacrifices made by those who did

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Some of few surviving World War I vets remember service.

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not come back.

“I’m unhappy with the respect (Veteran’s Day) gets,” Arthur said. “For most people, it’s just a day off. It’s like Memorial Day. They’re not honoring veterans, they’re just going out to party.”

Both brothers agreed that the younger generation was beginning to show more respect due to the conflict in Iraq.

“They put the flags out in Nelson,” Clarence said of the town in which he lives. “There are more

people in other towns who are putting their flags out.”

Arthur, now of Hastings, joined the Army March 21, 1949. He was only 17 years old, and his father, who was a veteran of World War I, had to sign a special form for him to enter the military.

He was a paratrooper in the 187th Airborne Division.

He was injured originally on Feb. 12, 1951, during a battle in Hoengsong, South Korea.

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Board defends Class I schools

KATIE BELL
Hastings Tribune

Legislative talk of closing all Class I/Class VI schools in the state has the Adams Central Board of Education devising a plan of attack.

Members of the board, area citizens and teachers plan to attend a meeting Thursday in Wahoo to testify before members of the Nebraska Legislature’s Education Committee about the need to keep Class I schools intact.

“We need to be proponents of our school system and explain to people how we are being threatened and see if we can get some testimony before the (legislative) committee to say Class VI schools don’t need to be eliminated,” said Dave Lynn, board president.

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Weather

Lo: 35

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Clear tonight. Sunny, breezy and cooler Wednesday.



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REUNITED

REDMOND, Ore. — Back in 1935, Roy Domigan gave his 16-year-old girlfriend Louise Fowler a gold and diamond engagement ring.

Their romance began as neighbors in the town of Temperance, Mich. Fowler used to climb on the

Nation

back of Domigan’s Harley Davidson and together they would race down the highway.

Then one day, Fowler’s family shipped her off to California to keep her from marrying Domigan, who was 23 at the time.

“He didn’t know anything about

it until I was gone,” she said. “He could never find me. My family didn’t tell him where I was.”

This weekend, Fowler, now 83, rekindled the friendship when Domigan, 90, flew out from Michigan for a two-week visit.

The Associated Press

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AC: Class I schools defended

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Adams Central is a Class VI district, made up of its junior/senior high school for grades seven through 12 and seven affiliated Class I, or elementary-only, schools.

Points of testimony were discussed at the regular board meeting Monday night.

“We need testimonies to show how valuable Class I schools are,” Lynn said. “There are some misconceptions within the committee (legislative) about what a Class I/Class VI school is — they want all school systems in the state to be K-12.”

LR180, which is based on a legislative study, proposes all school systems in the state be K-12 schools.

“A Class VI school does not have to furnish transportation past the eighth grade, and our buildings are not subject to annexation by adjacent municipalities,” Lynn said. “Those two safeguards are very important to us.”

Board member Bill Lindsteadt suggested that those attending the Wahoo meeting testify to the increased citizen involvement in the Class I system and the local choice provided by Class I/Class VI schools.

“One thing that always strikes me about the Class I system is it creates more citizen involvement,” he said, “not less involvement. In a K-12 system, you have one

Change in flooring helps project move along

Hastings Tribune

A change in flooring choice will allow Adams Central Junior-Senior High students to use the gym in the new addition sooner.

The Adams Central Board of Education Monday night discussed and approved substituting standard maple flooring for the new gym floor with another flooring system made of engineered maple. The board also will use a different contractor to lay the floor.

The change will allow the project to be finished closer to the original scheduled completion date.

Board president Dave Lynn said the change also would allow the gym to be put into use almost a semester earlier than anticipated.

“It would appear by doing this we would go back to the original floor that was specified when we first started this,” said board member Deb Hardin Quirk.

Also at Monday’s meeting, the board:

- ◆ Heard a principal’s report.
 - ◆ Met in executive session to discuss pending litigation.
 - ◆ Approved the school audit.
 - ◆ Donated \$500 per student for the Close Up Washington, D.C., trip.
- Superintendent Mel Crowe said officials did not know how many students would participate in the trip. The students will commit after Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Approved hiring Paula Englund as a part-time high school library aide.

school board; in our system we have several school boards that gets more citizens involved in the overall system. I think that’s a good thing.”

Board member Darrell Herman suggested the board keep in mind some bargaining strategies such as having a principal in each school who is hired by the board or having only one board.

The board decided to testify to the benefits of Class I/Class VI school systems in Wahoo.

“We are going to Wahoo Thursday to testify again to the fact that we are a viable K-12 school system,” Lynn said. “We have curriculum coordination within our system so that all of our kids are prepared for their post-elementary studies.”

Study: NU presidential pay too low

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith is paid a \$254,000 base salary and has assorted other incentives and benefits that bring his compensation to more than \$323,000 a year.

But a Chronicle of Higher Education report released Monday indicates that might not be enough to compete with peer institutions.

Smith announced in September that he will retire next summer.

The report shows the retiring NU president gets paid less and enjoys fewer benefits than most presidents of NU’s peer institutions.

Besides his base pay, Smith received \$51,000 more in incentives and benefits, \$18,000 for housing, use of a car and a free country club membership this year.

Comparatively, University of Colorado President Elizabeth Hoffman gets \$400,000, plus a house and car. To the east, University of Missouri President Elson Floyd receives the same, provided he stays in the position until 2008.

Among other peer institutions, only the University of Oregon’s president — with a \$280,396 annual salary — appears to be paid less than Smith. However, the Oregon president does receive use of a house, as opposed to the annual housing stipend Smith gets.

The report proves to NU Board of Regents Chairman Randy Ferlic that the next president must receive a substantial pay hike if the university is to remain competitive.

“If there’s a Mother Teresa or a St. Francis of Assisi out there who will take the same salary, I’d appreciate it,” Ferlic told the Lincoln Journal Star. “I don’t think there are many Mother Teresa types in academia, though.”

Not all regents share Ferlic’s view. Regent Chuck Hassebrook of Lyons took Ferlic to task for recently suggesting NU’s new president could make between \$400,000 and \$600,000.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln added that such a pay hike wouldn’t sit well with the state’s residents, the four-university system’s professors or the Legislature during the current economic crunch.

Veterans: Three brothers remember

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He was hit by shrapnel in the leg and shot in the arm.

During this three-day battle, 773 American men were killed. Arthur was sent to a hospital in Japan, and six weeks later he was back in the field.

On May 22, 1951, he broke his ankle while landing a parachute jump. This time he was treated at a tent hospital in the battle zone.

“Just like M.A.S.H.,” said Arthur’s sister, Marianne Stineman, also of Hastings.

Arthur made 33 jumps while in the Army. He was lucky — 442 of the less than 4,000 American paratroopers died in Korea.

Clarence enlisted Oct. 7, 1952, and became a member of the Headquarters Company of the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Division.

He landed in Korea in April 1953. His days in the battle zone ended June 9, 1953.

“A mine went off. At least that’s what they told me later,” Clarence said. “Another kid hit a trip wire. (Mines will) tear you apart, and that’s what it did.”

He received injuries to his stomach, legs, back and arms. He remained in a hospital in

Japan until September 1953 when he was transferred to Hawaii and then to Camp Carson in Colorado.

He was formally discharged Feb. 28, 1954.

Arthur and Clarence’s brother, Allan Sole, was an aircraft electrician in the Air Force. He later worked for McDonnell-Douglas as an electrical inspector on the main fighter used in Korea.

He entered the Air Force in 1957 and was discharged in 1961.

“I went in where I figured I wouldn’t get shot,” he said.

Arthur’s and Clarence’s injuries — both mental and physical — did not stop hurting once they left the service.

Clarence has faced a life of pain. Today, he uses a walker to ease the pressure on his arthritic knees.

In 1970, he had his left leg fused together surgically and was bed-ridden for eight months while the bones healed together.

He calls it the most painful experience of his life. Today, his leg is a mess of knotted tissue and deep scars.

“I’m in a lot of pain,” Clarence said. “I’m on the second strongest pain medication

they have.”

There were other injuries Clarence didn’t even feel at the time. He suffered arm injuries — such as a torn bicep — which he didn’t even know of until years later when they had to be surgically repaired.

The pain Arthur deals with is less physical and more emotional.

Arthur said that once he heard that his story would be in the newspaper, he decided to take a look at some of the mementos he had saved from Korea.

“I was up thinking about it, and I just had a terrible night,” he said.

When asked if he saw heavy fighting when he was on the ground, Arthur had to laugh.

“Did I see heavy fighting?” he said. “There were times when I could see more of my dead friends than my live friends — let’s put it that way.”

Oh deer: Don’t veer

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Her car was damaged on the left fender, left headlight and hood.

“I could have had worse damage or gone in the ditch because it’s pretty steep there,” Drake said. “I was just blessed.”

Right now is the most dangerous time for deer-vehicle collisions. With fall mating season, deer hunting and harvesting, many deer are on the move and often find their way onto roads.

According to Adams County Sheriff Gregg Magee, at least seven deer-vehicle collisions have occurred in the county since Oct. 15.

“We’ve had our normal increase in the last three weeks,” he said.

There have been a total of four such accidents in Adams County for the year.

Drake never saw the deer she struck, so she couldn’t swerve.

But even if swerving is an option, AAA of Nebraska advises that hitting deer is sometimes safest for the driver.

While it leads to the death of a deer and damage to a vehicle, swerving to miss a deer and losing control can be even more dangerous.

The most serious collisions tend to occur when motorists swerve to save a deer and strike a fixed object or another vehicle, according to AAA.

If a crash with a deer is imminent, AAA says, drivers should apply their brakes firmly and hold on to the steering wheel with hands in the proper position. Drivers should be prepared for a possible airbag deployment.

Motorists should be especially cautious at dawn and dusk when deer are most likely to be moving.

“If there is a signed location just be extra cautious when driving there,” Magee said.

Jerry Lonn of Minden hit a deer on U.S. Highway 6 between the Juniata road and the Kenesaw road at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 13.

“There were three of them,” Lonn said. “I hit the middle one.”

While he probably did not want to, Lonn knew that hitting the deer with his Ford Ranger pickup was the safest thing to do.

“If you try to swerve you’ll roll these high-profile trucks,” he said. “I had time to get my foot on the brake, that’s about it.”

The accident did \$3,000 worth of damage to Lonn’s pickup.

With the number of miles sheriff’s deputies rack up driving in the county, hitting deer is always a concern.

“In our department, we’ve had deer whistles on our cars for the past 12 years,” Magee said. “We have not had a deer accident with a patrol car in that time, but we used to average two a year.”

Drake said she was cautious before her accident and has become even more so since then.

She said a deer ran in front of her vehicle a few days after her collision. She again was on U.S. Highway 6, but this time she was east of Hastings between the railroad tracks and the turnoff to Central Community College-Hastings.

“I was going toward Tech and a doe ran across the road,” Drake said. “I was going slow enough to see it. I thought ‘What’s with this week of deer?’ ”

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