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Texas woman is poised to marry Nikko Jenkins

Omaha serial killer tattoos the name 'Dawn' on his face; 46-year-old says death row inmate is an 'enigma'

By TODD COOPER
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Nikko Jenkins is on the verge of marriage, via Nebraska's death row.

The Omaha serial killer, who has long stained his head with informal tributes to Satan and a serpent god, recently added a new make-shift tattoo: Dawn.

The Dawn in question — Lubbock, Texas, resident Dawn Arguello — wishes he wouldn't have done it. But she isn't denying that she has feelings for the man who murdered Jorge Cajiga-Ruiz, Juan Uribe-Pena, Curtis Bradford and Andrea Kruger within three weeks of his release from a Nebraska prison in 2013.

Initially, Arguello declined to comment and told a reporter to never call again. Before she hung up, a reporter asked her about the engagement: "Is it true?" Without directly answering, she vouched for Jenkins, calling the serial killer an "enigma" and talking about his intelligence, wit, humor and how he was, in her eyes, mistreated in prison.

Then, in a series of phone calls
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TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

U.S. reaches partial deal with China, cancels Sunday tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Friday that the U.S. has canceled plans to impose new tariffs on \$160 billion worth of Chinese imports Sunday as part of a modest interim agreement that de-escalates a 17-month trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

The United States is also reducing existing import taxes on about \$112 billion in Chinese goods from 15% to 7.5%.

Trump told reporters at the White House that Chinese farm purchases would hit \$50 billion. China would not confirm the \$50 billion figure, and details of the agreement were not released as of late Friday. U.S. farm exports to China have never topped \$26 billion a year.

The office of Trump's trade representative said China had
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Trump order gives states, cities input; Omaha wants to give warm welcome



KAYLA WOLF/THE WORLD-HERALD

Faheem Rashidi, who fled Afghanistan at age 16, recently opened a pharmacy in his adopted city of Lincoln. Rashidi met with Gov. Pete Ricketts to share his story as advocates make their case for Nebraska to continue to welcome refugees.

Decision on whether state continues to resettle refugees rests with Ricketts

By HENRY J. CORDES
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — After fleeing the harsh and violent rule of Afghanistan's Taliban, 16-year-old Faheem Rashidi still worried about what life would be like as a refugee in the United States.

"We don't know anyone," the boy thought as the plane carrying his family crossed the ocean, "and we don't speak the language."

But those fears melted away as soon as he and his family set down in Lincoln. There, they were greeted by a half-dozen strangers carrying flow-



ALI YAHNKE

The Refugee Empowerment Center is selling candles hand-poured by refugees to help raise funds. **Story on Page 3A**

ers and saying, "Welcome, Rashidi family."

"It was amazing," Rashidi said in recalling that day two decades ago.

The boy went on to become a refugee success story.

He quickly learned English. He eventually returned to his native country to serve as an interpreter for the U.S. military. He graduated from pharmacy school. And he recently opened his own pharmacy in his adopted home city of Lincoln.

But whether Nebraska and the rest
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THE WASHINGTON POST

Phillip the beagle with handler Valerie Woo at Dulles International Airport. Amid the threat of African swine fever, the team's focus is on finding pork.

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

Beagles sniff out ham sandwiches and other culinary contraband

THE WASHINGTON POST

DULLES, Va. — Phillip has a preference for small handbags. Larger bags may yield bigger loads of contraband, but he doesn't care. For him, it all pays the same. A single Snausage, or maybe a Pup-Peroni dog treat.

Wearing his dark blue vest that says, "Protecting American Agriculture" above the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo, he turns alert. The subject is, at first, oblivious. She has her roller bag, her shoulder bag, she ambles toward the exit.

Phillip's partner, U.S. Customs

and Border Protection K-9 Officer Valerie Woo, moves in, makes the collar. From that shoulder bag comes a ham sandwich secured in plastic wrap that Woo says was a snack on the 1:10 p.m. Air China flight arriving in Dulles from Beijing.

It is the first of three ham sandwiches Phillip and fellow canine team member Beazley find from that flight alone. Phillip also sniffs out two apples and two oranges.

Prohibited items include meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, seeds, soil and products made

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