

# Homicide:

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deaths of Allen and Jay Doyal, both with listed Gaines County residents, at a residence near the intersection of CR 306 and CR 349.

Sosa, who was the first of the four suspects to be arrested in connection with the case, was apprehended on June 28 in Hobbs, N.M. by Gaines County Sheriff's Dept., Texas Rangers and Hobbs, N.M. Police Dept. following close surveillance by officers from the agencies.

Sosa, according to information from the New Mexico Dept. of Corrections, is a convicted felon with an underlying offense of Murder-2nd Degree and Shooting at/From a Motor Vehicle Resulting in Injury charges and is currently wanted by the New Mexico Probation and Parole Division for violating various conditions of probation and parole.

He was sentenced in December 2005 after pleading guilty/no contest to both charges, and served six years in the NMDC in relation to the August 2005 murder of Thomas Manes, Jr., 29, in Hobbs.

Sosa fought extradition back to Texas on his charges, and was brought back on Wednesday via a governor's warrant request by Gaines County officials.

Castillo and Ruiz were both issued arrest warrants in connection with the May case on July 26 by Gaines County Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Tammy Clark, for their alleged involvement in the case.

Castillo, who was incarcerated at a Lea County, N.M. facility at the time of the issued warrant, was served while behind bars, while Hobbs N.M. Police Dept. officials arrested Ruiz -- some 30-minutes after the warrants' issuance -- at a residence in Hobbs, without incident.

Mata, who was named as a suspect by Gaines County Law Enforcement officials on July 30, was arrested on July 31 in Shelby County, Ala. by officers with the U.S. Marshall's Service, who acted upon an investigative tip and surveillance information obtained during the course of the multi-agency investigation.

Mata, who waived her right to extradition, was brought back to Gaines County on Aug. 8.

In the May 10 incident, Gaines County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call in western Gaines County, about 1/2 mile east of the New Mexico state line, on an unrelated call at around 3:30 p.m.

While on the scene of the call, GCSO Deputies were approached

by an individual from Hobbs, N.M., who was not identified by the press release, who informed officers she had gone to a friend's residence and found the door of the residence open.

She stated she saw a male subject lying inside, who was deceased. The identity of the first subject found inside the house was not released by Gaines County Law Enforcement officials during their initial release of the murder investigation.

A subsequent search of the residence found the second shooting victim deceased in another portion of the residence.

Doyal and Allen were both pronounced dead at the scene on the morning of May 11, at 9:25 a.m., by Gaines County Justice of the Peace Tammy Clark, according to the GCSO report.

Preliminary autopsy results, according to Gaines County Law Enforcement officials, indicated both Allen and Doyal had suffered "several gun shot wounds," and died due to those wounds.

Along with the GCSO, 106th District Attorney's Office and Texas Rangers, officers from the Hobbs Police Dept. and Lea County Sheriff's Dept. are assisting with the investigation of the case.

# City Okays Effluent Bids

Two bids were awarded Monday evening by members of the Seminole City Council in relation to a joint venture between the City of Seminole and Gaines County for the municipality's effluent water.

In a unanimous vote of the Council, the seven-member panel approved of a \$253,760 bid for the installation of a pump station and a \$1.09 million bid for the installation of roughly 10 miles of PVC piping which will transport the City of Seminole's treated, effluent wastewater from its storage pond east of Seminole to the Gaines County Park/Golf Course property, located between the Seminole and Seagraves communities.

In late September, members of the Seminole City Council unanimously approved of an interlocal agreement between the City of Seminole and Gaines County for the sale of effluent water between the municipality to the County, which will be used to water the grounds at the Gaines County Golf Course and Gaines County Park.

The PVC pipeline installation, according to City of Seminole, Whitney Underground Utilities of Valley Mills was awarded the \$1.09 million bid, while Leonard Water Services of Abilene was awarded the pump station bid.

Both bids, according to City of Seminole officials on Monday evening, were quoted on a completion date of 180 calendar days.

The Council, also in late September, also approved of issuing \$1.76 million in debt service to cover the payment of the roughly 10 mile pipeline installation project, which is expected to deliver a minimum of 400,000 gallons per day as part of the sale/purchase agreement.

As part of the agreement, the City of Seminole will oversee the installation, repairs and maintenance of the pipeline, while Gaines County will reimburse

the City of Seminole for pipeline installation, maintenance and repairs to the line, as well as a 40-cent for each 1,000 gallon of discharged water delivered by the City through the pipeline to the County.

According to the agreement, the cost of the discharged water would be re-evaluated every ten years, and adjusted as applicable by 1/3 of the cost of living adjustment for the previous ten years.

In mid-September, Gaines County Commissioners agreed to their portion of the deal which began with informal negotiations between the two entities several months prior.

County officials, in a late July meeting, said they were currently suffering a water shortage at the 18-hole golf course facility that averaged roughly 400,000 gallons daily. On a peak summer day, according to Gaines County leaders, the GCGC could stand to use 900,000 to 1 million gallons of water to water the course.

To help alleviate some of the water issues, Gaines County recently completed the installation of a roughly 5 million gallon water reservoir at the course as a way to provide additional water storage and give some relief to the course's groundwater pumping systems.

In other action Monday evening, Seminole City Council members approved of the following agenda items:

- a requested zone change of Lots 1-2, block B, Mathews Addition from Single Family 4 (SF4) to Multi-family 2 (MF2) as recommended by the City of Seminole's Zoning Board on the change;
- the purchase of a new utility roller for the City of Seminole; and
- approval of the City of Seminole's 2012 tax roll.

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Browne, earlier this summer, announced his plans for retirement with City of Seminole leaders.

"On behalf of myself, the Council, the City Councils of the past and the citizens of Seminole, we want to thank you for your service and dedication to our community," said Wayne Mixon, Mayor for the City of Seminole.

Along with Browne's wife, Jeanne, current employees of the Seminole Police Dept., current City of Seminole employees and former Seminole Mayor Bob Cosby were

in attendance for Monday's presentation.

Browne began his law enforcement career with a stint as a deputy sheriff in Runnels County from 1966 to 1969. He followed that venture with a seven year stint (1969-1976) as a lieutenant with the Midland Police Dept., followed by a one year stop as the Assistant Police Chief for the Alpine Police Dept.

Between November 1977 and August 1985, Browne served as the Vice President of Opera-

tions/Security for Gibsons Discount Center. After a short stint as a self-employed polygraph examiner (August 1985 through March 1986), Browne served as a Captain with the Odessa Police Dept. from March 1986 through October 1990.

In October 1990, Browne was sworn in as Chief of Police for the SPD.

On Nov. 1, former Midland Police Lt. Bernard "Bernie" Kraft will assume the role of Chief of Police for the Seminole Police Dept, after being hired by Seminole City officials just a few weeks ago.

Kraft, who was one of four candidates who had applied for the position, has been in law enforcement since 1990, has worked in various positions in law enforcement which include patrol division, SWAT team member, detective, and gang unit team leader before moving up the ranks to Sergeant in February 1997 and then lieutenant in May 2006.

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community, near the Gaines-Terry County line.

Gaines County Sheriff Jon Key, in a Sunday afternoon conversation with the Sentinel, confirmed the incident occurred but had no details into the cause of the crash. It is unknown as of 6:50 p.m. Sunday evening of how many passengers were on board, what type of helicopter it was, or if any injuries were reported. Key stated he believed there were "no major injuries."

The Sentinel, on Monday morning, made contact with officials at the Texas Dept. of Public Safety office in Seminole to seek information into the crash, but no details were available. The Sentinel requested a callback from investigators in regard to the incident, but had not received information as of presstime Tuesday.

The Sentinel will continue coverage of this developing story, as details become available.

# Obituaries

## Jonathan Ray Salazar

Funeral Mass for Jonathan Ray Salazar, age 22 of Seminole will be celebrated Wednesday (today), October 24, 2012 at 10 a.m. with Father Paul Kemeakatt officiating. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery. Rosary was held Monday, October 22, 2012 from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.



Jonathan passed away Friday, October 19, 2012 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock following an auto accident. He was born November 7, 1989 in Seminole to Mary Lou (Mendoza) and Ernie Salazar. He graduated from Seminole High School in 2008, and was employed at Pizza Hut. He was a very loving person who enjoyed playing pool, video games and sports. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Joe Mendoza, Sr.

Jonathan Salazar is survived by his parents, Ernie and Mary Lou Salazar of Seminole; paternal grandparents, Joe and Ester Salazar of Denver City and maternal grandmother, Hilaria Mendoza of Seminole.

## Lonnie White

Funeral services for Lonnie White, age 72 of Seminole were held at West Side Church of Christ on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. with Raymond Glendenning officiating. Leo Copeland and John Goen assisted. Burial followed at Gaines County Cemetery and all services were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.



Mr. White passed away Friday, October 19, 2012 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born April 18, 1940 in Bennington, Oklahoma, the son of Sarah (Williams) and Cleveland White. He had been a Seminole resident for the past 55 years.

Mr. White was employed as a custodian for Seminole ISD for 24 years, but was a true cowboy, who had a special place in his heart for his roosters. He was a hard worker with a big heart, and he loved his family dearly.

Lonnie White is preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Jennifer in 1990; and one grandson, Bradley in 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Ylovia White of Seminole; four daughters, Mika Ryan and husband Tom of Canada, Karla Russo and husband Sam of Vermont, Debbie Gressett and husband Bobby of Seminole and Amy White of Alpine; two brothers, Nathan White and wife Laveme of Durant, Oklahoma, Lamy White and wife Naomi of Bennington, Oklahoma; one sister, Bonnie White of Tyler; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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