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DOE employee faces three felony drug charges involving meth

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

The suspect from DPS's latest drug case at the Pago Pago International Airport this week, made his initial appearance in the District Court yesterday morning, before Acting Associate Justice Elvis P. Patea. Ryan Anderson of the Public Defenders office is representing him, while prosecuting the case is Assistant Attorney General Christy Dunn.

Sonny Tui, a full-time employee at the American Samoa Department of Education, entered the District Court room with both of his hands cuffed. He is being charged with three felonies counts, including unlawful possession of a controlled substance, to wit; crystal methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a control substance with the intent to distribute, and authorizing illegal drugs to enter American Samoa.

During his initial appearance his attorney Anderson asked the Court to set a date for a preliminary examination for his client. Patea accepted the motion and set the PX date for the defendant for Monday next week, Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. The Court has already set the defendant's bail in the amount of \$40,000.

In his motion to reduce the bail amount to \$20,000 for Tui, counsel Anderson told the Court that his client is a full-time ASG employee, who has been working for DOE for many years now, and also has some medical conditions.

According to Anderson, his client is a family man, who has strong ties to the community and is not a flight risk. He is not a danger to society and has no intention of leaving his family and all of his property here in American Samoa.

The government's attorney on the other hand

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HONORING THE LATE TAEAOAFUA DR. MEKI SOLOMONA

At yesterday's last cabinet meeting of the year, held at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium, a name plate, along with an empty chair draped with a white ginger lei, and a Christmas decoration was seen honoring the late Department of Human and Social Service director, Taeaoafua Dr. Meki Solomona, who passed away suddenly on Monday.

Taeaoafua, a veteran educator, former school principal, and a director in two administrations was remembered at yesterday's cabinet meeting, with the DHSS choir singing a Samoan hymn in remembrance of their director.

At the start of the cabinet meeting, there was a moment of silence, in accordance with the governor's wishes, as a cloud of sadness hovered over the meeting, and at the same time, the administration looked forward to Christmas.

Several directors who spoke at the three-hour meeting remembered Taeaoafua, who was a radio personality years ago, and served as master of ceremonies in past events.

American Samoa Community College president Rosevonne Pato recalled the time when the college was placed on "show cause" by the accreditation commission of community colleges in the country.

Pato says Taeaoafua, a long time educator, was the first to call her to offer his help in any way to assist the college in addressing issues raised by the accreditation commission.

Education director Dr. Ruth Matagi-Tofiga remembered fondly and with tears in her eyes, the morning of Dec. 11, Monday, when she along with others as well as the DHSS director and the DHSS choir visited Hope House, as part of the administration's annual Holiday visit. It was at Hope House

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Governor calls for cabinet to remember they are "public servants"

"REFLECT ON THE GREAT BENEFITS THAT GOD OFFERED TO ALL OF US" TO HELP THE PUBLIC

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

With the year 2017 coming to a close later this month, Gov. Lolo M. Moliga expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and Lt. Gov. Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, to cabinet members for their continued service as "public servants" to the people of American Samoa.

The governor's comments were made at yesterday's cabinet meeting at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium, where directors were reminded that the annual Territorial Christmas Program opens this Sunday at Fagatogo Pavilion and for all of them to attend the event, which runs through Wednesday night, and is hosted by the American Samoa Arts Council.

The program is three-hours starting at 7p.m. and Sunday night's opening includes lighting of the Territorial Christmas Tree.

During his speech, the governor pointed out that this was the final cabinet meeting of the year and an important time for

the administration to reflect on its service to the public over the past 12 months.

It was also a time to "reflect on the great benefits that God offered to all of us" to help the public, he said and told cabinet directors that he and Lemanu "believe that your job is the hardest one because your duties affect the lives of our people."

"While we are all leaders, we also have a duty as public servants to help the community grow and prosper," he told directors. "Thank you all. We use our lives to serve our people."

Lolo says that he and Lemanu lead the government but it is the directors in the front working with the ASG workforce to serve the public. On behalf of Lemanu, the governor urged directors to be strong and "do our best" heading into the New Year.

"We put in our all to serve our people" Lolo said.

He says the next three years, left in the administration's work for the people and government,

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Judge to decide if victim's past sex behavior can be used in sexual assault trial

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Acting Associate Justice Elvis P. Patea has disallowed the government's last minute move to include on their list of witnesses a local medical expert in the jury trial of a local businessman, who is being charged for allegedly sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl. The trial is scheduled for Monday next week.

Prosecuting the case is Assistant Attorney General Woodrow Pengelly, while Joshua Rovelli is representing Chand Mukesh, who is out on a \$20,000 surety bond.

Mukesh's case was called back on the High Court calendar yesterday for a Status Hearing, after the court received two different motions from both parties pertaining to this case.

The government filed 2 motions re: To amend the initial information they filed in Court and to disallow the defense from introducing new information in regards to the victim's past sexual behavior with other men.

On the defense side, they filed two motions — one to eliminate a medical expert from the government's witness list, and two, responding to the government's motion to not allow them to use the victim's past sexual behavior during the trial.

Ass't AG Pengelly informed the Court that after speaking with the victim's father last week, it would appear that the defense's side is going to use new information they just gathered pertaining to the victim's past sexual behavior with other men to be a part of their argument during the trial.

He argued that this type of information will mislead the jury and also under the rules of these types of Court proceedings, such information should not be used during a trial, because it's irrelevant to the case.

Pengelly also asked the Court to disallow the defense's move to call a medical expert to testify on sexual behavior issues, because that testimony will mislead the jury.

As for the defense, they asked that the new information they received regarding the victim's past sexual behavior with other men be allowed as it shows the victim lied to the police about what exactly happened on the night of the alleged incident.

Defense claimed that the victim was at the defendant's house, and she wanted to meet her boyfriend in the middle of the night, but she was scolded and stopped by the defendant.

On their motion to eliminate a medical expert from the government's witness list, the defense argued that they just found out this week that the government was going to call

a medical expert as one of their witnesses, and they feel that this is too last minute — an ambush — as they prepare for trial.

Acting Associate Justice Patea granted the defense's motion to disallow the government's move to call a medical expert as one of their witnesses during the trial next week, but has taken under advisement the motion to disallow the defense side from using info regarding to the victim's past sexual behavior with other men, as part of their argument during the trial.

For the government's motion to amend the information they have already filed in Court pertaining to this case, Patea granted it under special instructions — that the government should ask for permission from the Court before they file

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Australian probe into child abuse attacks Catholic celibacy

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — An Australian inquiry into child abuse on Friday recommended that the Catholic Church lift its demand of celibacy from clergy and clarify the extent that the seal of the confession conceals evidence of child abuse.

Australia's Royal Commission into Institution Responses to Child Sexual Abuse delivered its final 17-volume report and 189 recommendations following a wide-ranging investigation. Australia's longest-running royal commission — which is the country's highest form of inquiry — has been investigating since 2012 how the Catholic Church and other institutions responded to sexual abuse of children in Australia over 90 years.

The report heard the testimonies of more than 8,000 survivors of child sex abuse. Of those who were abused in religious institution, 62 percent were Catholics.

"We have concluded that there were catastrophic failures of leadership of Catholic Church authorities over many decades," the report said.

Recommendations include that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference request that the Vatican consider introducing voluntary celibacy for clergy.

The bishops' body should also request clarity on whether information received in the confessional that a child has been sexually abused is covered by the seal of secrecy and whether absolution of a perpetrator should be withdrawn until the perpetrator confesses to police.

Catholic clerics who testified to the royal commission gave

varying opinions about what if anything a priest could divulge about what was said in a confessional about child abuse.

The commission's recommendations, which with interim reports total 409, include making failure to report child abuse a criminal offense. Clerics would not be exempt from being charged.

Pope Francis's former finance minister, Cardinal George Pell, testified in a video link from the Vatican in 2016 about his time as a priest and bishop in Australia. Pell this year became the most senior Catholic official to face sex offense charges.

Through his lawyers, Pell has vowed to fight the charges of sexual assault offenses.

The commission found that the church's responses to complaints and concerns about clerics in Australia were "remarkably and disturbingly similar."

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Denis Hart, said the commission "would have significant impact on the way the Catholic Church and others operate in Australia."

He said the bishops would put to the Vatican the recommendations on celibacy and the confession.

"The seal of the confessional, or the relationship with God that's carried through the priest and with the person, is inviolable. It can't be broken," Hart told reporters.

Hart apologized for the church failing children in the past.

Catholicism is the largest denomination in majority-Christian Australia.

Local musician coming home for the holidays

By Blue Chen Fruean
Samoa News writer

Gary King was born in Fagatogo and graduated from Manumalo Baptist School and Marist Brothers High School. He went on to become the first and only Samoan to attend and graduate from the Berklee School of Music in Boston. This was after he received his bachelor's degree at American University.

The Samoan musician, now based in Philadelphia, is coming home for the holidays and one school is taking advantage of it.

Pacific Horizons is in need of a full basketball court with a roof and they have solicited King's help in hosting a fundraiser for the school next Friday at Maluu Mai.

Banned from the Sun, a local band from Aua, will accompany King on stage.

According to King's sister, Tofoitaufa Sandra King Young, her brother grew up appreciating music and learning by ear, the usual way Samoans do.

At 8 years old, Gary won a talent show and later performed regularly with the Harry Miller Band at the Rainmaker Hotel on Fridays.

Berklee School of Music is the premier music college and performing arts conservatory. Admission is very competitive and the school selects only a limited number of students into its programs.

Tofoitaufa said Gary initially applied and was

turned down but he persisted and when he went to apply a second time, he was accepted.

Gary's music — jazz, soul, and rhythm and blues — can be heard on iTunes, Spotify, etc.

He is a songwriter/producer who will only be headlining two shows — one here and another in Apia, Samoa — during the holidays.

He's not here to promote his music; he's here to spend the holidays with his family.

According to Tofoitaufa, Gary is an exciting young singer, songwriter and producer with a warm and engaging improvisational style. A Samoan-American influenced by the great jazz, soul and pop vocalists, he brings his versatile voice and considerable gifts to the music.

"Gary has contemporary sensibilities," she said. "He likes to play with time and take risks when he sings, sometimes moving a tune in unexpected directions — just the sort of thing to keep graying jazz doctors young!"

Tofoitaufa shared that her little brother has worked as a session vocalist, opened for Stevie Wonder and other major-label artists, and has been a member of the Andrae Crouch Gospel Choir, which in 2009 performed at Michael Jackson's funeral ceremonies.

King has composed for television and films, including "All About Us" and "Prom Night."

His music can be heard on cable networks like Starz, VH1 Classic, Encore, DirectTV, FX, Chiller, and InDemand.



Female singers were part of a group of youngsters representing the National Park Service in their performance yesterday during the governor's cabinet meeting at Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium.

[photo: FS]



Hidalgo County Assistant District Attorney Michael Garza, right, advises Richard Sipe, who was called as an expert witness who has studied sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, testifies during the murder trial of former priest John Feit, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, at the Hidalgo County Courthouse in Edinburg, Texas. Feit is accused of suffocating Irene Garza in April 1960 after she went to confession at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen.

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Pacific Island News in Brief

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FOUR DEATHS CONFIRMED IN DENGUE OUTBREAK IN SAMOA

Four deaths have been confirmed in the latest dengue fever outbreak in Samoa, which was detected last October.

This was confirmed by the Ministry of Health who said in a statement issued by the government press secretariat that blood samples were confirmed at the ESR Lab in New Zealand.

According to the statement there have been 1,522 clinical cases confirmed with 399 admitted to hospital.

The capital, Apia, has been identified as having the highest number of dengue infections.

The highest number of cases is amongst children between 5 and 9 years old according to the statement.

An ongoing surveillance and monitoring program continues and the Health Ministry is continuing to urge people to keep places where mosquitoes breed cleared and removed, particularly during the rainy season.

(Source: RNZI)

HUSBAND JAILED FOR MANSLAUGHTER AFTER ARGUMENT WITH WIFE

A man who faced a manslaughter charge in relation to an incident involving his wife has been jailed for two years and 10 months.

Isaako Taumaloto, 49, of Saolufata, had faced one charge of manslaughter.

The decision was handed down by Supreme Court Justice Lei'ataulesa Daryl Clarke on Wednesday afternoon.

According to police summary, his wife (deceased) was scolding their children for not washing up and for messing up the house. The

defendant heard what his wife was saying to their children so he told her off. They both then became involved in a verbal argument.

In the defendant's pre-sentence report, he told the probation officer that his wife said the solution for their children was to hit their heads with a machete. He also said that she swore at him. According to the summary of facts, the defendant became enraged and slapped his wife's face. As a result, she fell down the concrete steps sustaining injuries to her left upper brow, head injuries and scratches on her body.

He told the probation officer that he apologized to her and had breakfast with her, but 30 minutes later she started complaining of her head hurting. He arranged for an ambulance to take her to the hospital.

According to reports from the hospital, the cause of her death was because of a left head subdural hematoma resulting from blunt force trauma. In other words it was internal bleeding to her brain.

"The aggravating features of the offending are that assault is the result of his wife's death and domestic violence," he told the defendant.

Justice Leiataulesa added the death of the defendant's wife was a tragedy for the deceased's family, her children and the defendant himself. "The tragedy is a result of an act of domestic violence. You did not intend to kill your wife but your action has led to her death.

"You are convicted and sentenced to two years and 10 months imprisonment."

(Source: Samoa Observer)

FORMER SAMOA DEPUTY PM'S CONVICTION QUASHED

Samoa's former deputy Prime Minister,

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Report: 80 homeless people died on Portland streets in 2016

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Eighty homeless people died on the streets in the Portland metropolitan area last year, adding to a tally of more than 350 people who have perished while homeless in the past six years, local authorities said Thursday.

The number marks a 70 percent increase in homeless deaths in Multnomah County, home to Portland, since officials first began tracking them in 2011 and is in line with similar large jumps in homeless deaths in other large West Coast cities where the homelessness has surged.

Portland uses the annual report as a barometer to track its progress addressing a crisis that has also overwhelmed cities from Seattle to San Diego.

In Seattle, a similar count found 91 homeless people died in 2016 and 115 perished in San Diego. In Sacramento County, that number was 71 people and in Santa Clara County, 132 homeless people died in 2016 — a 164 percent increase since 2011, according to data from county medical examiners in those counties.

"These neighbors are literally dying right in front of us," Deborah Kafoury, chairwoman of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, said. "This is unacceptable. This is not normal."

Numbers released earlier this month by the U.S. Department of Housing and Development found the overall homeless population in California, Oregon and Washington grew by 14 percent over the past two years.

The part of that population considered unsheltered — living in vehicles, tents or on the streets — climbed 23 percent to 108,000, in part due a shortage of affordable housing.

The report notes that, for the first time, volunteers in Portland conducting the homeless count found more people sleeping in shelters than outside, but more people said they were homeless and for a longer period of time.

The new details on homeless mortality add to that bleak picture.

Thirty-two of the victims died in public spaces. Overall, they ranged in age from 20 to 78, the report said. Nearly 80 percent were men.

To the north, about 32 percent of likely homeless deaths investigated by the medical examiner's office in King County — the home of Seattle — were attributed to drugs or poison. This year's Portland tally is also almost certainly an undercount because it only includes homeless people who died outside — not in hospice or in hospitals, Kafoury said.



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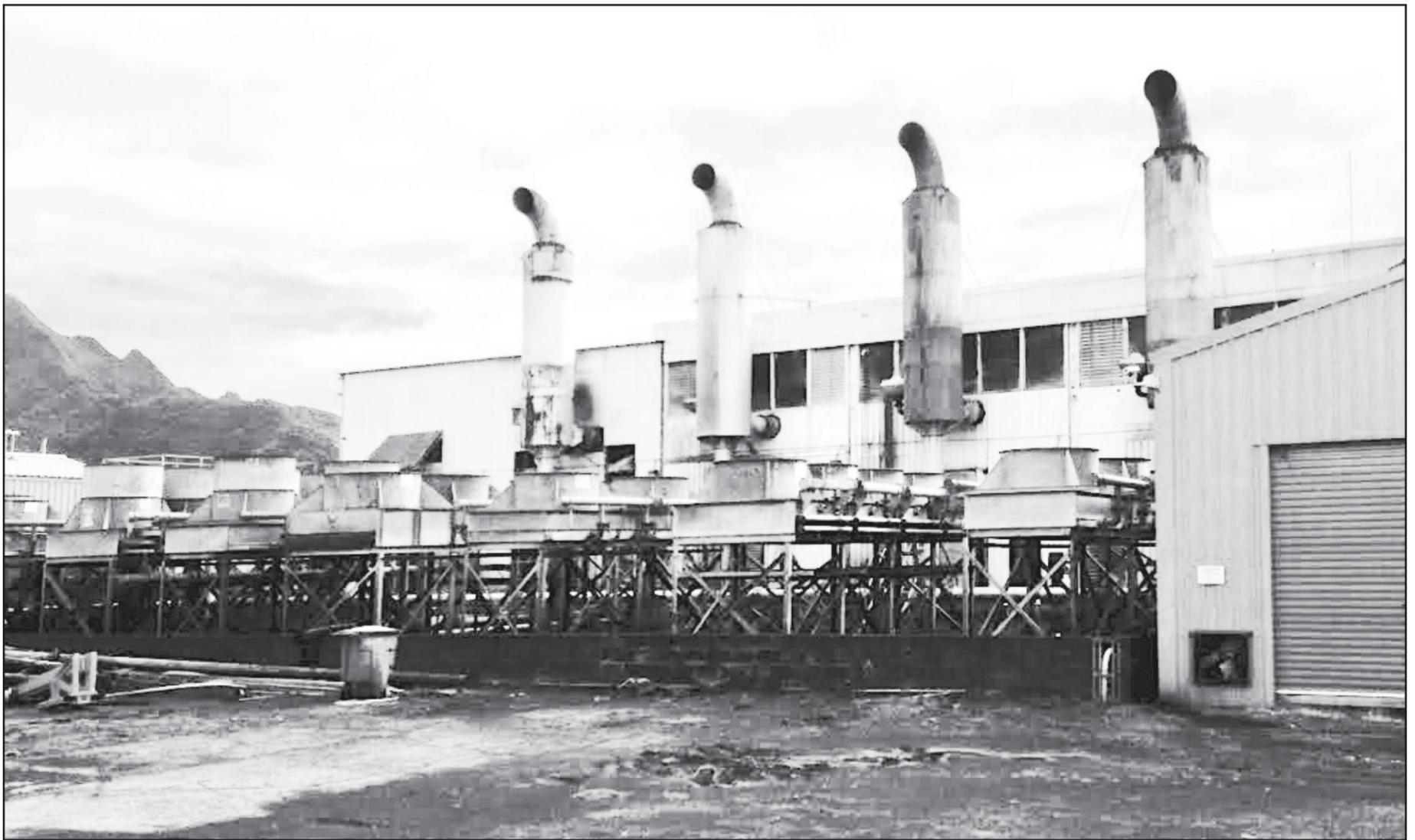
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This undated photo provided by the American Samoa Power Authority shows the current Tafuna Power Plant, which was constructed in 1972 and will receive a major facelift and be hardened to withstand hurricane force winds.

ASPA says in a statement that the work will focus primarily on structural improvements, ventilation and lighting inside the plant. "Our neighbors will experience a significant reduction in noise pollution due to the building's new noise control design," said ASPA.

The power plant refurbishing project costs \$1.75 million with 90% funded by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency under a hazard mitigation grant with ASPA, which is providing the remaining 10% of the project cost.

Paramount Builders has been awarded the contract after a request for proposals for the rehabilitation work was advertised for 45 days. The project rehabilitation began this month and is expected to last 6 to 8 months.

[photo: ASPA]

No jail for fertility doctor who lied about using own sperm

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Some former patients of a retired Indianapolis fertility doctor expressed anger that he avoided jail time Thursday for lying about using his own sperm to impregnate as many as dozens of women after telling them the donors were anonymous.

Dr. Donald Cline was given a one-year suspended sentence after pleading guilty to two counts of obstruction of justice. No other charges were filed against the 79-year-old Cline because Indiana law doesn't specifically prohibit fertility doctors from using their own sperm.

Cline was charged after lying to investigators, and he faced up to three years in prison on each count. The charges stemmed from two confirmed cases of paternity, but children of women treated by Cline said DNA tests show he is likely the biological father of as many as 20 of them.

Matt White and his mother, Liz White, said Cline deserved far greater punishment. He said DNA tests showed that Cline was his biological father even though Cline told his mother

decades ago that he used anonymous sperm donations.

"There's dozens of us," said Matt White, who is 35. "There's all of our mothers. He violated women's reproductive rights for close to a decade. ... There's no remorse, he knew what he was doing."

Some of the now-adult children of Cline's former patients filed a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Office in 2014, after they became suspicious while scouring online records to find biological relatives. Paternity tests performed the Marion County prosecutor's office determined Cline was likely the biological father of at least two of his patients' children, according to court records.

Cline, who retired in 2009, initially denied the allegations when he wrote to investigators, saying the women who filed the complaints were trying to slander him. On Thursday, he acknowledged that he had lied.

"Out of fear I acted alone and foolishly lied," he said during the hearing with a sometimes shaky voice.

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2 will go to trial over 36 deaths in Oakland warehouse fire

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Two California men will go to trial on involuntary manslaughter charges in the deaths of 36 partygoers in the worst building fire in the U.S. in more than a decade, a judge ruled Thursday.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Horner cited testimony describing the Oakland warehouse as a “death trap” and said Derick Almena and Max Harris had a “substantial” role in managing it. The ruling came at the end of a dayslong hearing that provided a glimpse at prosecutors’ case against the pair.

“I find there is sufficient cause to believe both defendants are legally responsible for what happened on that terrible, terrible night, and are legally

responsible for the deaths of 36 individuals,” the judge said.

Almena rented the warehouse known as the Ghost Ship that burned on Dec. 2, 2016, during an electronic music concert. Harris lived there, and a witness testified that Harris was in charge of the unpermitted concert.

The warehouse had been illegally converted into living space for artists, was cluttered and had no fire sprinklers. Prosecutors say the men knowingly created a firetrap and deceived the building’s owner, police and fire officials about people living there.

The two have pleaded not guilty and say they are being scapegoated. Tony Serra, an attorney for Almena, said the judge’s premise that the building was a death trap was wrong.

“It was orderly. It was clean. It was wholesome,” Serra said. “My client did everything humanly possible within his financial means to make it that way.”

The men’s attorneys said they expected the ruling. Serra said prosecutors will have a higher standard of proof when the case goes before a jury, and Harris’ attorney, Curtis Briggs, said he expected to prevail.

Oakland was criticized following the blaze for a series of failures that allowed the warehouse to function illegally despite numerous complaints to city officials.

City Fire Marshal Miguel Trujillo testified Thursday that he did not find any records of requests by firefighters to inspect the warehouse. His testimony came two days after fire Capt. George Freelen said in court that he visited the warehouse in 2014 and reported his concerns about potential fire danger to Trujillo’s office.

On the opening day of the hearing, Aaron Marin, a musician who lived at the warehouse, called it a “museum” filled with musical instruments, trailers and other items. But he testified that he didn’t consider it a fire hazard while he was there.

Marin was able to escape the flames the night of the fire by jumping out an upstairs window. He said the window was blocked by a giant projection screen, so it wasn’t visible to most people.

A second witness, Jose Avalos, testified that he was among 15 to 25 people who lived at the warehouse at any given time and that he paid his rent of \$565 a month to Harris.

But he disputed that Harris was second-in-command at the warehouse and said everyone pitched in to maintain the community.



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Department of Human and Social Service choir on stage yesterday at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium singing a Samoan hymn in remembrance of their late director, Taeaafua Dr. Meki Solomona before the official start of the Governor's Cabinet meeting. [photo: FS]

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One of the Governor's Office staff with DDW staff pose for Samoa News in front of a Christmas tree surrounded by an array of Christmas goodies at yesterday's cabinet meeting at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium. [photo: FS]

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FILE - In this Sept. 19, 2017, file photo, a person sleeps next to a wheelchair on a park bench in downtown Portland, Ore., not far from the city's trendy Pearl District. An annual report found that 80 homeless people died on the streets of Portland and the surrounding area in 2016. The number released Thursday, Dec. 14 is only a slight improvement over 2015, when 88 homeless people died outside. Read story on page 5.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File)

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that Taeaofua mentioned that the DHSS choir is the official ASG choir.

Territorial Administration on Aging director Evelyn Lili'o-Satele also remembered seeing Taeaofua that morning at Hope House and singing along with the DHSS choir. She commented on his beautiful voice.

And then... by Monday afternoon, the news went out that Taeaofua had passed away.

DHSS deputy director Muavaefa'atasi John Suisala said many cabinet members attended a prayer service at LBJ chapel that Monday afternoon for Taeaofua.

Early Tuesday morning, Lt. Gov. Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga paid a visit to the DHSS staff in a gather-around meeting. Muavaefa'atasi said the Lemanu visit was very important to the staff as each of them has his or her own way of grieving.

Muavaefa'atasi said Lemanu's visit also helped the DHSS choir — or the official ASG choir — to prepare that morning to sing during the Lolo Administration's visit to patients at LBJ and inmates at the Territorial Correctional Facility.

Besides the many years serving in government, Taeaofua also worked in the private sector as a senior official at StarKist Samoa.

Commerce Department director Keniseli Lafaele said Taeaofua's life of service to American Samoa in the past years, can serve as a challenge for the government in these last three years of the Lolo Administration in office.

[photo: FS]

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opposed the defense motion for reduction of bail. Dunn asked the Court to consider the huge amount of illegal drugs police allegedly found in the defendant's possession, and also its street value. She told the Court that the government believes that the defendant is a flight risk and he has a family on the mainland.

She also claimed that according to new information the government has received, the defendant lived in the mainland for many years and he has travelled back to the mainland several times. The government feels that the bail amount the Court has already set was the appropriate amount for the defendant's case.

Patea denied the defense's motion for a bail reduction. He said that based on the 3 felonies charges with which the defendant has been charged, the Court feels the bond was a reasonable amount.

According to the government's case, a package that was addressed to the defendant arrived on the weekly cargo flight last week Friday afternoon. During a normal check by Custom agents at the Pago Pago International Airport, the K-9 alerted Customs agents about the package, and the package was then marked and placed in a certain area to await pick up of the package.

On Monday morning, the defendant went to the airport to uplift his package, and was

informed by Custom agents that they needed to check the package as they normally do. Before the package was opened, Custom agents asked several questions about the package, including what was inside the package. The defendant told Custom agents that the package contained a gift for his wife for Christmas.

When the package was opened, Custom agents allegedly found inside more than 7 ounces of crystal methamphetamine, which was hidden in a speaker. DPS Vice & Narcotics units were contacted, and two of their detectives were assigned to investigate the case.

Before police interviewed him, the defendant was informed of his constitutional rights, and he informed police that he understood his rights and refused to make a statement. He was detained at the Territorial Correctional Facility for 48-hours to await charges to be filed by the government.

If he can post bond, the Court has ordered the defendant to surrender his travel documents to the government, and he is not allowed to leave the territory without an order from the Court while his case is pending.

Tui is also not allowed to talk to any of the government witnesses, including the agents and the officers who interviewed him at the beginning of his case. He is also to abide with all laws of the territory at all times.

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Police: Officers shoot 3 car-jacking suspects, killing 1

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — Police officers in Connecticut shot three carjacking suspects Thursday night, killing one, authorities said.

New Britain Police Chief James Wardwell said officers tried to stop a vehicle that they believe was involved in a series of armed carjackings in the city and surrounding areas over at least the past two weeks.

“The most recent incidents in New Britain were on Monday of this week which included shots

being fired at one victim, and in a second incident on Monday, a victim being pistol-whipped,” Wardwell said.

As officers tried to stop the vehicle and take the suspects into custody, more than one New Britain officer fired their weapon, according to police.

“Three individuals in the vehicle were hit by gunfire,” Wardwell said.

“I heard tons of shots. Seven, eight, 10 of them. Went to the back door. Saw the cops run-

ning. They made it up the hill. Next thing I know, they had tape out and here we are,” Dawn Markunas, of New Britain, told WFSB-TV.

One of the suspects died, and the other two were expected to recover. The officers were not hurt.

Police said there was at least one firearm in the vehicle.

Wardwell said Connecticut State Police would be handling the investigation.



Police arrest one of seven protesters Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, in Hartford, Conn., who were calling for criminal charges against Bridgeport police officer James Boulay, who fatally shot 15-year-old Jayson Negron and wounded another man in May. Seven protesters were arrested for blocking a city street. A state prosecutor said the shooting remains under investigation.

(AP Photo/Dave Collins)

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will be a difficult task ahead compared to the first five years in office.

Lemanu, who spoke towards the end of the cabinet meeting reminded directors that “our job is to serve the public” and it’s not an easy task as its filled with many challenges, moving forward in the new year.

He pointed out that there are times when arguments will come up during the job as a director, but those arguments bring everyone today to find solutions “for the betterment of our community.”

He also noted that the governor makes the final decisions and that is the “final say”.

“Overall our service — tautua — is (as a) public servant,” he said and reminded directors that there are several more days left in 2017 and

to take care of their departments and agencies.

At the outset of the meeting, the governor — because it was the last cabinet meeting of the year, thanked the media for their work, and reiterated what he had said in the past, that the media plays an important role in any open democratic society.

He pointed out that an “important element” of democracy is an open media for the public, although he also acknowledged that there are times that the government doesn’t agreement with media reporting.

Yesterday’s meeting ended with the Christmas Luncheon hosted by the governor and first lady Mrs. Cynthia Malala Moliga.

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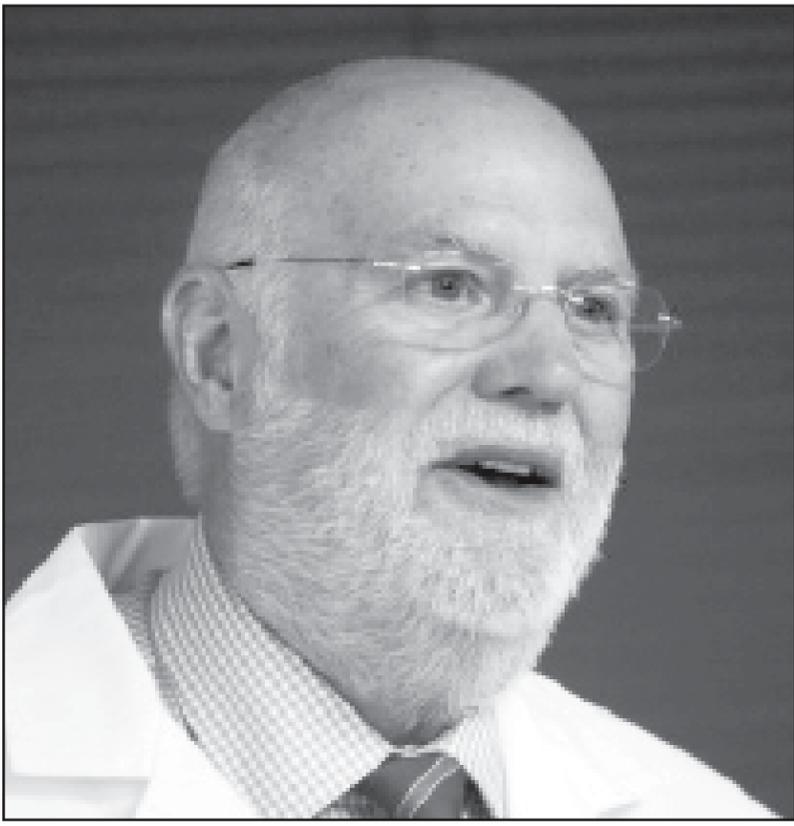
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FILE - In this March 29, 2007 file photo, Dr. Donald Cline, a reproductive endocrinologist and fertility specialist, speaks at a new conference in Indianapolis. Cline, a retired Indianapolis fertility doctor accused of inseminating patients with his own sperm is set to plead guilty to charges that he lied to investigators Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017.. Cline is scheduled to appear in a Marion County court

(Kelly Wilkinson/The Indianapolis Star via AP)

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Fonotoe Pierre Laufo, has had a conviction against him quashed by the Court following an appeal.

This week Justice Mata Tuatagaloa of the Supreme Court allowed the appeal and ordered the conviction quashed which put an end to a longstanding matter which started after a night out with a fellow member of Parliament in October 2013.

Fonotoe, who is still a member of Parliament but relegated to the back benches, was charged and found guilty in 2014 of inciting or encouraging the obstruction of a Police officer from executing his duties.

The appeal was based on the premise of error in the facts of law and inconsistencies in evidence provided.

(Source: RNZI)

'THE ROCK' HONORED WITH STAR ON WALK OF FAME

HOLLYWOOD, LOS ANGELES (KABC) — Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday.

The wrestler-turned-actor spoke at the unveiling ceremony, emphasizing the importance of working hard and being grateful for what you have.

He thanked his friends, family and fans, for whom he said he was "grateful to the core of my bones."

"At the end of the day, all this goes away if it weren't for you," he said, addressing his screaming fans.

He also reflected on hard times he experienced in his past, saying when he was 15 years old, he and his family members were evicted from their resident in Honolulu and forced to leave the island.

Johnson said through it all, he's kept the following quote close to his heart: "It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice."

The actor delivered this mantra after bringing his daughter Jasmine to the podium.

Johnson's star is the 2,624th since the completion of the

Walk of Fame in 1961 with the first 1,558 stars.

The unveiling ceremony took place at the Hollywood & Highland complex just one week before the release of Johnson's latest film, "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle."

(Source: ABC7 News)

TONGAN YOUTH LEADER HANDS OUT CONDOMS TO RAISE AWARENESS

A Tongan advocate for sex education has been handing out condoms around Tonga to start the discussion on safe sex practices. Ministry of Health figures show a high rate of teenage pregnancies this year, of around 30 births per 1000 girls.

Joshua Sefesi holds sessions with men to educate them on equality and safe sexual practices and informs women about the support available to them.

Mr Sefesi said Tonga is a conservative and religious nation, which makes the topic of safe sex taboo.

"The issues especially the consequences are that the youth need someone to reach out for them and talk about all these issues because it all leads down to decision making."

Joshua Sefesi is Tonga's 2018 Queen's Young Leader winner, recognised for his voluntary work on safe sex awareness.

(Source: RNZI)

NEW TENANTS TAKE OVER YASAKI SAMOA FACILITIES

The fate of the two new businesses now housing the facilities used by Yasaki Samoa in Vaitele is in the hands of the employees, says Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi as he officially cut the ribbon this morning for the mattress manufacturer, Sleepwell International to start operations from its new home.

It's a joint venture between the Samoa Stationary and Books company, (SABB) and Sleepwell from Otago, Auckland; the company specializes in manufacturing mattresses for local and export markets targeting neighboring Pacific

Island countries.

Similarly Fero Samoa is also targeting markets in Australia and New Zealand for its wiring products. And the Prime Minister is applauding Sleepwell and Fero Samoa, noting that since Yasaki Samoa indicated her plans to close down its Vaitele operations, government have been searching for new investors to utilize the facilities.

"Since the announcement of the closure the government spared no effort to attract foreign companies and investors to come to Samoa to utilize this facility in order to reconstitute the lost jobs and the all-important export opportunities," said the Prime Minister. "Cabinet identifies this task as an urgent priority in the national interest and appointed a special committee made up of the Chief Executive Officers of the Ministry of Finance the Ministry of Commerce Industry and Labor and the Samoa Provident Fund to spearhead these efforts."

"This morning's ceremony is one more milestone to be added to the government's efforts in this priority area," added Tuilaepa.

"The return of business to this facility means more exports to boost our GDP, more jobs for our people, more levies for the Accident Compensation Corporation, and more contributions for the Samoa National Provident Fund and sustained economic growth for our country into the future."

Combined both companies are offering 120 jobs initially and will increase their workforce to close to 1,000 five years from now.

Employees are mostly former Yasaki Samoa employees — who are now back on the payroll for their new employers Sleepwell International and Fero Samoa.

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(Source: Press Secretariat Samoa)

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any more amendments in the future.

The Acting Associate Justice noted that the original information the government filed in court, when the defendant's case was arraigned in the High Court, was the information the defendant's not guilty plea was based on.

For the jury trial next Monday, Patea instructed both attorneys to file their witness lists and all the exhibits for the case by the close of business, today, and the Court is also expecting to issue its decision by close of business today on the matter that has been taken under advisement.

Mukesh, a 53-year-old businessman, is charged with one count each of sodomy, a class B felony, punishable by not less than 5 years and not to exceed 15 years imprisonment; deviate sexual assault, a class C felony, punishable by imprisonment of not to exceed 7 years and/or a fine not exceeding \$5,000; and

first degree sexual abuse a class D felony, punishable by imprisonment of not to exceed 5 years and/or a fine of not exceeding \$5,000.

According to court documents, around 10a.m. on Apr. 9, 2017, a police lieutenant walked into the Tafuna police station with a man who wanted to file a police report regarding his daughter, who he alleged was sexually assaulted by the defendant. Forty-five minutes later, the victim and her mother showed up at the police station.

Court documents say the defendant's daughter is a friend of the 17-year-old female victim and the alleged sexual assault occurred in the early morning hours of Apr. 6, when the victim was at her friend's house.

The affidavit supporting the arrest warrant details what the victim told police of what the defendant allegedly did to her, including touching her in a sexual manner.



In this Dec. 14, 2017, photo, office workers walk on a pedestrian crossing during a lunch break in Tokyo. A quarterly business outlook survey by Japan's central bank shows corporate sentiment has improved to its highest level in 11 years in the latest upbeat signal for the economy. The Bank of Japan's "tankan" index for large manufacturers, released Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, was 25 in December, up from 22 in September.

(AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

Japan survey shows corporate sentiment at 11 year high

TOKYO (AP) — A quarterly business outlook survey by Japan's central bank shows corporate sentiment has improved to its highest level in 11 years in the latest upbeat signal for the economy.

The Bank of Japan's "tankan" index for large manufacturers, released Friday, was 25 in December, up from 22 in September. It was the fifth straight quarterly improvement and the strongest reading since December 2006.

However, the forecast for the next quarter was less optimistic, at 19. The economy has gathered momentum thanks to a recovery in exports in tandem with improved conditions in China, the U.S. and other major markets. The tankan survey of 10,645 companies is viewed as a major indicator for the economy. The index is the difference between companies surveyed that have a "favorable" outlook and those with an "unfavorable" outlook. However, 67 percent of large manufacturers responded to the survey saying they had a "not so favorable" outlook. That number is not reflected in the tankan diffusion index.

The survey also showed a steady improvement in demand versus supply, though Japan still has more manufacturing capacity than needed to meet demand. Prices charged by manufacturers remain flat, though costs for making products, such as for energy and components, have risen.

Corporate investment is forecast to rise by 7.4 percent in the current fiscal year.

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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (12/17)	Monday (12/18)	Tuesday (12/19)	Wednesday (12/20)	Thursday (12/21)	Friday (12/22)	Saturday (12/23)
10:00 am	K-pop World Festival The Beauty	Drama Special 2017 K-pop World Festival	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit K-RUSH (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama
11:00 am	K-RUSH (E,R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)				The Beauty K-pop World Festival	"Gunman in Joseon"
12:00 noon	Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					
1:00 pm	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)					
2:00 pm	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip	Music Bank
3:00 pm	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	
4:00 pm	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama
5:00 pm	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Jugglers (E,R)	Black Knight (E,R)
6:00 pm	Gag Concert	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)					
7:00 pm	UHD UNESCO World Heritage Special (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)	Happy Together (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance (E,R)	
8:00 pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Swan Club	The Unit	K-RUSH (E,R) Please Find Her (E,R) Guerrilla Date (E,R)	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)
9:00 pm	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)
10:00 pm	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)						Two Days and One Night (E)
11:00 pm	KBS 9 News (Live)						My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)
12:00 am	KBS 9 News (Live)						Mon-Tue Drama
1:00 am	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)	Happy Together	Music Bank (E)	Jugglers (E,R)	Black Knight (E,R)
2:00 am	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit K-RUSH (E,R)	Happy Together	Music Bank (E)	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama
3:00 am	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E)						The Swan Club
4:00 am	Heritage Tomorrow						Gag Concert (E,R)
5:00 am	UHD UNESCO World Heritage	Battle Trip	Jisook's Table for 2 K-pop World Festival	The Beauty	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)
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In this Oct. 4, 2017 file photo, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., left, and Vice Chairman Mark Warner, D-Va., update reporters on the status of their inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections, at the Capitol in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Senate may put off most anticipated Russian probe findings

WASHINGTON (AP) — With no firm conclusions yet on whether President Donald Trump’s campaign may have coordinated with Russia, the Senate intelligence committee could delay answering that question and issue more bipartisan recommendations early next year on protecting future elections from foreign tampering.

Recommendations on how to counter the threat from attempted election hackers could be the first written product from congressional committees examining Russian interference into the 2016 election that put Trump in the White House. An early bipartisan report could be an attempt to boost confidence in the panel’s probe, as lawmakers worry that other issues could be lost if they are not able to agree on the most anticipated questions like collusion.

A new poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows more than half of Americans have expressed skepticism about multiple congressional investigations, with just 13 percent saying they’re very or extremely confident they will be fair and impartial.

There has been concern from both Democrats and Republicans that if members can’t agree, the final reports will be dismissed by an already skeptical, partisan public.

“The more bipartisan it is, the more it will be believed,” said Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the intelligence committee, of a final report. Warner has worked closely with the committee’s Republican chairman, Richard Burr of North Carolina, who said in an interview Wednesday that he is considering the early report, which could also include other areas of consensus among senators. A final report addressing collusion would come later in the year.

Despite hesitation from Trump on the issue, most members of Congress agree with U.S. intelligence assessments that the Russians interfered. There also is consensus on the need to tighten voting security after the Department of Homeland Security notified several states of attempts to hack their systems. Next year’s congressional primaries begin in early spring. “We would have an additional report, if not more,” Burr said. “But I think it’s reasonable to believe we could take everything that we have concluded, if we’ve got buckets we’ve concluded, election security recommendations being one of them, why wouldn’t we finish those and push them out the door?”

Warner agreed, saying “the idea of trying to get recommendations out early in the new year around elections, where I think there is very broad consensus, makes a lot of sense.”

The committee, along with the House intelligence com-

mittee and the Senate Judiciary Committee, since early this year has been investigating the Russian interference and whether Trump’s campaign was in any way involved. That question of collusion may not be definitively answered at all in Congress, as lawmakers are unlikely to agree on it.

Burr said the panel has started broad organization of a final report, but suggested the final product is more likely to be a series of findings, rather than a firm conclusion on whether there was collusion.

He said committee members will likely lay out the facts, “but from a standpoint of taking a vote on some list of conclusions, I’m not sure we’re going to do that.”

It’s unclear whether the reports could be pre-empted in any way by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is also investigating the interference and has the ability to prosecute, unlike Congress. Mueller’s probe has moved rapidly, and his investigators have finished interviewing the current and former White House officials they had initially requested to speak to, White House lawyer Ty Cobb said Thursday.

While members of both the House and Senate intelligence committees have repeatedly said they hope their final reports are bipartisan, it’s unlikely that all members of either committee will agree that collusion did or did not occur. Burr and Warner said in October that the question was still open.

“Any report like this, there will be people who say I wish it said more, I wish it said less,” said Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford, a Republican member of the Senate intelligence committee. Lankford says he thinks the Russia investigation will mirror investigations into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, with “conspiracy theories for decades, and saying oh my gosh, ‘what if’? And you can definitely ‘what if’ it to death.” The leaders of the House probe, Republican Rep. Mike Conaway of Texas and Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California, have also said they are hoping for a bipartisan final report. But partisan tensions have run high on that panel, as some Republicans have pushed to wrap it up and Democrats have said there is much more to do. Florida Rep. Tom Rooney, one of several Republicans leading the House probe, said that if the panel issues two different partisan reports, “there’s going to be a cloud over the entire investigation.”

If the two parties can’t agree, Rooney said, “then basically the entire process will probably be thrown out the window, because people will go to their respective corners, and all of the work that we did, and the things that we probably could agree on, will probably get lost in that wash as well.”



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Suspect in car attack faces new charge: first-degree murder

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The man accused of driving into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville faces a new charge of first-degree murder after a court hearing Thursday in which prosecutors presented surveillance video and other evidence against him.

Prosecutors announced at the start of a preliminary hearing for James Alex Fields that they were seeking to upgrade the second-degree murder charge he previously faced in the Aug. 12 collision in Charlottesville that left 32-year-old Heather Heyer dead and dozens injured. The judge agreed to that and ruled there is probable cause for all charges against Fields, including nine lesser felony counts, to proceed.

Fields' case will now be presented to a grand jury for an indictment.

Authorities say the 20-year-old, described by a former teacher as having a keen interest in Nazi Germany and Adolf Hitler, drove his speeding car into a group of counterprotesters the day of the "Unite the Right" rally that drew hundreds of white nationalist from around the country. The attack came after the rally in this Virginia college town had descended into chaos — with violent brawling between attendees and counterdemonstrators — and authorities had forced the crowd to disband.

Surveillance footage from a Virginia State Police helicopter, played by prosecutors in court, captured the moment of impact by the car and the cursing of the startled troopers on board. The video then showed the car as it reversed, drove away and eventually pulled over. The helicopter had been monitoring the violence, and prosecutors questioned Charlottesville Police Detective Steven Young about the video as it played.

Another surveillance video from a restaurant showed the car head slowly in what Young testified was the direction of the counterprotesters, who were not in view of the camera. The car reversed before speeding forward into the frame again.

After that footage, a man in the crowd shouted an expletive and cried out, "Take me out." He and others left the courtroom.

Fields, of Maumee, Ohio, sat quietly in a striped jumpsuit with his hands cuffed during the hearing.

His attorney Denise Lunsford did not present evidence or make any arguments at the hearing, although she did cross-examine the detective.

Fields was photographed hours before the attack with a shield bearing the emblem of

Vanguard America, one of the hate groups that took part in the rally, although the group denied any association with him.

A former teacher, Derek Weimer, has said Fields was fascinated in high school with Nazism, idolized Adolf Hitler, and had been singled out by officials at his Union, Kentucky, school for "deeply held, radical" convictions on race.

During her cross-examination of Young, Lunsford asked if searches of Fields' computer, phone or social media revealed any evidence that he was part of Vanguard America or any other white nationalist group. Young said, "No."

Young also testified that he was among the first officers to respond to the scene where Fields pulled over.



Police officers block the front of the Charlottesville Circuit Court building ahead of the preliminary hearing for James Fields on Thursday on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 in Charlottesville, Va. Fields is accused of driving into a crowd of counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in August.

(Zack Wajsgras/The Daily Progress via AP)



American Samoa Power Authority

December 15, 2017

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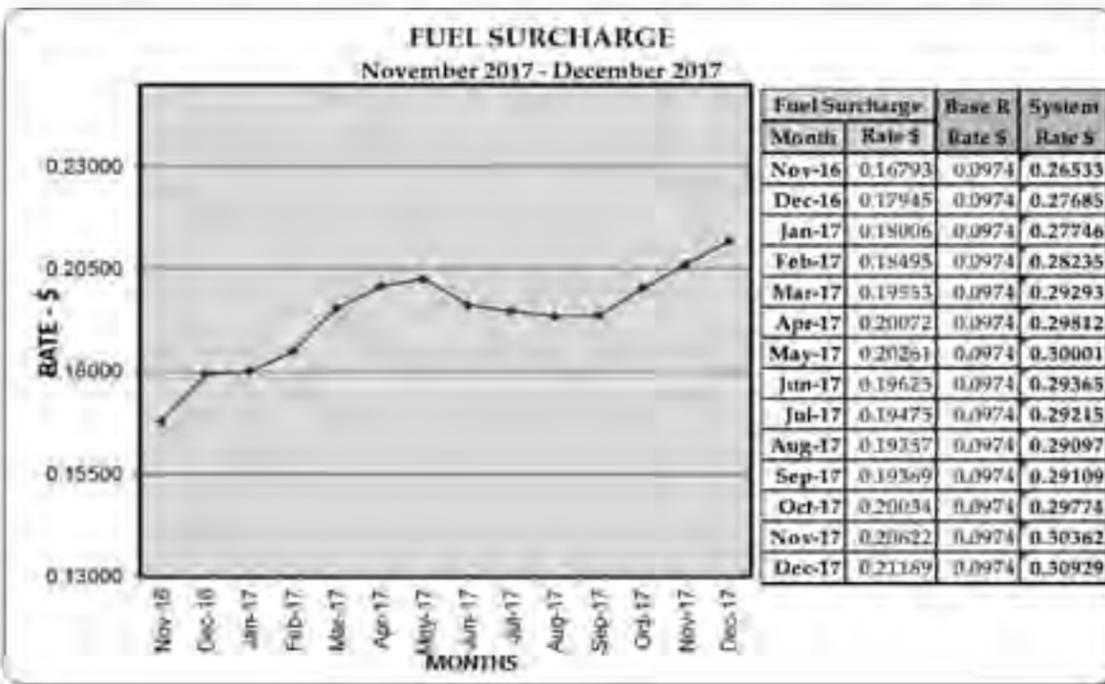
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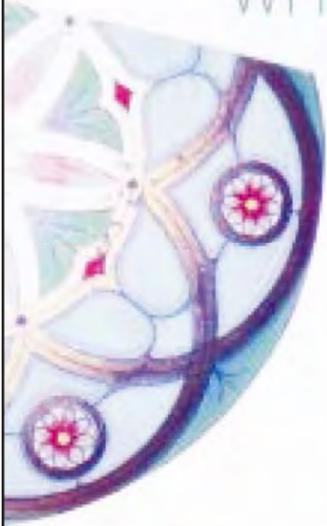
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O le afioga i le kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga ma le lutena kovana ia Lemanu Peleti Mauga na auai i le tatalaina o lenei polokalame, lea o lo o fa'atupeina e le Matagaluega o le Atina'e ma le Tamaoaiga a le malo (DOC).

O le Sui Fa'atonusili o le Ofisa o Tupulaga Talavou, afioga Vaafusuaga R. Ausage na saunoa i le tatalaina o le polokalame, ma ia taua ai le ave o le fa'amuamua a le faigamalo a Lolo ma Lemanu i le sailia lea o auala e fesoasoani ai i le atina'eina o tupulaga talavou i le atunu'u.

Na taua e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana i lana saunoaga autu e faapea, e mafua ona naunau le malo e fa'atulaga polokalame mo tupulaga talavou, ona e talitonu le malo, o tupulaga talavou e fa'amoemoe i ai le lumana'i o le malo, e atunu'u ma aiga.

"Afai e le manuia tupulaga talavou, e fesiligia fo'i le lumana'i manuia o se malo ma se aiga. E tatau ona fa'atino e le malo auala eseese uma e fesoasoani ai i le atina'eina o tupulaga talavou, e ala i aoaoga ma galuega," o se vaega lea o le saunoaga a le ali'i kovana.

Sa ia fautuaina tupulaga ua mae'a ona lesitalaina mo le polokalame ina ia fa'aaoga tatau le taimi, ina ia aoaoina ai le metotia fou e avea ai i latou ma tagata faigaluega manuia mo le lumana'i.

Sa ia taua atili lona fa'anoanoa i se ripoti sa tuuina mai i le Matagaluega o Tagata Faigaluega a le malo, e fa'atatau i le tele o tusi talosaga mo galuega fou o lo o taofia i le taimi nei, e mafua mai i le leai o ni avanoa faigaluega o tatalaina e le malo. Ae o le tele o nei tusi talosaga e pito toatele ai lava tusi talosaga mai tupulaga talavou e i le va o le 18 tausaga e oo atu i le 35 tausaga le matutua.

Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, o lo o naunau pea le malo ina ia atiae tupulaga ina ia maua galuega e fesoasoani ai i le malo i le lumana'i.

O le polokalame e pei ona tatalaina nei, o le a aoaoina ai fanau i auala eseese e avea ai

ma tagata faigaluega. O ni isi o avanoa o le a latou maua, o le asiasi lea i matagaluega eseese a le malo, ma vaavaai i auala e fa'atino ai galuega i le ofisa. Afai ae mae'a le polokalame ae filifilia ni isi o i latou nei e galulue tumau mo le malo, ua fautuaina i latou e le Kovana ina ia fa'aaoga tatau le avanoa o le a tuuina atu mo i latou.

Na lagolagoina e Lemanu le saunoaga a le ali'i Kovana, ma ia fautuaina ai tupulaga ina ia avea le avanoa ua latou maua o se taimi e fa'atauaaina mo latou olaga, e aoa ai mea aoga ma lelei mo le lumana'i.



Nisi o tupulaga talavou sa auai i le tatalaina o le polokalame a le malo i le vaiaso nei, e fesoasoani ai i tupulaga i le avea o i latou ma tagata faigaluega lelei mo le lumana'i.

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O le vasega o fanau e i ai mana'oga fa'apitoa, e po i latou, ae sa latou usuina le vi'iga "Le Po Pa'ia!" Matagofie o latou siufofoga ma lo latou sao i leni polokalama. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



O le va'iga i le tama'ita'i faia'oga, ua matua afu lelea i le taumafaiga e toe fa'amanatu taga o le latou siva na a'ò, ae ua sasi mea uma, ua va'ia matua e le fanau, ma ua na'ò sina vaega o i latou sa taumafaia le latou sao. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

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IOANE FAIMATA

O le itula e 9:00 i le taeao nei lea ua fa'atulaga e tula'i ai Ioane Faimata i luma o le fa'amasinoga maualuga mo le fa'aauuina o lana mataupu, ina ua ia manatu e faagafua lana ulua'i iloiloga lea sa fuafua e faia i le Fa'amasinoga Faaitumalo i le aso Lulu o le vaiaso nei. O Faimata o lo o tu'uaia i molia o le gaioi, talepe fale i le tulaga muamua, atoa ai ma lona fa'aoaga o se a'upega e talepe ai se fale, o ni solitulafono mamafa uma ia i lalo o tulafono a le malo o Amerika Samoa.

O le mataupu e pei ona tu'uaia ai Faimata na alia'e mai ina ua pu'e ma saisai e ni tagata Asia o ia, e mafua mai ina ua maua o ia o lo o ulufale faamalosi i totonu o le faleoloa o le Pacific Mini Mart ae gaioia oia mai totonu o le faleoloa.

Talu ai le matuia o tu'uaiga fa'asaga ia Faimata, ua mafua ai ona taofia o ia i le toese e aunoa ma se tupe ua fa'atulaga e tatala ai o ia i tua.

TU'UAIA SE ALI'I I LONA FA'AOOLIMA I LONA TO'ALUA

O le ali'i lea na ia fa'aoolima i lona to'alua e ala i lona ta tu'i (Faaauau itulau 19)

TALA I VAIFANUA

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

FA'AMALO KOVANA LOLO MOLIGA TAUSALA LALELEI O LE ATUMOTU PASEFIKA

O le aso ananafi na malele ai le fa'amanuia ma le fa'amalo a le afioga le Kovana sili i le Tausala Lalelei o le Atumotu o le Pasefika 2017 - Tausala Lalelei fo'i o Amerika Samoa; Matau'aina Gwendolyn To'omalatai, ona o lana taumafaiga ua fa'aea ai le atunu'u, talu mai le 15 tausaga a'o lea fa'ato'a toe maua leni pale.

I lana tusitusiga fa'amalo ma faamanuia, na saunoa Lolo, "E le tu'umamaina e le Malo o Tutuila ma Manu'a lona aiaiuili ma fa'amalo i faiva o tausala lalelei e autova'a atu mo tausinioga fa'apenei i le tatou Alamoana, aua e fa'amata e faigofie, ae le fa'amaulaloina so'o se faiva e tausini ai pelega a lo tatou Malo. O outou o fulu e mamea e aiaiuili ai le atunu'u ma fa'amemelo i lo outou tula'i mai oni fugala'au matagofie ma le manogi sasala e fa'afiafiaina ma teuteu ai lo tatou atun'u la'ititi i le atuvasa ma malo tetele i faiva fa'atauva fa'apenei."

"E ui ina fita le ala i le manumalo, ae a outou tula'i mai ma le manumalo, e pati taoto lava Fe'epo ma fa'apea ane, fa'afetai i le Atua i lana

fa'asoa mai i lo outou gapatia ma tausaili, a'o le tapua'iga fo'i e le avea a matua, aiga ma lo outou malo i lona lautelega."

Sa fa'aauau lana tusi, "Pe outou tula'i mai ua a'e manumalo, o se fa'ailo lea sa outou tapena fa'afafine to'aga i mea uma, e le'i va'ai mau-lalo fo'i i so'o se vaipanoa o le tapenaga, lele ua malele lau ti'a, fa'afetai ua mapuea fo'i lou atunu'u ma sa'a i ma'a o malie. O lou manumalo, o le manumalo fo'i lena a lou malo!"

Ua fa'atasi atu nei le Tausala Lalelei o le Pasefika e fa'atino ona tiute fa'ale-atuvasa, e auai i le Fa'atasiga o Ta'aloga a le Pasefika i Vanuatu.

I ana toe upu sa ia fa'amanuia atu ai, "Tau ina ia avea lou tula'i mai i leni tofi taua, ia mafai ona tatala ai nisi avanoa lelei mo le tatou Malo e atina'e ma tupu tele ai so tatou manuia fa'atasi ma isi atumotu uma o le tatou atuvasa, ma ia avea fo'i leni avanoa matagofie e fa'atuputeleina ai lou iloa, lou atamai ma lou fiafia i leni suiga tele olou olaga talavou, ua e aga atu i ai!"

Fa'ato'a talii mai o ia fa'atasi ma le aumalaga a Amerika Samoa i ta'aloga a le Pasefika i le fa'aiuga o leni vaiaso.

(Faaauau itulau 19)



O le taimi ua taina ai le fu'a ae tutu fa'aaloalo le tama'ita'i pule a'oga Martha Sagapolutele ma le laumua atoa i Manulele Tausala Elementary ma usu le fu'a o Amerika, Fu'a o Amerika Samoa ma le fu'a o Manulelel Tausala i le taeao ananafi i a latou fa'afiafiaga o le Kerisimasi. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

► Tala Faamasinoga...

Mai itulau 18

o ona foliga atoa ai ma le ta kiki o lona tua ina ua manava atu i le fale e le o i ai se meaai, ua poloaina e le fa'amasinoga faaitumalo na te totogi le \$1,000 ona fa'atoa mafai lea ona tatala o ia i tua. Ae afai e mafai ona tatala o ia i tua, ua faasa ona ia toe taumafai e fa'afesootai lona to'alua, a ia saili se isi nofoaga e nofomau ai, se'i vagana ua toe tuuina atu se isi poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga. O le ali'i lenei na amata sailia mai e le Fa'amasinoga Faaitumalo i le masina o Me o le tausaga na te'a nei, ina ua fa'alua ona le oo atu i ana iloilogaga sa fa'atulaga, ma poloaina ai loa e le Fa'amasinoga se tusi saisai e pu'e fa'apagota mai ai o ia.

Ae o le mataupu e pei ona tu'uuaia ai o ia i lona fa'aoolima i lona to'alua, na mafua ai loa ona maua o ia e Leoleo, ma

taofia ai loa i le toese i Tafuna e faatali ai lana iloilogaga i le aso Lulu na te'a nei. O le vevesi na tula'i mai ina ua e e le to'alua a le ua molia mo se fesoasoani, na vili ai loa e le Tina a le ua molia le Ofisa o Leoleo mo se lavea'i. Na sola ese le ua molia ma ave lana fanau teine e to'alua ina ua o atu Leoleo. Na faamatala a le fafine gaioiga a le ua molia sa faia ia te ia, e aofia ai le ta tu'i ma ta kiki o ia. O le aso na sosoo ai na toe o atu ai Leoleo ma maua atu ai le ua molia i le fale, ma pu'e fa'apagota mai ai loa o ia. Ua faasa e le fa'amasinoga le ua molia ona toe taumafai e fa'afesootai lona to'alua ma lana fanau, a ia saili se isi nofoaga e nofo ai mo le taimi nei, se'i vagana ua toe tuuina atu se isi poloaiga a le fa'amasinoga.



O le vasega lea i le fanau Level K4 ma le 3, lea e to'a 34 i latou ua aofia i le Manulele Tausala, ae fa'asasaga lava latou i o latou matua, ma sisiva aga'i i ai, ae le fa'asaga mai i le mamalu o le pulega ma matua lea o fia maimoaina latou fa'afiafiaga. O nisi e le fia sisiva ae o lava i o latou tina. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

► Tala i Vaifanua...

Mai itulau 18

POLOKALAMA KERISIMASI - AOGA MANULELE TAUSALA

O le aso Tofi na laei uma ai e le vasega o Faia'oga, Fanau Aoga, fa'atasi ai ma le Pulega o le A'oga Tulaga Muamua a le Manulele Tausala la'e'i papa'e, ae faatino le polokalama fa'ataoto e fa'amanuia ai le Kerisimasi i le mamalu o matua ma le PTA sa auai e maimoaina latou fa'afiafiaga.

Mai le Level K4 & K5 se'ia o'o i le Level 8, fa'apea ma le SPED, sa fa'atino le polokalama ua mae'a fa'ataoto mo vasega ta'itasi.

O le skid i le amataga, tauloto, pesega o le Kerisimasi ma le Tauluga.

Mai le vaiaso atoa, sa amata ai ona la'e'i mai lanu eseese ua patino lava i lenei vaitau o le Kerisimasi. O le lanumoana sa la'eia i le aso Gafua, ona soso'o lea ma le lanu meamata, ae o'o ane i le aso Lulu ua lanu mumu, ae aso tofi ua lanu pa'epa'e, ua foliga mai o le Lotu a Tamaiti ua toe o'o mai.

I le latou folasaga sa matua mata'ina le fa'afiafiaga a le vasega Level K4 po'o le ECE lea e to'a 34 i latou o lo'o aofia ai.

E ui ina foliga mai ua le toe usita'i le fanau i faia'oga ona o lo ua fa'atasi atu latou tina, ae na matua sasa'a fo'i le fafao a matua ma fo'a'i le tupe latou aua le Kerisimasi mulimuli a le fanau i le aso. E \$180. le mea aofai o le lima fo'a'i o matua o lenei to'a 34 i le toe fiafia o le tausaga.

Soso'o mai loa le Level K5 tatala pusa o pesega matagofie matua liu suavaia ai fo'i ma lagona o matua fa'aova le fo'a'i ma maua ai le \$220+mai le fola ma meaalofo fo'a'i i le laulau.

O le fa'afiafiaga a le Vasega

o Tamaiti e i ai mana'oga fa'apitoa sa soso'o ai, na matua maofa ai le to'atele i le matagofie o le pesega e le fanau e tauaso e to'atolu o lo'o a'oa'oina fa'apitoa i Manulele Tausala. O le vi'iga na latou solo ta'itoatasi ai i ona fuaiupu ae usu faatasi le tali, "Le Po Pa'ia!"

Matagofie le tapenaga a nai faia'oga i mea uma sa fa'atulaga, ma e iloga fo'i le matagofie o tauloto a vasega ta'itasi. Ua matauina e maua lelei o le tauloto a le vasega 1, matagofie le fetalia'i e tamaiti o le Isaia 5:9.

Na fa'asolo lava se'ia o'o i le vasega 8 ua amata fo'i ona va'aia ituaiga fa'afiafiaga ua masani ai tatou, peita'i sa faia lava ele fanau le mea sili e fa'afiafiaina o latou matua ma tali atu ai fo'i i Faia'oga i lo latou tautiga e a'oa'o i latou.

O le toe aso o a'oga o le aso, Tesema 15, 2017 ae fa'ato'a toe a'e mai i le aso Ianuari 3, 2018.

TAPUNIA OFISA KONESULA SAMOA TESEMA 22, 2017 - IANUARI 02, 2018

Ua fa'alauiloa o le a tapunia le Ofisa o le Konesula Samoa i le teritori nei i le taimi o aso fiafia.

Ona o pemitia e ao ina ulufale ai tagatanu'u o Amerika Samoa i Samoa e ao lava ina talosagaina i lea Ofisa, ua fa'alauiloa aloa'ia ai lenei taimi e tapunia ai le auunaga iinei, peita'i ua fa'ailoa mai fo'i, e i ai lava le avanoa e fa'aaoga mai ai le Ofisa i Samoa pe afai o le a mana'omia ona malaga se tasi i Samoa i lea vaitau ao tapunia lea Ofisa.

Ua mafai i le taimi nei ona tapena mamao le talosagaina o sou pemitia pe afai o fuafua e fai Kerisimasi po'o le Tausaga fou i Samoa.

Afai ae fa'ato'a tutupu ni

mafuaga tatau e ala ai ona toe malaga fa'afuase'i se tasi i Samoa e ao ina talosaga se pemitia, o numera telefoni i Samoa ma le sui mamalu e talanoa sa'o i ai mo se pemitia: To'alepai Valhalla Siaopo Pese - 685-771-2166, po'o Tailaoa Falaniko Lesa 685-777-4504.

O le isi fuafuaga ua fa'alauiloa mai, ua suia le taimi e tatala ma tapunia ai le Ofisa e afua mai i le aso muamua o Tesema se'ia o'o atu i le aso 22, Tesema, 2017. Sa masani ona tapunia i le 3:00 i le afiafi, peita'i o le a tapunia nei i le itula e 3:30 i le afiafi ina ia mafai ona talosaga ai pemitia e fa'atatau i le taimi lea e tapunia a'ia'i ai lea Ofisa mai ia Tesema 22, 2017 se'ia o'o ia Ianuari 02, 2018.

FAIAINA FA'ALUA AMERIKA SAMOA TA'ALOGA BASKETBALL 3X3 VANUATU

E ese mai le matagofie o le manumalo o le tatou 'au Basketball 3X3 lea sa masi'i atu i Vanuatu i sailiga siamupini a le Pacific Mini Games, ua faia'ina fa'alua nei talu mai ona mae'a ona manumalo i le 'au a Fiti, lea na malolo ia i latou i 'ai e 10 i le 6.

O latou ta'aloga na mulimuli mai na fetau ai ma CNMI ma sa malo ai CNMI i le latou 'ai e 18-5 a Amerika Samoa. Soso'o lea ma le latou ta'aloga fo'i ma Solomon Islands ma malo ai fo'i Solomona i 'ai e 12-11. Peita'i ua fa'ailoa mai, toe lua lava ni malo o Amerika Samoa mautinoa e ulu atu i le ta'aloga to'afa maualuga i lenei ta'amilosaga.

Tatou tapua'ia faiva o le fanau, tau ina alofagia fa'aauu le malosi ma la tomai i le fa'agatama ia maua ni tatou malo se lua, e mautinoa ai se tatou pine i lea fo'i fa'agatama.



Democrat Sen.-elect Doug Jones speaks during an interview with The Associated Press Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, in Birmingham, Ala. (AP Photo/John Bazemore)

Jones says he knew he had a 'path' to victory

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — For years Doug Jones would tell friends — trying to persuade them to run for political office — that the notion that a Democrat could not win in deeply conservative Alabama would remain a self-fulfilling prophecy unless somebody tried.

“Some of those same people started saying, ‘Well, OK Doug if you really mean this, it’s time. This is the best opportunity,’” he recalled in an interview with The Associated Press.

After pulling off an improbable upset in the race for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, Jones said he believes his victory — helped by his campaign’s deep pockets and by his opponent’s scandal — signaled that voters may be looking for less divisiveness and vitriol.

“I think this election shows that people across this country want to see people work together,” Jones said.

Jones defeated firebrand jurist Roy Moore, by 20,000 votes, or 1.5 percent, to become the first Democrat elected to represent Alabama in the Senate in a quarter-century.

Jones told The Associated Press that what some described as his quest began on his 63rd birthday when he sat down with strategists Joe Trippi and Giles Perkins, and they mapped out where they thought the voting could be energized. Jones said he believed Moore was a weak candidate. Then, in November, a woman named Leigh Corfman made a shocking allegation that Roy Moore had asked her out and then touched her in a sexual fashion when she was just 14 and he was 32. Other women stepped forward with

similar claims.

Moore has not yet ceded the race, saying he wanted to see if last-minute ballots might trigger an automatic recount. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders notes that President Donald Trump has already called Jones to congratulate him on his victory and to express a willingness to work with him in Washington.

As for when Moore should deliver a concession speech, Sanders says it sounds like that “should have already taken place.” Sanders says she agrees that the numbers show Jones won fair and square.

The Alabama race became largely a referendum on Moore. Jones said at times Tuesday night he was convinced he had lost and had prepared a concession speech.

Jones, a federal prosecutor, had tried to emphasize economic issues, such as maintaining the Children’s Health Insurance Program that provides health care funding for 150,000 Alabama children.

Jones is in favor of abortion rights and criticized Trump’s decision to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. military. Jones told The Associated Press that he was advised to adjust his stances to boost his chances of winning but refused.

“Everyone felt like I needed to be someone I was not to try to get votes. I promised myself I would not do that. I promised my wife I would not do that,” Jones said. Jones will take office in a state where nearly half of voters did not cast a ballot for him and Republicans are gunning to unseat him in 2020. To voters who opposed him he says, “Let’s just talk.”

Inmates charged for guard attacks at 2 Arkansas prisons

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Five inmates were charged Thursday in unrelated attacks the same afternoon that injured guards at two Arkansas prisons and number among a string of violent disturbances in the state’s correctional facilities this year.

Prosecutor Kyle Hunter charged inmates Alfred Maxey, Robert Rhodes, Kirk Traylor and Jeremy Williams each with two counts of battery for the attack on two guards at the state’s Varner Unit on Sept. 28. Hunter also charged Gary Gould with one count of battery for the attack on another guard earlier that afternoon at the Maximum Security Unit in Tucker. Traylor and Williams were also each charged with one count of possession or use of a weapon by an incarcerated person.

A State Police investigator said in an affidavit filed in state court that the Varner

attack began when Traylor confronted Correction Officer Corey Lowery about a homemade hoodie the guard had confiscated from the inmate earlier that day.

A Department of Correction spokesman said the hoodie would be considered contraband material.

Traylor attacked Lowery, cutting and stabbing him several times with a homemade weapon, according to the affidavit. The affidavit accuses the other three inmates of joining in on the attack. It says Williams also used a homemade weapon to cut and stab the guard.

Another officer, Herbert Straughn, received cut and stab wounds to the back of his head and neck when he responded to assist Lowery.

The department in September said it used nonlethal force on several inmates who barricaded themselves in a barracks after the assault.



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US prosecutors move to cash in on \$8.5M in seized bitcoin

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. attorneys in Utah prosecuting a multimillion-dollar opioid drug-ring are moving quickly to sell seized bitcoin that's exploded in value to about \$8.5 million since the alleged ringleader's arrest a year ago. The U.S. Attorney's Office for Utah cites the digital currency's volatility in court documents pressing for the sale. The bitcoin cache was worth less than \$500,000 when Aaron Shamo was arrested on drug charges, but the value of the digital currency has skyrocketed since then. Bitcoin was created as a digital alternative to the traditional banking system, and is prone to swings in value based on what people believe its worth. For federal prosecutors in Utah, sales of seized assets like cars are routine, but bitcoin is new territory, spokeswoman Melodie Rydalch said Thursday. Shamo is accused of selling pills containing the powerful opioid fentanyl on the dark web — an area of the internet often used for illegal activity — to thousands of people all over the U.S., at one point raking in \$2.8 million in less than a year. The 500,000-pill bust ranked among the largest of its kind in the country, and authorities also found \$1 million of cash stuffed into trash bags. Shamo has pleaded not guilty to a dozen charges. The proceeds of the bitcoin sale will be held until the case is resolved, and then decisions will be made about where the money goes, Rydalch said. Seized asset sale proceeds usually goes to the agency.

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An original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: “RFP No. ASPA 18.012.ESD-WTR Water Use Information Project for Am. Samoa.”

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Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

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Document

The RFP package outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Procurement Office at ASPA’s New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

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Approved for Issuance: **Utu Abe Malae, Executive Director**

Ex-‘Apprentice’ star Omarosa to tell all about White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former “Apprentice” star Omarosa is putting the White House on notice as she makes her exit: She has “quite a story to tell” about her time in President Donald Trump’s administration and “the world will want to hear it.”

Accustomed to the spotlight, Omarosa Manigault Newman appeared on national television Thursday to push back against reports that she was fired from her job as a Trump assistant and director of communications for a White House office that deals with constituent groups.

She also denied reports that she made a spectacle of herself while being escorted from the White House grounds, calling the stories “100 percent false” and questioning why photos or video of her alleged misbehavior had yet to surface.

Better known by just her first name, Manigault Newman told ABC’s “Good Morning America” that she resigned this week after discussing some of her concerns with White House chief of staff John Kelly. The Secret Service said it had deactivated a pass granting her access to the White House complex, though White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Manigault Newman would be on staff through the administration’s one-year mark.

Before her resignation, Kelly had advised Manigault Newman that changes were forthcoming — including her dismissal, according to two White House officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss personnel matters.

Manigault Newman was also expected to be at the White House on Thursday, Huckabee Sanders said. She declined to say for what purpose or to explain why the former reality TV contestant will collect a salary through Jan. 20, citing a policy of declining extensive comment on personnel matters.

“The president likes Omarosa, thanked her for her service,” Sanders told reporters. “And, again, she’ll be here later this afternoon, so she’s resigned from her position, but there’s really nothing else to add on that front.”

Trump himself sang her praises when he was asked at an unrelated White House event about the resignation.

“I like Omarosa. Omarosa’s a good person,” he said.

Manigault Newman

described her conversation with Kelly as being “very candid.” A newlywed, she said she had a goal to make it to the administration’s one-year mark and then “get back to my life.”

Her life now seems destined to include writing a tell-all book about her time at the White House.

“When I have a chance to tell my story ... quite a story to tell, as the only African-American woman in this White House, as a senior staff and assistant to the president, I have seen things that have made me uncomfortable, that have upset me, that have affected me deeply and emotionally, that has affected my community and my people,” she said. “And when I can tell my story, it is a profound story that I know the world will want to hear.”

Sanders said Thursday was the first time she’d heard such comments from Manigault Newman.

Her resignation — she was Trump’s most visible African-American adviser — immediately raised questions about diversity in the senior ranks of the White House. Manigault Newman said in a separate interview with ABC’s “Nightline” that it was challenging being the only black woman in the senior staff.

She said most of the other senior advisers are white, had never worked with minorities and didn’t know how to interact with them. She added that her departure will leave Trump without any African-American representation on his senior staff. “There was a lack of diversity that I will acknowledge,” she told the network for its program airing early Friday.

Sanders insisted at her briefing Thursday that the White House team is diverse “across the board.”

Manigault Newman, who drew a top salary of \$179,700, was a high-profile Trump supporter during the presidential campaign and the transition.

Since her stint as a contestant on the first season of Trump’s former reality TV show, “The Apprentice,” in 2004, Manigault Newman has enjoyed a close relationship with the New York businessman, even after he uttered his “You’re fired” catchphrase and booted her from the program. She was portrayed as a cut-throat contestant during the season. She returned to Trump’s “Apprentice” franchise several times and appeared on other reality TV shows.



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PUBLIC JOB POSTING

Position Title	Security Officer I (2)	Posting Date	December 4, 2017
Department	Facility, Security & Maintenance (FSM)	Deadline	December 15, 2017, 4:00 pm
Division	Support Services	Pay Rate	\$7.26/hr - \$7.56/hr
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation	Job Grade/Status	C/4/A - C/5/A, Non-Exempt
Reports To	Security Supervisor		

Major Duties & Responsibilities

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Minimum Requirements

Education	High School diploma or equivalent.
Experience	Minimum of one (1) year in Security field or related area preferred.
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White House aims to sway opinion on immigration overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is embarking on a major campaign to turn public opinion against the nation's largely family-based immigration system ahead of an all-out push next year to move toward a more merit-based structure.

The administration was laying the groundwork for such a drive even before an Islamic State-inspired extremist who was born in Bangladesh tried to blow himself up in Midtown Manhattan on Monday. It is assembling data to bolster the argument that the current legal immigration system is not only ill-conceived, but dangerous and damaging to U.S. workers.

"We believe that data drives policy, and this data will help drive votes for comprehensive immigration reform in Congress," said White House spokesman Hogan Gidley.

White House officials outlined their strategy this week exclusively to The Associated Press, and said the data demonstrates that changes are needed immediately. But their effort will play out in a difficult political climate, as even Republicans in Congress are leery of engaging in a major immigration debate ahead of the 2018 midterm elections.

The issue is expected to be prominently featured in the president's Jan. 30 State of the Union address. The White House also plans other statements by the president, appearances by Cabinet officials and a push to stress the issue in conservative media.

The administration is stressing key numbers: Department of Homeland Security data that shows nearly 9.3 million of the roughly 13 million total immigrants to the U.S. from 2005 to 2016 were following family members already in the United States. And just one in 15 immigrants admitted in the last decade by green card entered the country because of their skills. Other planned releases: a report highlighting the number of immigrants in U.S. jails, assessments of the immigration court backlog and delays in processing asylum cases, and a paper on what the administration says is a nexus between immigration and terrorism.

Critics have questioned the administration's selective use of sometimes misleading data in the past. The proposed move away from family-based immigration would represent the most radical change to the U.S. immigration system in 30 years. It would end what critics and the White House refer to as "chain migration," in which immigrants are allowed to bring a chain of family members to the country, and replace it with a points-based system that favors education and job potential — "merit" measures that have increasingly been embraced by some other countries, including Britain.

Gidley said that for those looking to make the case that the U.S. is ill-served by the current system, "transparency is their best friend."

"The more people know the real numbers, the more they'll begin to understand that this is bad for American workers and this is bad for American security. And quite frankly, when these numbers come out in totality, we believe it's going to be virtually impossible for Congress to ignore," he said.

The public is sharply divided on the types of changes President Donald Trump is advocating. A Quinnipiac University poll in August found that 48 percent of voters opposed a proposal that Trump has backed to cut the number of future legal immigrants in half and give priority to immigrants with job skills rather than those with family ties in this country. Forty-four percent of those polled — including 68 percent of Republicans — supported the idea.

The White House hopes to see Congress begin to take up the issue early in 2018 — though it has yet to begin discussions with congressional leaders over even the broad strokes of a legislative strategy, officials said.

Trump has laid out general principles for what he would like to see in an immigration bill in exchange for giving legal status to more than 700,000 young people brought to the U.S. illegally as children. These include the construction of a border wall, tougher enforcement measures and moving to a more merit-based legal immigration system. In September, Trump gave Congress six months to come up with a legislative fix to allow the young immigrants known as "Dreamers" to stay in the country, creating an early-2018 crisis point he hopes will force Democrats to swallow some of his headline demands.

After Monday's incident in New York and the truck attack there in October, DHS quickly released information on the suspects' immigration statuses, and Trump amplified his calls for ending the two programs that brought them to the U.S.

For those who have been pushing for an end to chain migration for decades, it's a welcome push.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, or FAIR, which advocates for lower immigration levels, among other changes, recently began a national radio campaign warning of what it sees as the dangers of chain migration and the diversity visa lottery program. The group has spent close to \$1 million over the last month and a half on its campaign. And NumbersUSA, another group that advocates for lower immigration levels, launched a national six-figure ad campaign Thursday "to educate on Chain Migration categories."

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Position Title: TED/ASDOE RECRUITER/DATA
Employment Status: One Year Contract

General Description:

Main course of work: Recruiting in-service teachers to attend ASTEP and keep data of teacher's enrollment and participation semesterly.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and schedule school site visits to high schools, elementary schools both public and private to recruit possible candidates for Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) program.
- Design and create power point presentations pertaining to A.A./B.Ed. programs for school site visitations.
- Participate in informational presentations at school sites to high school juniors and seniors and/or parents for recruiting purposes to include: Setting up projector and power point presentation, distributing hand-outs of program information, presenting, making available a sign-up sheet that includes contact information for those interested, and doing follow up contacts with school administrators.
- Design, develop and distribute approved educational information/advertisements/brochures, and track the effectiveness of targeted education and outreach campaigns. This will include free community advertisements on radio and television, if available, and any other creative recruiting ways and means that can be implemented.
- Develop good working relationships with ASDOE Secondary and Elementary leaders and Teacher Quality to encourage and pipeline in-service teachers into the program.
- Create data sheets on the demographics of the in-service population as needed; male, female, age, village, school, years of experience, certified, non-certified, coursework, etc.
- Keep raw data on pre-service and in-service teachers to monitor progress in the program.
- Interpret and provide disaggregated data according to the needs of the program to show success rates and progress of students as well as to provide DOE with data as required.
- Participate in workshops and set up informational booth at various venues throughout the community.
- Work with TED's Lumana'i Educators Association (LEA) for recruiting purposes.
- Collaborate closely with TED Administrative Assistant on pipelining in-service and pre-service students into program
- Write and submit a report on progress of in-service population to Director of TED. Maintain a record of all teachers recruited in the program.
- Make copies of all literature pertaining to recruiting/outreach and maintain a filing system of all correspondence.
- Answer phones and direct calls to appropriate staff or faculty, assist with registration process, and assist Administrator Assistant when and where needed.
- Keep travel log and sign in sheets for recruiting purposes, run errands on/off campus pertaining to TED matters, provide a weekly schedule when actively visiting school sites, and perform other duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

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Employment Status: Full Time (Career Service)

General Description:
 Instructor will report directly to the Academic Chairperson of the Teacher Education Department. The department offers both an AA and B.Ed. degree with an emphasis in Elementary Education. It emphasizes content specific courses in Language Arts, Children's Literature, Early Childhood, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Education, Physical/Health Education, Instructional Technology, Curriculum Development, Assessment and Samoan Language, and culminates with the Student Teacher Experience. All content courses are paired with a field experience that the instructor will also be responsible for. The skills acquired will prepare students to become effective elementary classroom teachers, as well as for the workplace.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Collect, prepare and present instructional materials for all subjects to be taught.
- Teach a full instructional load of 15 credit hours or 225 instructional contact hours per semester. However loads may vary between 12-16 credits per semester.
- Prepare and distribute comprehensive course syllabi for either the AA Education degree or the B.Ed. degree programs as requested by Academic Affairs and the TED/B.Ed. Program.
- Teach each class as scheduled and supervise examinations, particums, service learning, internships and field trips.
- Maintain attendance and scholastic records, and submit the required records to the Admissions and Records, TED Department and Academic Affairs.
- Develop, implement, and assess Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for each course taught.
- Share data on SLOs collected from courses with the department and other college stakeholders, and provide recommendations for improvement of student learning.
- Participate in the different levels of student learning outcome review, program review, and student assessment.
- Advise students regarding their academic program, be it either the AA and/or the B.Ed. degree program.
- Assist students and provide information on career, academic referrals and transfer opportunities.
- Assist with the registration process: participate fully in faculty orientation, commencement exercises, and professional development activities.
- Post and maintain a class schedule and office hours for student assistance
- Provide safety measures and fully exercise the enforcement of these measures in the classrooms
- Actively participate and contribute to any college committees and extra-curricular functions
- Assist and enforce all college rules and regulations
- Utilize MOODLE as an integral tool for instructional delivery
- Perform other duties assigned by the Department Chairperson or the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Job Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Education; Content areas of Special Education, Early Childhood, Mathematics, Science, Samoan Language, and/or Elementary Education.
- At least 4-5 years of college teaching of Education courses, specifically in Elementary Education or in related fields as listed above at a two or four year university or college.
- Must demonstrate knowledge in curriculum development, assessment, and Elementary Education. Must have strong analytical and interpersonal skills, and be a team player who is highly supportive of the ASCC/B.Ed. Program
- Must be highly computer literate (Microsoft Word, Excel, etc.)

Preferred Qualification: Doctoral degree in Education

Salary: Salary to be commensurate with experience, qualification, and credentials.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2017 no later than 4:00pm.

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office at 699-9155 ext. 428/441/429, online at <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by email at ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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South Dakota park to make unplanned bison roundup after fire

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota state park known for annual buffalo roundups drawing thousands of spectators will perform an unscheduled one in the coming days to determine how a historic wildfire affected the animals.

Officials at Custer State Park located its bison herd by Thursday afternoon, and every animal found so far was alive, said Kobee Stalder, the park's visitor services program manager. However, he cautioned it's unlikely all wildlife escaped unscathed from the fire that has consumed more than 84 square miles (218 square kilometers) in the park and beyond its borders.

The park said that investigators from the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division attributed the cause of the blaze to a downed power line.

Staff will conduct on the "impromptu roundup" to assess the herd of roughly 860 bison and likely give them pneumonia immunizations because of the wildfire, Stalder said.

"Custer State Park is known for their herd of bison," Stalder said. "Every other question any time we post on social media is, you know, 'Are the bison OK?' 'Is the wildlife OK?' 'Are the burros OK?'"

The wildfire, which started Monday, is the third-largest recorded in the Black Hills. There had been no human injuries, and main park buildings have been spared from the blaze, officials said. Well-wishers have posted online with concerns for firefighters, but also for animals like the bison, the captivating national mammal.

Tens of millions of bison, also known as buffalo, once thundered across a range stretching from central Canada through the Great Plains and northern Mexico. After a century-long slaughter driven by

commercial hunting for buffalo pelts, the population dwindled to a thousand or fewer near the end of the 1800s.

Now, there are nearly 400,000 bison in North America, many on private ranches and farms, according to the National Bison Association. Executive Director Dave Carter said there are as many as 20,000 buffalo in public herds, with Custer State Park's ranking among the larger ones in the U.S.

The park is just south of Mount Rushmore National Memorial in the state's southwest. It's a top tourist destination, featuring hills with ponderosa pine and prairie. Visitors often drive through to see roaming buffalo and other wildlife.

As firefighters have been able to hold the blaze — it's now 50 percent contained — park officials have been able to dedicate resources toward assessing wildlife and getting more information, Stalder said.

He said officials also have found the park's southern elk herd but are still searching for another group of elk, a dozen burros and most of the pronghorn. Stalder said park staff plans to examine every herd in the park.

Becky Kienzle, a massage therapist from Dickeyville, Wisconsin, said she's been following the fire this week and worrying about wildlife in the park. The 59-year-old has been to the last eight of the fall buffalo roundups, and Kienzle said she plans on going to the park again next year.

"I've been enjoying this park for my entire 50th decade," Kienzle said. "I'm praying for most of my animals to still be there." Stalder said staff was able to go through early Tuesday and unlock the gates within the park boundary to allow animals to escape the fire.

Senator: Comey's remarks on Clinton probe heavily edited

WASHINGTON (AP) — A draft statement former FBI Director James Comey prepared in anticipation of concluding the Hillary Clinton email case without criminal charges was heavily edited to change the "tone and substance" of the remarks, a Republican senator said Thursday. Some of the edits proposed to the May 2016 draft, obtained by The Associated Press, appear to soften the gravity of the bureau's findings.

Comey, for instance, initially wrote that the FBI believed that Clinton and her aides were "grossly negligent" in their handling of classified information, language also contained in the relevant criminal statute.

But the text was edited to say they were simply "extremely careless" in their use of a personal email server, a phrase Comey adopted for his July

5 public announcement that the FBI would not be recommending charges. Comey's ultimate statement also omitted language asserting that the "sheer volume" of information classified as secret at the time it was shared made it reasonable to believe that the former secretary of state and her aides were grossly negligent. In addition, while Comey initially said it was "reasonably likely" that "hostile actors" had gained access to Clinton's email server, the text was edited to say that such an intrusion was "possible."

The original version noted that the FBI had worked with partners in the intelligence community to determine whether the server had been compromised. While it was unclear what significance this had, it was omitted from Comey's final text.



Police officers monitor the front of the Charlottesville Circuit Court building ahead of the preliminary hearing for James Fields on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 in Charlottesville, Va. Fields is accused of driving into a crowd of counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in August.

(Zack Wajsgras/The Daily Progress via AP)

Suspect in car attack faces new charge: first-degree murder

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The man accused of driving into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville faces a new charge of first-degree murder after a court hearing Thursday in which prosecutors presented surveillance video and other evidence against him.

Prosecutors announced at the start of a preliminary hearing for James Alex Fields that they were seeking to upgrade the second-degree murder charge he previously faced in the Aug. 12 collision in Charlottesville that left 32-year-old Heather Heyer dead and dozens injured. The judge agreed to that and ruled there is probable cause for all charges against Fields, including nine lesser felony counts, to proceed.

Fields' case will now be presented to a grand jury for an indictment. Authorities say the 20-year-old, described by a former teacher as having a keen interest in Nazi Germany and Adolf Hitler, drove his speeding car into a group of counterprotesters the day of the "Unite the Right" rally that drew hundreds of white nationalist from around the country. The attack came after the rally in this Virginia college town had descended into chaos — with violent brawling between attendees and counterdemonstrators — and authorities had forced the crowd to disband.

Surveillance footage from a Virginia State Police helicopter, played by prosecutors in court, captured the moment of impact by the car and the cursing of the startled troopers on board. The video then showed the car as it reversed, drove away and even-

tually pulled over. The helicopter had been monitoring the violence, and prosecutors questioned Charlottesville Police Detective Steven Young about the video as it played.

Another surveillance video from a restaurant showed the car head slowly in what Young testified was the direction of the counterprotesters, who were not in view of the camera. The car reversed before speeding forward into the frame again.

After that footage, a man in the crowd shouted an expletive and cried out, "Take me out." He and others left the courtroom.

Fields, of Maumee, Ohio, sat quietly in a striped jumpsuit with his hands cuffed during the hearing.

His attorney Denise Lunsford did not present evidence or make any arguments at the hearing, although she did cross-examine the detective.

Fields was photographed hours before the attack with a shield bearing the emblem of Vanguard America, one of the hate groups that took part in the rally, although the group denied any association with him.

A former teacher, Derek Weimer, has said Fields was fascinated in high school with Nazism, idolized Adolf Hitler, and had been singled out by officials at his Union, Kentucky, school for "deeply held, radical" convictions on race.

During her cross-examination of Young, Lunsford asked if searches of Fields' computer, phone or social media revealed any evidence that he was part of Vanguard America or any other white nationalist group. Young said, "No."

Young also testified that he was among the first officers to respond to the scene where Fields pulled over.

Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title FUATA of the village of AMOULI by MALE F. TIUMALU of the village of AMOULI, county of SA'OLE, EASTERN District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title FUATA shall be registered in the name of MALE F. TIUMALU in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: DECEMBER 12, 2017 thru FEBRUARY 12M 2018
SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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RFP No: ASPA18.002.ESD-WTR Closing Date & Time: Friday, December 29, 2017
Issuance Date: November 24, 2017 No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Power Authority issues a Request For Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit formal, written proposals for the:

"Faga'alu Surface Water System"

Submission

An original and one PDF copy of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFP No. ASPA 18.002.ESD-WTR Fagaalu Surface Water System." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), **Wednesday, December 20, 2017:**

Procurement Office
American Samoa Power Authority
P.O. Box PPB, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
Attn: Ioana Uli, Procurement Manager

Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

Document

The RFP package outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Procurement Office at ASPA's New Operations Building and may also be obtained from our Website: <http://www.aspower.com>.

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The American Samoa Power Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and/or informalities in the submitted proposals that are not in the best interests of the American Samoa Power Authority or the public.

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California issues 1st licenses for its legal pot market

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California on Thursday issued its first batch of business licenses for the state's upcoming legal marijuana market, setting the stage for sales to begin in January.

The first temporary license was awarded to Pure CA, which does business as Moxie brand products, a company known for its cannabis extracts.

"I couldn't be more excited," said Moxie CEO Jordan Lams, who credited "a lot of the stars aligning" for being awarded the first distributor license for recreational pot.

"California has been without regulations for a very long time. So there is going to be a transition period," he added, referring to the changes coming in 2018 with legal cultivation and sales.

The release of the initial 20 temporary licenses, good for 120 days, represents another steppingstone toward legal purchases, which were approved by voters last year.

"We plan to issue many more before Jan. 1," Lori Ajax, the state's top marijuana regulator, said in a statement.

The first license for recreational retail sales went to Torrey Holistics in San Diego, which submitted a 60-page lease, diagrams and a detailed business plan.

Tony Hall, who opened the shop two years ago with a college friend, said he sees recreational marijuana taking off like the wine and craft beer industries.

Customers go through an electronic security gate manned by a guard. Once inside, the business looks like a stylish pharmacy with wood floors and Christmas decorations.

"The taboo part is slowly going to be removed and this is going to be like any other business," Hall said.

In general, California will treat cannabis like alcohol, allowing people 21 and older to legally possess up to an ounce and grow six marijuana plants at home.

Come January, the newly legalized recreational sales will be merged with the state's two-decade-old medical marijuana market, which is also coming under much stronger regulation.



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