

Murder charges filed 10 years after infant died

A South Lake Tahoe man serving time for burglary now faces murder charges in the death of his 3-week-old son.



David Paul
DeMartile

When David Paul DeMartile Jr. died on Nov. 14, 2008, there was something suspicious that led officers to request an autopsy. It was determined the infant had been abused. However, there was not enough evidence to make an arrest even though DeMartile was a person of interest a decade ago.

The case was reopened by the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office, which is going through cold cases. While the new evidence is not being released, the department believes it has enough to charge David Paul DeMartile Sr. with the death of his son.

Investigators are not commenting on the whereabouts of the child's mother or what she might have known at the time.

DeMartile was sentenced last year to 14 years in prison on a burglary charge. He has been in trouble with the law multiple times.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Suspects sought in North Shore burglaries



These two people are being sought by Placer County sheriff's detectives.

By KTVN-TV

The Placer County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help to identify two suspects involved in a series of burglaries from March.

Secret Witness is offering a cash reward of \$750 to find two people who were involved in vehicle burglaries on Mt. Rose Highway, residential burglaries at North Lake Tahoe and fraudulent use of credit cards.

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Rising gas prices putting a chill on travel

By Kellen Browning, Sacramento Bee

As gas prices continue to rise nationwide – with California leading the way, at \$3.71 per gallon – Americans are planning fewer and shorter road trips this summer, a recent survey found.

Currently \$2.93 per gallon on average in the U.S., gas prices are expected to rise to \$2.95 by Memorial Day – 50 cents more than last year. The 2018 summer travel survey for GasBuddy.com, a gas price tracker, found drivers plan to cut costs and avoid gas guzzling by limiting road trips.

Fifty-eight percent of GasBuddy's survey respondents said they will take a road trip this summer, down from 82 percent last year.

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Calif. TV news disappearing from Tahoe

Updated May 23, 9pm:

By Kathryn Reed

“It is 100 percent about commercials.”

That is the reason Charter-Spectrum is telling customers Sacramento station KCRA is being removed from the lineup in the South Lake Tahoe area. Instead, people will have to get their programming from the NBC affiliate KRNV out of Reno.

“Even though you reside in the state of California, you are part of the Reno, Nev., market,” Sylvester, an employee with the cable company, said. He said because people in this region are more likely to shop in Reno instead of Sacramento this area will soon only have access to the Reno station.

It comes down to money. Advertisers are being sold on the broadcast product based on how many people the station is reaching. Businesses in the capital city region aren't going to see the Tahoe-Truckee area as having viable or potential customers. Reno and Carson City businesses, though, do consider the basin their market and therefore want to reach them.

While most of the programming is the same, the news is not. And that is what has some locals riled up.

“KCRA is where our community gets its news on issues that affects us. Political and vital California news,” South Lake Tahoe Councilman Tom Davis told *Lake Tahoe News*. “We don't get California news from Reno stations. I, as an elected official, will not let Charter censor what news we get.”

But it has nothing to do with censorship. It has to do with Charter being a business, and like all businesses, it wants to make a profit and not give its product away for free.

Bret Picciolo, senior director of communications for Charter, didn't know if people would still be able to stream KCRA.

He also wouldn't release how many people are affected by this decision that will take effect on or after June 4.

El Dorado County Supervisor Sue Novasel plans to have a conference call with Charter officials on Friday. On that call will be county CAO Don Ashton, PIO Carla Hass, and city electeds Davis and Wendy David. Novasel said she would ask *LTN's* streaming question.

Novasel has been down this road before with Charter. When she was on the Meyers Roundtable Committee the Sacramento station was pulled in 2008. Public outcry helped restore the service. In 2003 Charter blamed the elimination of KCRA from Meyers televisions because of technology, which was then resolved.

"None of the Reno stations acknowledge us," Novasel told *Lake Tahoe News*. "This is really a public safety issue. If they are going to be our home station, that has to change."

The FCC requires Charter carry the in-market NBC affiliate, which would be the Reno station. Still, it is solely Charter's decision – not the feds', not the station's – to remove KCRA from the local offerings.

While KCRA has no say in the matter, no one from the station returned *Lake Tahoe News'* call. The station must care a little about Tahoe, it has a skycam on the South Shore.

People still have the option of tuning into the 10pm airing of KTVU to get Bay Area news, and thus California news, through this Fox affiliate.

On the North Shore it's different. Charter subscribers had KTVN Reno removed. Placer County gets Sacramento stations KOVR and KCRA on Spectrum as well KRNV out of Reno.

Dead Tahoe bird tests positive for West Nile virus

A Steller's jay in South Lake Tahoe has tested positive for West Nile virus.

This is the first bird this year to test positive in El Dorado County. The animal was found on May 7.

San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have also had reported cases of West Nile.

Confirmation of the West Nile virus positive bird means the virus is circulating between birds and mosquitoes and there is heightened risk of infection in humans.

West Nile virus can be transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes get the virus when they feed on infected birds. The illness is not spread from person-to-person. While most people infected with the virus show no symptoms, some may have high fever, severe headache, tiredness and/or a stiff neck that can last several days to several weeks. The most serious cases of West Nile virus infection can lead to encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, which can be fatal.

Last year, two West Nile virus positive birds were identified in El Dorado County; in Garden Valley and South Lake Tahoe. For 2018, no human cases of West Nile virus have been reported for El Dorado County.

To help prevent West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water around property and keep water in swimming pools, ponds and water troughs circulating or treated with "Mosquito Dunks" or mosquito fish.
- Apply insect repellent that contains DEET or another

approved substance (e.g. picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535) on exposed skin when outdoors.

- Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors among mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight fitting screens, kept in good condition.
- Report dead birds and tree squirrels to 877.968.2473. Wear gloves and place the dead bird or squirrel in a double plastic bag if you dispose of it yourself.

McClintock food stamp limits too strict for GOP

By Kate Irby and Emily Cadei, Sacramento Bee

California Republican Rep. Tom McClintock doesn't believe his party's controversial plan to stiffen work requirements for food stamp recipients goes far enough.

But his proposal to require even more people to work for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits was too strict even for most of his fellow Republicans.

McClintock's amendment to House Republicans' farm bill failed in a vote Thursday night, 83 to 330 (there are 235 Republicans in the House). It could enlarge the target that Democrats have already placed on McClintock's back in this year's election.

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Train passenger found injured near Truckee tracks

By Sam Gross, Reno Gazette-Journal

It's been a week since Aaron Salazar was found battered and unconscious near railroad tracks in Truckee, California, and his family is no closer to understanding what happened to the 22-year-old student who was traveling by rail from Colorado to Oregon.



Aaron Salazar's family and friends want answers.
Photo/Austin Sailas

Was he attacked?

Was he thrown from the train?

Was this a hate crime?

After a week of sitting by Salazar, who lies comatose with a broken pelvis and damage to his brain stem in a Reno hospital critical care unit, his family is still in the dark as to what circumstances left Aaron beside the tracks on May 15 in Truckee, a town his Amtrak train was scheduled to stop in for

just a few minutes.

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Douglas deputy hurt, 1 person dead

By Benjamin Spillman, Reno Gazette-Journal

Authorities in Douglas County say one man is dead and a sheriff's deputy injured following a domestic violence call to a Minden-area home.

The incident happened Saturday on Shadow Lane in northern Douglas County, according to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The report states that deputies responded to a call about a domestic dispute that involved a weapon at 9:30pm.

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Mudslide halts traffic on Hwy. 395

By Kenzie Bales, KRNV-TV

Multiple mudslides have shut down both directions of Highway 395 from Highway 208 (Holbrook Junction) to the

Nevada/California state line near the Topaz Lodge, according to the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Trooper Matt McLaughlin with the Nevada Highway Patrol says all northbound traffic is stopped at the California state line and southbound traffic is being diverted on Highway 208 through Wellington.

A spokeswoman for Douglas County says the nearly 200 people inside the Topaz Lodge are sheltering in place after water and mud inundated the main floor.

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Here comes the summer travel crunch

By Chris McGinnis, San Francisco Chronicle

Memorial Day marks the start of the busy peak travel season, and it looks like this summer will be one of the busiest ever at airports, on the road and at hotels.

The Transportation Security Administration, which processed more than 239 million airline passengers and crew from Memorial Day to Labor Day last year, said it expects to see that number rise to 243 million this summer. To keep the lines moving, TSA has added more than 600 officers to its checkpoint staff since January and said it will add 1,000 more by the peak summer crunch, when it will be processing 2.6 million travelers per day.

To save money on airfare during peak season, you must be flexible. Fridays and Saturdays in July and August now outrank

Thanksgiving as the busiest air travel days of the year.

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