

# Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

## Woman faces child abuse charges

A 28-year-old woman will face felony child abuse charges today in Lancaster County court stemming from the death of her 2-year-old son.

Susie Gugat was arrested Friday, one week after police found her son, Sean Gugat, dead in their home on the 1700 block of N. 17th Street. Police noticed bruises on the child's head and hands.

An autopsy report showed Sean Gugat died of "multiple blunt force injuries ..."

Those injuries resulted from child abuse and were not accidental, the autopsy report stated.

According to a court affidavit, Susie Gugat told police that her son was safe and healthy when she put him to bed Thursday, April 11, and that between 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., she checked on him and gave him a Tylenol because he was sweaty.

Adnan Bushy, Susie Gugat's live-in boyfriend, told police he returned home about 1:30 a.m., Friday April 12 and noticed Sean Gugat was sweaty and obviously sick, the affidavit stated.

Bushy tried to get Susie Gugat to

take her son to the hospital, but she refused, according to the affidavit.

When Bushy went to the child's bedroom to wake him at 10 that morning, the 2-year-old was dead, the affidavit stated.

Susie Gugat told police she didn't know what caused the child's injuries.

Police originally investigated the case as a homicide, but arrested Susie Gugat on suspicion of felony child abuse resulting in death of a child.

### IDENTIFICATIONS

The Lancaster County Attorney on Monday released the names of two homeless men found dead in west Lincoln Saturday.

Both deaths have been declared accidental and are unrelated, County Attorney Gary Lacey said.

Alfredo G. Estrada, 40, was found Friday in a clump of trees underneath a Salt Valley Boulevard overpass. Autopsy reports showed Estrada died of suffocation, Lacey said.

Lacey would not say what caused Estrada to suffocate or why the death

had been ruled an accident. Police are still investigating.

Francisco Santos, 26, was found floating face down in Salt Creek near West O Street. Autopsy reports showed he drowned.

The two men were identified by comparing fingerprints with jail records, Lacey said.

Police were unable to locate any relatives of the two men, Lacey said, and are asking people who know either of the men to call.

The two bodies were found within an hour of each other on Friday and located less than a mile apart. But police have no evidence linking the two deaths, Lacey said.

— Chad Lorenz

## Gov. Nelson seeks to educate drivers about 'no zone' rule

When motorists on Nebraska interstate highways begin to drive 75 mph on June 1, they will have to be more educated on the safety limitations of semi-trucks, Gov. Ben Nelson said Monday.

Nelson was joined by Motor Carriers Association President Bud Cuca for his weekly teleconference Monday morning to announce the inception of the "No Zone" campaign.

Last year, Nelson said, Nebraskans driving cars were involved in more than 2,700 accidents with heavy trucks and buses.

"There is a need to educate motorists and make them aware of truck limitations," Nelson said.

Nelson said the word would get out in the media through televised public

service announcements. Trucks will soon display safety decals, and the state's younger drivers would benefit from the use of multimedia kiosks delivered to schools.

The term "no zone" refers to the blind spots around the semi that the other drivers cannot drive. These spots include the front, back and side of the semi.

Nebraska State Patrol Col. Ron Tussing said the specific points of the program would be the most beneficial.

"It's one thing for us to tell people to drive safely," he said. "But when we have something specific that you can tell people to be aware of — this really has the potential of having a significant impact."

— Ted Taylor

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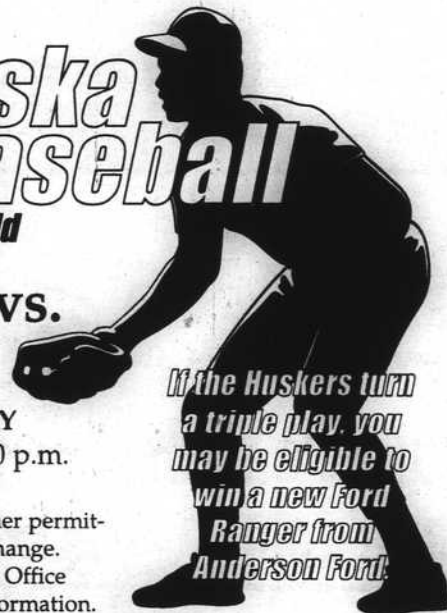
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