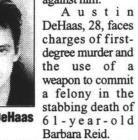
Hearing continues for homeless man

By Josh Funk Senior staff writer

A homeless man accused of stabbing a Lincoln woman in April is still involved in preliminary hearings for

murder charges against him.



In April, DeHaas was arrested in Kimball two days after Reid was found dead in her Lincoln apartment on the 1900 block of F Street.

Police were called to Reid's apartment by friends who had been unable to contact her for several days.

bed with the covers pulled over her face and a stab wound in her chest.

Police reports state that DeHaas had hurt anyone.

been living with Reid off and on during the weeks prior to her death.

Reid's phone records show calls DeHaas made to a friend in Kimball, a girlfriend in Salt Lake City and his mother in San Antonio.

Police contacted all the people that had been called from Reid's apartment and determined their relationship to Reid and DeHaas.

Alfred Walker, a friend of DeHaas, told police DeHaas said he was staying with a woman named Barbara.

DeHaas also tried to sell a television and videocassette recorder from Reid's apartment for \$30, police said.

Friends of Reid who had tried to call her told police that DeHaas had answered the phone and told them that Reid was passed out after drinking half a bottle of vodka.

Before DeHaas left Lincoln, he went to Walker's apartment, where he showered and shaved his mustache off.

In interviews with DeHaas's moth-The officer found Reid's body in her er, Ardeth Aure, police learned DeHaas has had problems with depression and drinking, but Aure said he has never

Nelson returns from Asia

By Todd Anderson Senior staff writer

Add Gov. Ben Nelson to the list of thousands of people returning to Lincoln this week.

But rather than returning from his parents' home or a summer internship, the governor is back from a trip through Japan, China and Hong Kong.

Nelson returned Wednesday from his 11th trade mission since he became governor in January 1991.

Nelson spent 10 days meeting with Asian government officials and business leaders to boost trade between the two regions.

are consistently strong for Nebraska in despite the region's weakened markets.

both export and import markets," Nelson said before leaving Aug. 9.

"It's important for Nebraska producers, companies and business leaders to maintain existing contacts and make new contacts through face-to-face meetings," he said.

Nelson has traveled to the Asian nations, as well as Mexico, Chile and Argentina, to discuss trade deals resulting in more than \$47 million worth of international sales and investment, according to reports from business leaders who attended past meetings.

In 1997 Nebraska exported \$592 million worth of products to Japan and \$44 million to China and Hong Kong.

Nelson said it is important to make "China and Japan are countries that connections with Asian businesses



Driver may be charged

Head injuries caused the death of a 14-year-old boy who was riding his skateboard behind a car Aug. 11, and now the Lancaster County attorney is considering charges against the 16-year-old driver.

Cody Essman of Dewitt died Man arrested for possession Sunday night in the hospital because of head injuries he sustained in the

Essman was riding his skateboard and holding onto the back of a car driven by a 16-year-old, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The car was driving north on 67th Street near Plumwood Lane at about 15 mph when Essman's board hit the car, causing him to fall, Heermann

Essman was taken to the hospital to treat what were believed to be minor injuries.

The driver of the car was ticketed for having someone clinging to his

Robber stabbed by victim

A would-be robber was thwarted by an armed victim Sunday night.

A 17-year-old boy from Elmwood was driving south on 12th Street, and when he stopped at K Street, a man with a 5-inch knife jumped into the passenger seat and motioned for him to stop the car, Heermann said.

The man then told the driver to get out of the car.

As the driver got out, he grabbed two knives from his door compartment and walked around to the front

When the man came toward the driver, the two scuffled, and the driver cut the man across the stomach, Heermann said.

Then the driver got into his car and left. When police arrived, the man was gone.

The man did not show up at an emergency room, and the extent of his injuries is unknown.

An argument on the street led police officers to arrest a man carrying crack cocaine and a handgun Sunday.

Officers in the area of 24th and U streets heard yelling and saw two men pushing each other at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Heermann said.

The officers stopped the men at 23rd and Vine streets after they had entered their car.

When officers approached the car and saw a pistol box lying at the passenger's feet, they asked the driver to get out of the car.

The 24-year-old man got out and

As police chased the driver, they saw him discard several small plastic bags, five of which were later recovered, containing what was suspected to be crack cocaine, which weighed a little more than a half gram.

After the driver was apprehended, police searched his car, where they found a loaded 9 mm pistol under the driver's seat.

The driver is charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with the intent to deliver and possession of a firearm while possessing a controlled substance.

No charges were filed against the passenger.

Minors cited for alcohol

Eight minors were cited with alcohol in a Harper Residence Hall room Tuesday.

Community Services Officers came upon the party in a 10th floor room just after midnight Tuesday morning as part of their regular rounds, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

Officers knocked, and when the resident opened the door, they smelled alcohol and saw several people in the room holding plastic

when questioned, the five men and three women in the room admitted they had been drinking and produced a 1.75 liter bottle of whiskey, two-thirds full.

Seven of the eight are freshmen at UNL, and the eighth is a Lincoln resident.

Girl suffers BB wounds

A 16-year-old girl who wanted to know what it felt like to be shot with a BB gun wound up with a BB lodged above her eye.

The girl was with three boys who were shooting BB guns Aug. 10 in the 1800 block of Thomasville Avenue, Heermann said.

The victim asked one of the boys to shoot her, but the boy she asked was out of BBs, so the other two, ages 9 and 13, started shooting her repeatedly at close range, Heermann

Though she was hit in the face, arms and legs, the girl did not go to the emergency room until two days later, when she started having headaches, Heermann said.

Doctors found a BB lodged in the orbital bone above her left eye. She was referred to a specialist for treatment.

Police referred the two boys to juvenile services for the shooting.

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