

Suspects in stabbing death arraigned

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Lincoln's weekend stabbing victim was killed during an argument over \$500, according to court documents filed Wednesday.

Only one of the three suspects arraigned Wednesday afternoon was charged with first-degree murder, while the other two were charged as accessories.

Lawrence Barry, 38, was charged with murder for stabbing James Allen, 38, Saturday night.

Barry's bond was set at 10 percent of \$1 million dollars.

Barry's wife, Jennifer Irwin-Barry, 20, who was charged as an accessory, told police Sunday her husband admitted to killing Allen.

Irwin-Barry's bond was set at 10 percent of \$100,000.

Barry went to Allen's apartment, 1635 F St. Apt. 2, around 7 p.m.

Saturday to look for \$500 and Larry Welch, 44, who was also charged as an accessory Wednesday.

Welch's bond was also set at 10 percent of \$100,000.

Both Welch and Irwin-Barry initially lied to police about their knowledge of or involvement in the crime.

Irwin-Barry was charged as an accessory after the fact for denying knowledge of the murder. Welch is accused of helping Barry dispose of evidence, so he was charged with accessory to murder.

Police documents filed in court Wednesday describe the events leading up to Allen's murder.

Neighbors and the people who discovered the body said all three suspects had been at Allen's apartment Saturday, and were the last ones seen with Allen alive.

Police said Allen and Barry got into an argument between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. that ended when Allen was killed. In the police reports filed

Wednesday, it is unclear whether Welch was present during the attack or when he may have left the apartment.

Barry said he had gone to the apartment to pick up Welch in the early evening, but he denied any argument.

Irwin-Barry and Welch told police that after the murder, Barry put his clothes into a garbage sack, which Welch threw in a trash bin behind WalMart, 27th and Superior streets.

At 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Allen was found dead with two knives stuck in his back when two friends came to his apartment.

Welch came back to Allen's apartment Sunday, and police took him to the station for questioning, where he admitted his involvement in the crime.

Barry and Irwin-Barry were arrested around 6 p.m. Sunday near Daywatch, 19th and R streets.

Preliminary hearings for all three suspects were scheduled for late April: Barry on April 21 and Irwin-Barry and Welch on April 23.

Moerer sheds light on 'Good Friday' e-mail

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University e-mail users who expect an extra treat in their Easter basket this year — an additional day off — won't be frolicking through the fields in search of eggs April 2.

Instead, they will have to wait until April 4 to receive their chocolate, jelly-beans and marshmallow chickens.

Although a few University of Nebraska-Lincoln students tried to unite their peers via e-mail and requested the Good Friday holiday off, university officials were not convinced.

"It's a hoax. The e-mail is false," UNL Chancellor James Moerer said. "There will be classes."

The e-mail, originating from a fictitious person, Dennis Shields, whose fictitious title was University of

Nebraska Admissions counselor, requested all UNL users of the bigred e-mail system to forward the message, asking for Moerer to cancel all classes April 2.

"In order to do this, as a student body, we must all show our strong bond. I suggested that we should start a chain e-mail," the message said.

The e-mail said a meeting was conducted with Moerer and Associate to the Chancellor Herb Howe, which supposedly resulted in the understanding.

Moerer said the meeting did not occur.

Larry Routh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln director of admissions, said Shields was not an employee of his office.

"No such person exists," Routh said. "I guess this is proof people can't believe everything they read over e-mail and the Internet."

Moerer and other university officials received the e-mail Wednesday morning.

Laughing, Moerer said whomever the source of the e-mail was, they were "trying to have some fun."

Administrators said they began working on stopping the e-mail's dissemination as soon as they found out.

Moerer said he was not too concerned about finding who started the e-mail.

"We are going to try to stop the transmission through the bigred server," Moerer said. "Nothing more than that."

Dave Spanel, UNL information services systems coordinator, said the university has no way to moderate e-mail forwards distributed by students.

"We can't prevent e-mail being forwarded," Spanel said. Spanel said forwarding was a normal e-mail privilege.

Spanel said, however, the university does regulate distribution lists sent e-mail users through bigred and other university servers, pending approval by a vice chancellor.

Moerer said he thought the e-mail was amusing, but he encouraged students to be more productive with their time.

"I hope students have better things to do with their time than forward e-mails like this," Moerer said. "I say, get back to your studies, or do something more worthwhile."

Senior editor Lindsay Young contributed to this report.

Publications Board chooses new DN editor

From staff reports

The Daily Nebraskan's editor in chief for the next academic school year was chosen Monday by the UNL Publications Board.

Josh Funk, a senior staff writer for the Daily Nebraskan, was selected by a unanimous vote.

Jeff Randall, co-design chief and senior staff writer, and Cliff Hicks, opinion editor, were also considered for the editor in chief position.

After interviews and deliberations, Funk, a junior news-editorial major, was chosen for the position.

Funk will bring his experience with the Daily Nebraskan to the position, as well as experience as a stringer for The Associated Press and a high school reporting intern with the Star-Herald in Scottsbluff.

Funk said he thought the board chose him because of his vision for the future of the Daily Nebraskan.

"Our greatest asset is the talented staff, and I plan to use that staff to move the paper ahead by setting goals for the future," he said.

Funk said he looked at the position as a new challenge.

"I look forward to taking the paper into the next millennium and closing out the first century of Daily Nebraskan news coverage."

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