

Bank robbery leads to three arrests

By Michelle Starr
Staff writer

A pursuit encompassing three states ended Thursday with the arrest of three people in Omaha in connection with Tuesday's bank robbery in Lincoln.

The arrest came after two people were shot in Greenwood on Tuesday shortly after the robbery, when the suspects allegedly stole a pickup truck. Authorities believe the suspects responsible for the robbery were also responsible for the shooting.

Leslie and Retha DeBrie, the victims in the Greenwood shooting, were in serious condition as of Sunday night at BryanLGH Medical Center West.

Sue Bryant, 38, James Allee, 24, and Justin Allee, 20, all of Omaha, were arrested Thursday in connection to a robbery at Westgate Bank, 1204 West O St., said Weysan Dun, acting special agent in charge of the Omaha Division of the FBI, in a statement Thursday.

U.S. Attorney Tom Monaghan said in statement that formal charges of federal armed bank robbery were filed on Friday in U.S. District Court.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of up to 25 years in prison and a fine.

Larry Holmquist, spokesman for the FBI, said the FBI is investigating only the bank robbery, and if other charges are to be filed they must be filed by local authorities.

The chase began after the robbery occurred Tuesday at 4:50 p.m. in Lincoln when two masked people entered the bank.

Dun said one person told the people to lie on the ground while the other robber jumped over the teller counter and took \$38,000.

It is believed the suspects then fled to Greenwood where they allegedly entered the DeBrie house and demanded the keys to the couple's pickup, which were given to them.

The suspects left the house after instructing the DeBries to lie on the floor, but the suspects returned after having problems opening the garage door. When they returned Leslie DeBrie tried to push them out of the door which prompted the suspects to shoot.

The suspects then fled in the DeBries' pickup truck and went to Missouri, where they changed the

license plates with Missouri plates from a vehicle in a bowling alley parking lot in Rock Port, Mo. The truck's original plates were found in the parking lot.

The truck was found on fire late Tuesday near Crescent, Iowa, with Missouri plates on it that were reported stolen from the parking lot.

Monaghan said the three appeared before Magistrate Judge Jaudzemis on Friday for an initial appearance and detention hearing. The hearing will continue Friday, and the three defendants will remain in custody until the hearing.

Monaghan also said his office will continue to review the case to determine if any additional federal charges will be filed.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study Abroad

Workshops for the Fulbright Student Grant Program will be held on March 21st and 22nd to explain the Grant Program. The first workshop will be held on March 21st, 3:00 PM at East Campus Union (room will be posted) and the second workshop will be held on March 22nd, 3:00 PM at City Campus Union (room will be posted).

Fulbright grants are extremely prestigious awards providing very generous support for study at foreign universities. Juniors and Seniors with good academic records interested in study abroad will want to attend one of these workshops to learn about this important program. Students interested in Fulbright grants who cannot attend one of the workshops may contact Dr. Robert Stoddard (472-3573; rstoddard1@unl.edu) or the International Affairs Office at 472-5358.

Former student participates in business plan tournament

■ UNL graduate competes with Web-based company.

By Jacob Kruger
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While many students were taking off to exotic locales on March 10, a recent UNL graduate was competing in the February Madness business plan tournament.

The tournament, which ends Friday, consists of 64 teams from as far away as the University of Tokyo.

All teams were selected by the tournament's corporate sponsor, Hummer Winblad. The format was similar to the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament.

Originally, the full tournament name was "March Madness Start-Up Tournament: Nothin' but the Net." But Hummer Winblad was told by the NCAA that the use of "March Madness" was a trademark infringement, according to a press release.

Brandon Dupsky, who has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented his four-person

business, Sell2All, to several Hummer Winblad partners in Louisville, Ky.

Dupsky said his company - which helps people buy and sell things such as cars and houses, among other products - provides a service on the Internet.

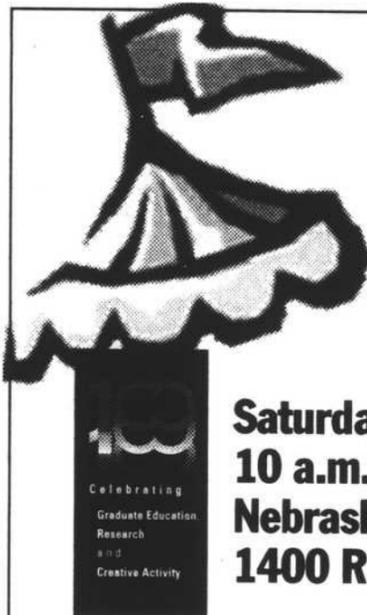
"We help people and companies sell surplus inventory on the Web," he said.

In the end, Dupsky was told that his team did not advance to the Final Four, but he is still talking with Hummer Winblad, so there might be a chance to receive some investment money, he said.

Dupsky said he had thought his team had a fairly good chance to continue in the contest and possibly receive investments from Hummer Winblad.

The contest rules state the winning team will receive investments from the company. Any team that enters the contest can receive an investment from the company, but it is only guaranteed for the first-place team.

More information about the contest can be found at winbig.humwin.com. More information about Sell2All can be found at www.sell2all.com.



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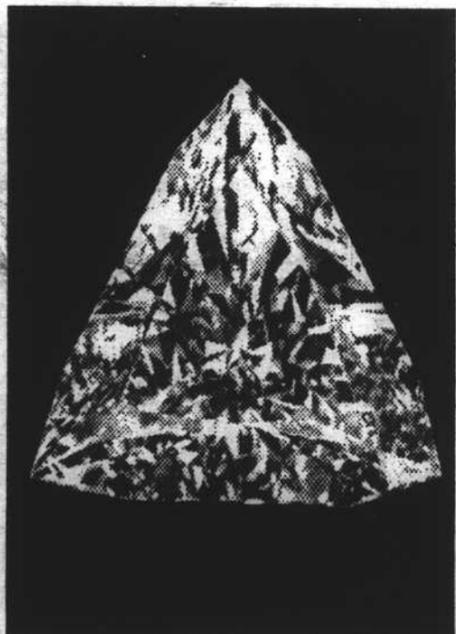
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