

Stabbing leaves 1 dead, 1 injured in Lincoln's third murder of year

BY JOSH FUNK

An early morning gathering that ended with a fatal fight left one man jailed and neighbors searching for answers Wednesday.

At 4 a.m. a stabbing call summoned police to 908 N. Eighth St. where they found one man dying and a young woman who had been wounded in her arm, Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said.

Police spent most of Wednesday interviewing the other people at the party, which included at least six adults, while news of the stabbing spread through the neighborhood.

Wednesday evening Lincoln Police arrested Charles R. Eagleboy, 24, of 908 N. Eighth St., for first-degree murder.

Eagleboy was arrested while being interviewed at the police station. He is expected to be charged in court today.

The victim, Jason Lee Daniels, 29, was found critically wounded at or near 908 N. Eighth St. Daniels was taken to BryanLGH Medical Center West where he was pronounced dead.

The other stabbing victim, 18-year-old Mindy Falcon, was cut in the arm, but the injury was not life-threatening.

The fatal fight is believed to have occurred on the porch of the house and/or in the street.

Later in the day, on the covered porch where the stabbing

may have occurred, sat a stroller, a couch and an overturned papazon chair, though the area had been cordoned off with crime scene tape since 8 a.m.

When the fight occurred, there were six children asleep on the floor of one of the home's bedrooms, Casady said.

Falcon had been living in the home with her sister, Monique. Neighbors said that a couple of other people had also lived in the house with the Falcons since they moved in last spring, but it was unclear how many others.

Three doors north of the site of the murder, 96-year-old Henry Schmidt said he was awakened by the noise of the fight and went to investigate.

"I saw them running around back and forth in the street," Schmidt said. "To me they were just fighting—a fist fight or something like that."

Schmidt said he did not know anyone had been killed until he got up later that morning, and it was unsettling to learn.

"You'd be a little leery of what's going on too (if this were your neighborhood)," Schmidt said.

Another neighbor, Harlan Lasley, 59, said he heard a woman's voice yelling after he got home from work at 3 a.m., but he did not think much of it.

"I just figured it was college kids," Lasley said. Many of the homes in the neighborhood

around the murder are rented to college students, and the area is a popular spot for football game parking.

Police said Daniels, the victim, lived at an apartment at 1030 S. Ninth St., but neighbors said he had moved out of the building at least a year ago.

This was Lincoln's third murder of 2000, which is half as many as at the same time last year.

Daniels had an extensive history of run-ins with the law, including a manslaughter conviction stemming from the 1988 death of a 35-year-old Lincoln man who had been beaten to death with a tire iron.

Other offenses in Daniels' criminal history include assault, trespassing, disturbing the peace and interfering with an arrest.

One of Daniels' former neighbors said she remembered that "he was in a lot of trouble" with outstanding warrants.

"He and his brothers would fight when they got drinking," Michelle Kavanagh, 21, said. "He knocked down his girlfriend a few times, and we had to call the law on him."

Kavanagh's sister, Tracie Nicholson, said Daniels didn't really plan for the future. "He was just living day by day."

Daniels was the oldest of three brothers and his parents still live in Lincoln, Nicholson said.

"He didn't deserve it," said

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Henry Schmidt lives near murder site

Nicholson, 18, who used to hang out with Daniels and his friends. "He had done a lot of bad things in his life, but he didn't deserve it."

For those who awoke to find a crime scene and a half-dozen police cruisers on their street Wednesday, the stabbing was a sobering event.

"It was kind of shocking to see that (the crime scene) when I was coming out of the house," said sophomore construction management major Ryan Norder, who discovered the police investigation on the way to his 8:30 a.m. class.

Police had been called to the 908 N. Eighth Street home a few times before, but Casady said it was not an exceptional number of calls.

Fifty-year-old neighborhood resident Marie Loos first learned of the stabbing from a radio news report before she went outside to get her newspaper.

"It's a bit scary," Loos said.

Program builds language, friendships

■ Conversation group pairs international and American students, while promoting the education of other cultures.

BY MARGARET BEHM

Foreign students may be confused and want someone to talk to.

American students may want some exposure to another culture.

That's where the English Conversation Program comes in. The program brings American university students and foreign students who want practice speaking English together to talk.

Piotrek Juskiewicz, one of the program's coordinators, said having someone to talk to is important for foreign students.

"They usually go through a culture shock," said Juskiewicz, a graduate student in education.

"It's good for them to have somebody there for one hour a week and to be a friend to them."

There are 130 international students and 70 American students signed up for the program so far. The program needs about 60 more American students, Juskiewicz said.

For the past two years, every foreign student who applied got an American partner, he said.

Students who would like to participate in the program should pick up an application from the International Affairs Office, located at 420 University Terrace.

Applications need to be in by Sept. 12. Applicants should also go to a meeting in the Union Ballroom on Sept. 14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

During the meeting, participants will meet their partner. They will also receive brief training.

Participants are only required

to spend one hour a week with each other, Juskiewicz said. The hour can take place anytime during the week, and the students decide what they want to do during that hour.

Ruth Rohnke, a secretary at the Lutheran Chapel who participated in the program last year, said the one hour a week was enjoyable for her.

"It's just like meeting one of your friends for coffee," she said.

The program is an inexpensive and safe way for university students to learn about other cultures, Juskiewicz said.

"The benefit for American students is that without leaving Lincoln, they get almost first-hand exposure to another country," he said.

Rohnke said that she enjoyed the program and even made a new friend.

"We're friends now—we don't even consider it as being conversation partners," said Rohnke.

Rohnke said she invited her partner to celebrate Thanksgiving with her.

"A lot of the international students have never even stepped foot in an American home," she said. "It was really neat. She was very appreciative of our friendship."

Even though they may come from halfway across the world, Terry Malone, a senior education major, said the conversations are similar to American ones.

"It's actually like meeting an American," Malone said. "You learn things about them that you would from meeting your next-door neighbor."

Malone participated in the program last year. He said the time spent together helped his partner speak better English.

"A lot of times, they can write it but can't speak it," Malone said. "It also helps them when they hear the slang; they can actually learn the meaning of it."

Tapes of JFK, missile crisis released

■ The former presidents phone conversations, which focused on whether to invade Cuba, were given to the media.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON—Tape recordings released from President Kennedy's library Wednesday documented tension in the White House following the Cuban missile crisis as Kennedy debated whether the United States should promise not to invade Cuba.

The nine hours of tapes, taken from conversations held in the Oval Office, are the latest in a series that have been released periodically by the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in the past 17 years.

The conversations took place between Nov. 7 and Nov. 16, 1962 after the Soviet Union publicly agreed to pull its missiles out of Cuba in the Cuban missile crisis.

Sheldon Stern, a former historian at the library who reviewed portions of the tapes, including the excerpts released to the media, said the new tapes, while not as dramatic as tapes made when the crisis was at its grim height, shed light on how the crisis wound down.

They also show a president who is firmly in charge, he said.

"He's making up his mind, he's listening to input from his advisers. It's perfectly clear from these tapes and all the others that these decisions were made by the president," he said.

In a 20-minute segment of tape on the Cuban missile crisis, Kennedy and his advisers can be heard discussing whether the prospect of an American pledge to not invade Cuba would encourage the Soviets to pull out its bombers.

"We're not planning to invade

Cuba, anyway... We don't plan to invade Cuba. But we're ready to give that in a more formal way when they meet their commitments," Kennedy said on the tapes.

Kennedy was concerned what it would look like if the Soviets didn't pull out the bombers, wondering if it would seem "we failed to get what we wanted, we've settled for less."

But he also saw problems with reversing direction.

"I don't think we look very good to say, 'Well, we withdraw our commitment that we won't invade,'" he said.

Ultimately, said Stern, the Soviets agreed to pull out the bombers and agreed to pull back the tarpaulins when the missiles were loaded onto ships so they could be counted from the air.

Kennedy lifted the blockade of Cuba on Nov. 20, ending the crisis.

There were 127 tapes made in 1962 and 1963. Now, 90 have been reviewed and opened to the public or partially opened, while 34 still need to be reviewed to see if they must remain sealed because they contain classified material, said Maura Porter, foreign policy archivist for the library. Three tapes are blank.



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