

Driver in fatal crash had past DUI

Motorcyclist was killed in collision

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The driving privileges of the woman who is accused of driving drunk when she struck and killed a woman on a motorcycle Tuesday night had been canceled indefinitely in 2011, according to Maricopa County Superior Court documents.

Veronica Muckerman, 32, of Tempe, was driving a black GMC Yukon west on Broadway Road at about 5:50 p.m. when she failed to yield while turning left onto Rural Road, striking a motorcycle driven by 21-year-old Elsa Tovar, court documents say. Tovar was pronounced dead at a Scottsdale hospital.

Muckerman, who had her 9- and 12-year-old daughters in the SUV with her, showed signs of impairment, authorities said. None of the vehicle's occupants was injured.

She submitted to a Breathalyzer test, which showed a

blood-alcohol content of at least 0.137 percent, according to court documents. The legal driving limit is .08 percent.

A history check with the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division found her driver's license had been revoked indefinitely because of an extreme DUI conviction in 2011.

She was arrested and booked into Tempe jail on one count each of manslaughter and aggravated DUI with a suspended or revoked license, and three counts of aggravated DUI, court records say.

Tuesday's collision was Tempe's second in three days involving a driver who was believed to be impaired.

At about 9 a.m. Sunday, Kaylynn Ruth Kayanie, 25, was driving west on Broadway "at a high rate of speed" when she ran a red light and struck another vehicle that was traveling south on Priest Drive, Tempe Police Department spokeswoman Molly Enright says.

The driver of the southbound vehicle, a 45-year-old woman, was ejected and taken to the hospital with life-threatening

injuries. She was still in the hospital Wednesday morning, though police did not have an update on her condition, Enright said.

Two pedestrians who were in the crosswalk heading south on Priest at the time of the collision were hit by flying debris and taken to the hospital, where they were treated for cuts and bruises and released the same day, she said.

Impairment does appear to be a factor in that case and investigators are awaiting drug-test results, Enright said.

Slain Phoenix father, son mourned at vigil

By **Cecilia Chan**
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The soulful sound of "Calling All Angels" wafted through the still air Wednesday as more than 100 people raised lit candles into the night sky in memory of a father and son fatally shot in their home.

Parish Ocampo, 21, and his father, Ulises Ocampo, 46, died March 8 after two masked men barged into the family's southeast Phoenix house. The family's dog also was shot but survived.

Mari Ocampo attended the candlelight vigil at Civic Space Park for her husband and son but was too distraught to speak with the media. She and her younger son, Justin, were hiding when the intruders broke into the house after 2 a.m., police said.

Jesus Parra, 21, of Phoenix met Parish while both attended the AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute. The nonprofit organization helps Latino youth gain access to higher education.

"He was a man of many labels, such as hard worker and fighter," Parra said before the start of the vigil in downtown Phoenix. "He was a guy I could relate to."

Parra said Parish recently was granted federal work authorization under the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Instead of laboring in construction, Parish found a "decent" job with a pharmaceutical



Mari Ocampo is comforted by her cousin Carlos Sarmiento while she mourns her son Parish Ocampo and her husband, Ulises Ocampo, during a candlelight vigil Wednesday at Civic Space Park. NICK OZA/THE REPUBLIC

company and planned on college, he said.

"He had big dreams," Parra said. "For me, it's still shocking and I still can't believe it because of all the moments we bonded."

Speakers included Phoenix City Councilman Michael Nowakowski, who led the crowd in the Prayer of the Farm Workers' Struggle.

Rufena Jalate cried as she recalled that her son and Parish

had played soccer together since they were both 8 years old.

"He was a good, good guy," she said as she cried.

Her son, Cesar Garcia, 21, also cried as he echoed his mother's comment about Parish.

And "his dad was amazing," Garcia said. "He was the best soccer coach I've had. He always pushed us to never give up."

Police have sought the public's help in finding the killers. Officials have said the killings may have been a case of mistaken identity.

Phoenix police spokesman Tommy Thompson has said that there is no new information in the case.

One assailant is described as Black, 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighing 230 pounds, and wearing a black T-shirt, jeans and a bandanna over his face.

The other shooter is described as Black, 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds, and wearing a black long-sleeve shirt, black pants and a ski mask covering his head. Police believe both men are carrying handguns.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to call the Phoenix Police Department at 602-262-6141 or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO for Spanish.

Meanwhile, funds have been set up to honor Parish and to assist his family.

Parish, an avid soccer player and poet, graduated from Arcadia High School in Phoenix in 2009. He planned to attend college and one day own an international business while living in France.

The AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute announced Tuesday that a scholarship had been established in memory of Parish, a 2009 graduate of its program that helps Latino youth gain access to higher education.

Parish planned to donate \$100 to help cover the \$25 application fees for other Latinos to attend the non-profit organization's program.

Donations to support the family or to contribute to the scholarship, Parish's Promise, can be sent to AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute, 3030 N. Third St., Suite 970, Phoenix, AZ, 85012.

Donations also can be made by calling AGUILA at 602-518-0612 or by visiting aguila.youth.org/index.php/az-gives/.

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Mental-health session offered

PHOENIX — Magellan Health Services of Arizona is offering a 12-hour mental-health first-aid training session at no cost from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25-26 at its Learning and Performance Center at 4801 E. Washington St.

The goal is to train as many Arizonans as possible to assess a situation, select and implement appropriate interventions and help a person in crisis or who may be developing the signs and symptoms of mental illness.

Registration: To register, visit magellanofaz.com.

Group to record locals' stories

PHOENIX — StoryCorps, a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing the stories of Americans, will record interviews in Phoenix through March 23.

The MobileBooth, an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio, will be parked at the Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave.

StoryCorps' MobileBooth interviews are conducted between two people who know and care about each other.

KNAI-FM (88.3) Radio Campesina Phoenix will air a selection of interviews.

Reservations: Radio Campesina, 602-269-3121, or Lacampesina883@chavezfoundation.org.

SCOTTSDALE

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PV officers combat burglaries

PARADISE VALLEY — Burglaries have trended up in Paradise Valley for about six months, but town officials continue to take measures to stay ahead of the problem.

There have been 18 burglaries in the town since the beginning of 2013, amounting to one-third of all the burglaries recorded last year.

Police Chief John Bennett said that as a response, he is using a variety of tactics to fight property crime, ranging from schedule adjustments to increased police presence.

Bennett said the Police Department has been canvassing neighborhoods in which burglaries have recently occurred.

This involves officers and volunteers going door to door in neighborhoods affected by burglaries to raise awareness.

"We've done this before and will continue to do it," Bennett said. "It's not only about notifying residents, but it's also about crime prevention and education."

Bennett said fighting property crime will include covert and overt operations.

Last weekend, as part of a tactic to increase public-safety presence, the department had 10 vehicles in the northern part of the town, an area where a number of burglaries have occurred. Six of those were marked units.

The increased presence is something residents will see more of, he said.

"We want to be seen out there," he said. "If potential burglars see we're in the area, they'll think twice."

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Homemade bomb discovered

MESA — A homemade bomb detonated near Brown Road and Stapley Drive at Candlelight Park in Mesa at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, according to the Mesa Police Department.

Mesa police responded to a report of an explosion and found a detonated homemade bomb, authorities said. The device was covered in tape and built in the shape of a pipe bomb.

No injuries or damages were reported.

Cars & Cakes benefit is planned

APACHE JUNCTION — Desert Chapel United Methodist Church, 462 N. Palo Verde Drive, will hold its Cars & Cakes benefit car show and pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The show will feature the 1966 Southern 500-winning Mercury Comet Cyclone, which recently returned from the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C. More than 200 vehicles will be on display.

More details: david.tom16@yahoo.com or 602-625-2180.

Drop off unneeded medicine

SAN TAN VALLEY AREA — Unneeded prescription medications can be dropped off during business hours at the Rural/Metro Fire Department Station 843, 28353 N. Main St. in the Copper Basin neighborhood of the San Tan Valley area.

More details: ruralmetrofire.com.

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Dutch team to play in Peoria

PEORIA — Peoria Sports Complex is hosting the Netherlands National team today against the Padres and Friday against the Mariners in the World Baseball Classic.

Game times are set for 7:05 pm and tickets are available starting at \$7.

Tickets can be purchased at padres.com, mariners.com, 800-677-1227 or at the Peoria Sports Complex box office, 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria.

More details: springtrainingpeoria.com.

Science of Hockey event is set

GLENDALE — DeVry University and Honeywell are sponsors of the Science of Hockey event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Jobing.com Arena, 9400 W. Maryland Ave.

There will be demonstrations about the physics of a slap shot, sports-medicine information and how the Zamboni functions.

The free event aims to get children and adults excited about science and how it applies to the sport of hockey.

Other activities include a tour of the city-owned Jobing.com Arena and interactive activities from organizations including Midwestern University, Chamberlain College of Nursing, Glendale Community College, SciPreneur and Sun Valley Solar.

The event is in partnership with the city of Glendale as part of the Arizona SciTech Festival, a statewide science festival that runs through March.

More details: www.glendaleaz.com/science.

LOTTERY RESULTS

Lottery information is available at arizonalottery.com or 480-829-PICK (7425).

POWERBALL

Wednesday's drawing:
05 09 28 32 38;
Powerball: 29.
Estimated jackpot:
\$183 million.

THE PICK

Wednesday's drawing:
03 09 11 13 14 32.
Estimated jackpot:
\$4.6 million.

FANTASY 5

Tuesday's drawing:
02 03 12 26 35.
Wednesday's drawing:
07 08 12 20 35.
Estimated jackpot:
\$108,000.

PICK 3

Tuesday's drawing: 8 8 6.
Wednesday's drawing: 5 9 6.

WEEKLY WINNINGS

Tuesday's drawing:
16 25 33 44.

2BY2

Tuesday's drawing:
Red: 19 20.
White: 08 11.
Wednesday's drawing:
Red: 17 24. White: 20 21.

MEGA MILLIONS

Tuesday's drawing:
09 12 19 20 30;
Mega Ball: 39;
Megaplier: 4.
Friday's estimated
jackpot: \$12 million.