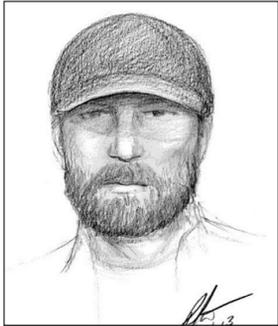


Law enforcement seek public's help in assault

Experts discuss grain laws

South Dakota law enforcement continue to seek the public's help in locating the individual in connection with the assault that occurred on June 13, on I-90 mile marker 401, located between Brandon and Sioux Falls. A female driver parked on the interstate shoulder traveling westbound and driving a white Toyota Camry was approached by an individual and seriously assaulted.



The South Dakota Attorney General's office has released this sketch of a man wanted in connection with an assault June 13 on Interstate 90.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'9" to 6' tall, medium build, with a scruffy beard, raspy voice, wearing a dark colored baseball hat and possibly wearing boots, possibly steel toed. The vehicle the suspect was driving may be a square type vehicle, possibly an older diesel pickup.

Law enforcement is seeking the public's help in locating and/or identifying suspect vehicle and is asking those with information to

call Crime Stoppers at (605) 367-7007 or (877) 367-7007 or <http://www.crimestopperssiouxempire.com/>.

In the community where Anderson Seed Company's insolvency last year cost some farmers tens of thousands of dollars, grain transaction experts from South Dakota and North Dakota explained current laws and rules governing grain sales and compared the state's laws while discussing how South Dakota could better protect farmers who sell grain in the state.

Anderson Seed's facility in Redfield cost producers an estimated \$2.6 million in unpaid grain in February 2012.

The meeting in Redfield Monday at the American Legion hall was hosted by South Dakota Farmers Union. The family farm organization invited South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Vice Chairman Chris Nelson, PUC Grain Warehouse Division director Jim Mehlhaff and North Dakota Public Service Commission Licensing Division director Sue Richter to discuss with farmers and those in the agriculture industry the current situation involving grain buyers and warehouses.

"In Anderson (Seed Company), we learned some things," Nelson said. "And what we learned was that we had some areas of our statute that weren't what they needed to be. There were some tools that the PUC needed to find problems like Anderson much, much sooner than what we were able to."

The PUC brought a bill to the Legislature during the 2013 session to help the regulatory commission be better equipped to deal with

grain buyers who might be in financial trouble.

House Bill 1017, which passed with bipartisan support, gave what Nelson called several "new tools" to handle grain transactions. It gave the PUC authority to get more current financial information from grain buyers.

Before the new law was passed, the company would have to give the PUC its last audited financial statement.

"In the case of Anderson, that statement was nine months old by the time we got it," Nelson said.

Another piece of the new law would allow the PUC to more easily receive information from a grain buyer that was headquartered outside of South Dakota, which wasn't the case with Minnesota-based Anderson Seed. The new law also requires companies that buy grain to report to the PUC if they believe they might be falling into financial trouble.

"I call it the self-reporting provision," Nelson said.

If they don't report their financial trouble and a farmer loses money, it's a felony.

"We think that's going to be a crucial part of this legislation," Nelson said.

Nelson said that it's up to producers, along with regulators, to watch out for companies who might not be paying farmers. And if there's a problem, they need to contact the PUC.

"If you're a producer and you are having even a whiff of difficulty getting paid for your

grain, call Jim Mehlhaff, because he's the guy who can send inspectors that day or the next day to figure out what's really going on there," Nelson said.

He explained the case of the Gregory Farmers Elevator, which knew it was getting into financial trouble, and contacted the PUC. The commission staff inspected the cooperative's financials, and in the end they were able to sell the elevator and farmers were paid in full.

"It really emphasizes the importance of producers across this state being wary and willing to make a phone call to get us involved early in the process instead of late," Nelson said.

Just recently, another issue came up for the PUC regarding grain buyer laws when an Orient-area producer, Ray Martinmaas, requested a payment from the Anderson Seed Company bond. He lost \$47,000 after he sold grain to Anderson, and asked for some of the bond proceeds. The PUC denied his request because he purchased the grain on a voluntary credit sale contract, which was in essence a verbal agreement to delay payment to a later date.

The PUC denied Martinmaas payment because they thought those contracts weren't eligible for bond payments. But the contract was never signed by Martinmaas, and a judge ruled that the contract needed to be signed by Martinmaas to be a valid voluntary credit sale contract.

Silver for USD marketing

The National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA) has awarded a second-place award to the University of South Dakota's marketing team for best radio commercial. The radio spots were single-game ticket sales and were done with Classic Hits 106.3 morning host Randy Hammer.

USD director of marketing and promotions Neal Bendesky is a co-founder of NACMA, which originated 22 years ago. He is also a current committee member for the NACMA Strategic Planning group which convenes monthly.

Initiated in 2003, the NACMA awards program honors outstanding achievement in marketing and promotions. Awards are presented in 13 categories, with each category divided into three groups based on school size and conference affiliation to promote fairness. A record number of more than 1,000 entries were received for the 2012-13 year. The winners were recognized during NACMA's 22nd annual convention at the awards ceremony Friday in Orlando, FL.

A complete list of award winners in all categories is available at <http://www.nacda.com/sports/nacma/spec-rel/061413aab.html>.

Cases Disposed 6/7-13/2013

Myles Jacob Lineberry, 45511 River Dr., Meckling; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Jean Bobier, 46627 Missouri St., Burbank; Municipal speeding, \$19.00 plus costs

Shawn Lee Nielsen, 29574 451st Ave., Irene; Municipal speeding, \$19.00 plus costs

David Schulte, 204 Lincoln Valley Drive, State Center, IA; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Brian D. Fischer, 22689 S. Madison Street, Spring Hill, SD; Speeding on other roadways, \$99.00 plus costs

Corey C. Conley, 1504 Aztec Circle, Sioux City, IA; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Dawn Marie Ryan, 506 E. 21st St., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$79.00 plus costs

Ethan David Cleaver, 1510 East Lewis Street, Vermillion;

Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Juan A. Perez, 1026 Cornell St. #108, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

William David Orrick, 27 Coyote Place #203, North Sioux City, SD; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Layne Madison Brown, 211 E. 2nd St., Ponca NE; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs; Passengers between 14-18 required to wear seat belts, \$25.00

Kameesha Renee Williams, 314 N. Dakota St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Callissa Schaffer, 1025 Cottage St., Vermillion; Certain operators required wear seat belts, \$25.00; Municipal speeding in school zone, \$79.00 plus costs

Rachael Laurretta Thompson, 47807 303rd St., Alcester; County speeding, \$99.00 plus costs

Gregory Munneke, 411 Stanford #20, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Michael R. Larson, 24 E. Duke St. #106, Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Nicholas Ryan Rasmussen, 732 W 9th Street #7, Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Sara Kranz, 105 S. Pine Street, Vermillion; Seed on four-lane in rural areas \$39.00 plus costs

Aristotle Edward Dunham, 31873 470th, Burbank; Failure to stop, \$54.00 plus costs

Gina Swanson, 1305 38th Street, Sioux City, IA; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

David H. Wilcox, 6321 N. 105th St., Omaha, NE; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Emily Spiering, 1305 Lincoln #205, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Jeremy Uhl, 4600 Hawthorne Drive, Sioux City, IA; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Adam Randal Ernesti, 131 Prentis Ave., Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Daniel B. Kenton, 508 Lee St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Jordan Acevedo, 207 S. Lincoln St., Rock Rapids, IA; Disorderly conduct, \$104.00 plus costs

Marilyn Alice Wingo, 813 Madison Street, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Dawn Jeanette Skjonsberg, 316 Prentis Ave., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Lindsay Strong, 213 Lewis Street, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Michael Thomas McDonald, 912 Deerfield Road, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

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Megan Glisar will be USD's only representative at the senior level when she competes in the high jump at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday. The sixth-place finisher at the

NCAA Championships has a season-best height of 6-0, which is 13th-best in the event.

Bethany Buell, who won the Division I pole vault championship on June 7, will not compete at the USA Championships after having surgery to repair a torn ligament in her left shoulder.

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