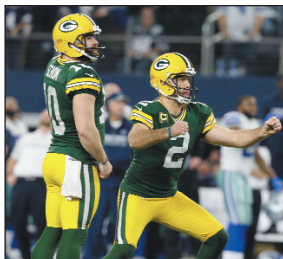




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WAUKESHA

Two men charged in gas station robberies

Authorities: Men sought to feed drug addictions

By Brian Huber
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA — Two men have been ordered held on \$100,000 cash bail after being charged with armed robberies of two area gas stations, allegedly to feed a heroin addiction.

Anthony Deleon, 28, and Mitchell Gamroth, 21, both were charged Monday with being party to the crime of armed robbery. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and \$100,000 in fines.

A criminal complaint said both men were involved in the armed robbery of the BP gas station at 500 Arcadian Ave. on Jan. 3, where an armed suspect made off with about \$795 while a colleague watched the door; as well as the armed robbery of the Clark Station at 1436 E. Moreland Blvd., where circumstances were similar to the prior robbery, but the suspects made off with about \$200 to \$400. In both cases, they went to Milwaukee to buy heroin, the complaint said.

Police responded to tips

Two people identified Gamroth as a suspect in surveillance images released by police, the complaint said; both recognized his shoes and one also identified a green flannel jacket which Gam-

roth wore. The jacket, shoes and a bandana similar to that worn by the robbers and a facsimile firearm were found at their Greenfield Avenue home in a search last Friday, the complaint said.

The complaint added both men worked at The Freeman; they were temporary employees at the paper. Deleon was absent from his job on Jan. 3, the complaint said, and Gamroth, who worked there two-to-three months earlier, had been disciplined for taking a box of blue latex gloves, similar the kind seen in the surveillance images of both incidents. Deleon confirmed the gloves were the same, the complaint said.

When Deleon was asked by investigators why he decided to go through with the gas station robbery, he responded, "It was all my idea and on the fly," and admitted he was the one holding the gun in the robberies, the complaint said. Deleon was questioned about the Clark gas station robbery and he said something to the effect of, "We were like, it worked the first time."

Gamroth, when arrested by police, at first waived his right to have an attorney present, then passed on questions, denied having a drug problem, denied being at the

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Andrea Fencil/Freeman Staff

Anthony Deleon awaits his appearance in a Waukesha County Courtroom on Monday. Deleon and Mitchell Gamroth were charged with armed robberies of two Waukesha gas stations in a five-day period earlier this month.



Andrea Fencil/Freeman Staff

Mitchell Gamroth awaits his appearance in a Waukesha County Courtroom on Monday.



Submitted surveillance photos

Authorities allege that Anthony Deleon, 28, of Waukesha is the man depicted in this image from surveillance video of an armed robbery of the Clark station at 1436 E. Moreland Blvd. on Jan. 8 after Deleon allegedly admitted it was him.



An armed robbery was reported Jan. 3 at the BP gas station, 500 Arcadian Ave., Waukesha, during which a suspect put a gun to the clerk's head.



The second of two suspects involved in an armed robbery at the Clark station at 1436 E. Moreland Blvd.



One of the suspects involved in an armed robbery of the BP gas station, 500 Arcadian Ave., Waukesha, was caught on surveillance camera.



Dave Fidlin/Special to The Freeman

Waukesha residents display messages on signs Saturday during an afternoon rally in protest of a proposed U.S. Cellular tower. The proposal seeks to add the tower to the property of a nearby church on Magnolia Drive.

Residents rally against proposed cell tower

Waukesha Plan Commission to review proposal Jan. 25

By Dave Fidlin
Special to The Freeman

WAUKESHA — "We love our backyard." "Keep the peace." "Protect our children."

Those were some of the phrases some Waukesha residents displayed on signs Saturday during an afternoon rally in protest of a proposed U.S. Cellular tower in the heart of a neighborhood, south of the Waukesha Coun-

ty Expo Center on Magnolia Drive.

Resident Jan Matthias was one of several dozen residents demonstrating against the proposed tower, which has been eyed on a strip of land adjacent to Buen Samaritano United Methodist Church, 915 Magnolia Drive.

"People throughout this neighborhood are mad," Matthias said. "This is an example of corporate greed. This is deal that just smells

bad."

U.S. Cellular, one of the region's largest wireless carriers, currently has a tower near the Huber facility on county-owned land through a lease agreement, which will expire Oct. 31.

Although the county and U.S. Cellular had attempted negotiating a lease renewal, those talks reached a stalemate. One rub, according to U.S. Cellular representatives, was a caveat the cell carrier

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protect the county from any potential lawsuits filed in relation to the cell tower.

U.S. Cellular approached Buen Samaritano leadership about placing a tower on the property. The church initially agreed with the company, but

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WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Partly sunny
High 39 / Low 29

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From the Waukesha Police blotter

1:05 a.m. Saturday — A vehicle reportedly kept circling in the 700 block of North Glenn Road and the occupants were "making strange howling noises." The caller said they had gone past their house at least 10 times. They were gone upon police arrival.



For the complete weekend blotter, see page 7A.

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TONIGHT

Slight chance wintry mix

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TOMORROW

Partly sunny

39/29

THURSDAY

Partly sunny

43/33

FRIDAY

Chance of rain

43/35

SATURDAY

Chance of rain

46/36

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What the air will feel like tomorrow, based on the temperature, humidity and wind speed.

1 poor; 10 excellent.

TEMPERATURES SHOWN ARE TOMORROW'S HIGHS AND LOWS.

ILLINOIS

Chicago 42/31

Rockford 42/29

WISCONSIN

Superior 36/25

Ashland 38/26

Florence 38/22

Eau Claire 36/26

Wausau 35/25

Green Bay 36/26

La Crosse 37/27

Oshkosh 37/27

Appleton 36/28

Beaver Dam 39/27

West Bend 39/29

Madison 42/28

Waukesha 39/29

Milwaukee 43/29

WIND CHILL TOMORROW

A composite of the effects of temperature and wind on the human body.

8 a.m. 21

Noon 33

4 p.m. 33

8 p.m. 29

HEATING DEGREE

An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Yesterday 36

Month to date 689

Season to date 2726

Normal season to date 3243

Jan. 19 Jan. 27 Feb. 3 Feb. 10

Last Q New First Q Full

Sunset today 4:46 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:19 a.m.

Moonrise tomorrow 10:42 p.m.

Moonset tomorrow 10:49 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017

MAP KEY

HIGH LOW COLD WARM STATIONARY

SUNNY CLOUDS SHOWERS THUNDER SNOW

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of drizzle and snow through around midnight; then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s.

WINTER RECREATION

After the messy start to the week, mild weather and partly to mostly sunny skies will move in for a couple of days. The next chance of rain will be start on Friday and continue into the weekend.

DRIVING CONDITIONS FOR SE WISCONSIN

Dry conditions will keep the roads in good winter driving conditions for the middle of the week.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 67 Low: 57

CHICAGO High: 42 Low: 31

DALLAS High: 58 Low: 49

DENVER High: 54 Low: 29

LOS ANGELES High: 61 Low: 52

MIAMI High: 81 Low: 64

MINNEAPOLIS High: 38 Low: 30

NEW YORK High: 48 Low: 36

PHOENIX High: 67 Low: 49

SEATTLE High: 52 Low: 42

ST. LOUIS High: 50 Low: 38

WASHINGTON High: 59 Low: 38

Trump, in flap with civil rights icon, meets MLK's son

NEW YORK (AP) — Days before taking office, President-elect Donald Trump attempted to navigate the fallout of his flap with a civil rights leader and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while also losing a member of his incoming administration to accusations of plagiarism.

Trump on Monday met with one of King's sons on the holiday marking the life of the slain American icon just days after the president-elect attacked Rep. John Lewis on Twitter. Lewis and the elder King were among the Big Six leaders of the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Trump accused Lewis, D-Ga., for being "all talk" after Lewis questioned the legitimacy of Trump's election. The president-elect also advised the veteran congressman to pay more attention to his "crime ridden" Atlanta-area district. Trump's comments drew widespread criticism and have done little to reassure those uneasy about the transition from the nation's first black president to a president-elect still struggling to connect with most nonwhite voters.

Martin Luther King III downplayed the slight, saying that "in the heat of emotion a lot of things get said on both sides." King, who said he pressed Trump on the need for voting reform to increase participation, deemed the meeting "constructive." King



President-elect Donald Trump shakes hands with Martin Luther King III, son of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday at Trump Tower in New York.

said that while he disagreed with the president-elect's comments, he believed "at some point in this nation we've got to move forward."

"He said that he is going to represent all Americans. He said that over and over again," King told reporters in the lobby of Trump Tower after the nearly hourlong meeting. "I believe that's his intent, but I think we also have to consistently engage with pressure, public pressure. It doesn't happen automatically."

Trump, who struggled for support from minority voters on Election Day, briefly joined King in the lobby but ignored reporters' shouted questions about his comments about Lewis.

Lewis had suggested that Trump's November victory was delegitimized due to Russian interference and said he would boycott Friday's Inauguration. More than two dozen Democratic members of Congress have said they will sit out the Trump ceremony. Among them is Tennessee Rep. Steve Cohen, who said Monday that "this president 'semi-elect' does not deserve to be president of the

United States. He has not exhibited the characteristics or the values that we hold dear."

The Martin Luther King holiday is meant to honor community service and volunteerism, and many Americans, including President Barack Obama, spend part of the day doing a service project of some kind. Trump, who cancelled a planned trip to Washington, spent the day inside the Manhattan skyscraper that bears his name.

Meanwhile, conservative media commentator Monica Crowley will not be joining the Trump administration following accusations of plagiarism, according to a transition official.

Crowley, a frequent on-air presence at Fox News Channel, had been slated to join Trump's National Security Council as a director of strategic communications. On Monday, she withdrew her name from consideration after CNN reported last week that several passages in a 2012 book Crowley wrote were plagiarized. Publisher HarperCollins then pulled the book.

Official: Orlando shooter's widow has been arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wife of the Orlando nightclub shooter, who was extensively questioned by federal agents in the days after the massacre, was arrested by the FBI on Monday in connection with the attack, authorities said.

Noor Salman was taken into custody Monday morning in the San Francisco area and is facing charges in Florida including obstruction of justice. A Twitter post from the United States attorney's office in Orlando said Salman will make her initial appearance Tuesday morning in Oakland, California.

Noor Salman moved to California after her husband, Omar Mateen, was killed in a shootout with SWAT team

members during the June 12 massacre at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

FBI agents repeatedly questioned Salman in the aftermath of the shooting about whether she had advance knowledge of her husband's plans. Salman told The New York Times in an interview published last fall that she knew her husband had watched jihadist videos but that she was "unaware of everything" regarding his plans to shoot up the club. She also said he had physically abused her.

"Noor Salman had no foreknowledge nor could she predict what Omar Mateen intended to do that tragic night," her attorney, Linda Moreno, said in a statement.

Police: 5 killed in shooting at nightclub at Mexican resort

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — A shooting attack at an electronic music festival in Mexico's Caribbean coast resort of Playa del Carmen on Monday left five people dead, including two Canadians, an Italian and a Colombian, authorities said.

The attorney general of Quintana Roo state said that four of the dead appear to have been part of the security detail at the 10-day BPM electronic music festival.

Miguel Angel Pech said the shooting occurred about 2:30 a.m. at the Blue Parrot nightclub, one of the BPM Festival's venues in Playa del Carmen, just south of Cancun.

Pech said a lone gunman apparently entered the night-

club and began to exchange fire with another person inside. Festival security personnel tried to stop the shooting and came under fire.

Pech said it was not a terrorist attack.

The shooting apparently caused a rush of people heading for the exits at the beachside club, and the lone female victim was apparently killed during the stampede.

Pech said 15 people were injured, included one Mexican woman who was seriously injured. He said five of the injured — including two U.S. citizens and one Canadian — had been treated for less serious injuries at local hospitals and released.

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reversed course after receiving hearty opposition from residents living near the house of worship.

Buen Samaritano, however, is now locked into a contract with U.S. Cellular, giving the church and residents limited avenues in reversing the situation if the county lease does indeed lapse.

A recent statement from U.S. Cellular indicated negotiations for an extension of the existing lease agreement with the county continue.

If plans at the church property proceed as proposed, U.S. Cellular's 106-foot tower would be shielded to resemble a tree. The structure also would not be within 25 feet of residential properties abutting the land.

Fears from neighbors

At Saturday's rally, residents shared a litany of concerns, including perceived fears home property values will plunge as much as 30 percent from current prices.

Demonstrators also shared other worries, including a potential increased noise level and possible adverse health conditions related to radiation emitted from the tower.

In a statement, Curtis Graham, director of regional engineering with U.S. Cellular, said the company is committed to seeking a peaceful resolution to the tower placement as it protects its own business interests.

"We need to ensure that we can continue to provide network service to our customers in the area," Graham said. "These ongoing negotiations have resulted in us looking for a new tower site location."

Amid the exploration of alternative sites, Graham said the church property "was determined to provide the best wireless service for our customers."

For their part, residents within the neighborhood said they are determined to continue fighting against the cell tower through whichever channels possible. Residents plan to speak at future Plan Commission meetings to continue airing their grievances.

The item will be taken up at the commission's next meeting Jan. 25.

Amy Gruetzmacher, who lives near the proposed tower with her husband and four children, said the neighborhood has coalesced around the issue. Several communication efforts, including an email group list, have kept impacted property owners apprised of the issue, she said.

"We've established a Facebook group, knocked on doors ... anything to get the word out," Gruetzmacher said. "We're all concerned."

If the tower does move forward, Graham said U.S. Cellular will continue working with county and city officials and nearby property owners to ensure a smooth relationship.

"We welcome further dialogue around this, and we look forward to having additional conversations with Waukesha leaders and residents," Graham said in his statement.

Robberies

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gas stations for some time, then invoked his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination when asked about DNA on the clothes used in the robbery. He then asked to speak to a public defender.

Court hearing

In court Monday, Assistant District Attorney Melissa Zilavy sought a \$250,000 cash bail for both men in separate appearances, saying two drug-fueled armed robberies within five days warranted a high cash bail.

But attorney Mark Kershek, appearing for both men as a friend of the court until permanent decisions can be made on the status of their attorneys, said Deleon's prior record of forgery and graffiti was dated and not that severe.

"It sounds like, according to criminal complaint, he was cooperative with law enforcement in terms of telling them what was going on, which is often a good sign," he said.

He suggested Deleon be allowed Huber bailee status, so that he can work but report back to the jail where he can be monitored for drug and alcohol use.

In Gamroth's case, Zilavy argued that two people identi-

fied him as a suspect in the surveillance video, and that Deleon implicated Gamroth.

But Kershek argued that Gamroth had a lesser criminal record than Deleon and a relatively stable work history, and suggested a \$5,000 cash bail and \$95,000 signature bond.

"I am thinking, your honor, just by virtue of the other defendant was much older and my client was much younger creates a presumption that my client was somewhat led in this thing. I could be wrong, but it would be unusual if it was reversed," he said on Gamroth's behalf.

But Court Commissioner Thomas Pieper dismissed

Deleon's request for Huber bailee status, saying it wasn't appropriate given the nature of the allegations. And, he pointed out, a pretrial screening of Gamroth showed he admitted to using heroin daily, putting him at the higher end of the spectrum as far as risk is concerned.

In both cases, Pieper ordered the men held on \$100,000 cash bail, with the conditions that they have no contact with the victims, witnesses, or each other; no use of dangerous weapons and no use of drugs. They will appear in court again Wednesday.

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