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Remains not human but an animal's stomach

The Medical Examiner's Office has determined that remains found Tuesday were an unknown animal's stomach.

What initially was believed to be a fetus was found Tuesday in a parking lot in the 3000 block of East Skelly Drive. Police detectives were called, and the remains were taken to the Medical Examiner's Office for testing.

Cpl. Gene Watkins said detectives frequently are called to investigate when remains are found in the city. The medical examiner then determines whether the remains are human and whether a crime has been committed, he said.

Meth-maker being sought after fire at apartments

Police were searching Wednesday night for a man who caused an apartment fire while he was trying to "cut" — or dilute — methamphetamine.

Firefighters were called to the Spanish Arms Apartments in the 7800 block of East 49th Street after the manager was alerted about 4 p.m. to a fire in a building, police said.

The fire didn't cause much damage, but firefighters found at least a couple of ounces of methamphetamine, police said.

The fire apparently started when the man was trying to cut the meth, a process in which the drug's quality is diluted to produce more of it, police said.

The man, who is believed to have received minor burns, set a flaming pan containing meth on the balcony before fleeing, police said.

Mayes County resident jailed in Tulsa bank heist

A Mayes County man was arrested Wednesday in connection with a Tulsa bank heist.

O'Dell Dwain Casto, 37, was charged Wednesday morning in Tulsa County District Court with first-degree robbery. Detectives were led to him after receiving a Crime Stoppers tip that he had been seen at a casino in Claremore, Tulsa Police Sgt. Dave Walker said.

Robbery detectives and members of the Northeast Oklahoma Fugitive Warrants Squad coordinated with the Mayes County Sheriff's Office to find Casto. Deputies found him at a convenience store and arrested him, Walker said.

Casto was charged with robbing the Bank of America branch at 51st Street and Sheridan Road on Monday.

Discussion on infill is being planned Oct. 16

Preserve Midtown and the Coalition of Historic Neighborhoods of Tulsa will host a public forum and panel discussion Oct. 16 at All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S. Peoria Ave.

Preserve Midtown, a private group, resists plans to tear down older houses and replace them with newer homes that don't match the existing neighborhoods in scale or character.

Panelists will include city councilors, infill experts and a Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission representative. The two-hour event will start at 7 p.m.

Tiawah man is arrested in stabbing of Texan

TIAWAH — A Tiawah man was arrested early Wednesday in the stabbing of a Texas man, authorities said.

Robert Ross, 20, was booked into the Rogers County Jail on a complaint of assault and battery with an intent to kill, Undersheriff Barry Lamb said.

The victim, Edward Velasquez, 59, is in critical condition in a Tulsa hospital, he said.

Narcotics activity and dating relationships are being investigated as possible motives for the crime, which occurred about 4:30 a.m. near Oklahoma 88 and County Road 4180.

Initially, the call was reported as a possible carjacking. The people involved were acquainted, and the attack occurred in a vehicle in which the victim was a passenger. Investigators are reviewing the possible roles of two other area residents who might have been present or nearby during the stabbing.

Oilman's not-guilty plea entered in fraud case

A not-guilty plea has been entered in Tennessee for an Okmulgee oilman who is accused of stealing millions from a funeral home's trust funds.

An attorney for Clayton Smart entered the plea for his client Tuesday in Memphis.

Smart, 67, has been jailed since April on charges that he and associates stole millions of dollars from the Forest Hill funeral homes.

Smart said in the summer of 2006 that the funeral homes no longer would honor more than 13,000 prepaid funeral policies.

The state of Tennessee later accused him and business partners of stealing operating money and raiding trust funds used to cover prepaid funerals and cemetery maintenance.

From staff and wire reports

State 10th in rate of women killed by men

► A new domestic violence study cites economic pressures and substance abuse.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Economic pressures and substance abuse are among the leading reasons why 33 women were murdered by men in Oklahoma in 2005, ranking the state 10th in the nation in the rate of women murdered by men, a new domestic violence study states.

The study by the Violence Policy Center in Washington examined the circumstances surrounding the 1,858 homicides of women in the United States in 2005, including the type of weapons used, the victims' relationships with their assailants and other details.

Oklahoma's 2005 ranking is lower than in 2004, when the state ranked seventh, Marcia Smith, director of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said Wednesday.

"Still, to be in the top 10 is nothing to be proud of," Smith said. "The violence in our state is overwhelming. Our homes are so violent."

The state saw 1.84 women killed by men in single-victim, single-offender instances per 100,000 residents in 2005, the most recent year for which statistics are available. Nationally, the rate was 1.32 per 100,000. Nevada led, with a rate of 2.53 per 100,000.

Kristen Rand, legislative director for the policy council, said, "These stark numbers should not only make people stop and remember the victims but also raise awareness of the urgent need for intervention and prevention."

The victims' violent deaths illustrate that domestic assault is deeper than quarrels between husbands and wives.

"This is not just a domestic situation," said Charlie Price, a spokesman for Attorney General Drew Edmondson,

For help

Domestic Violence Intervention Services (in Tulsa): 743-5763 (7-HELPME) or www.tulsaworld.com/dvls

Statewide domestic-abuse Safeline: (800) 522-7233

Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: www.tulsaworld.com/ocadvsa

Violence Policy Center: www.tulsaworld.com/vpc

whose office oversees Oklahoma's domestic-violence budget. "This is a criminal situation. It's not OK to beat your wife."

Domestic violence often is a game of mind control and can lead to murder because of the intense emotions involved, Tulsa Police Sgt. Stephanie Jackson said.

"Any time you deal with violence, it has the potential to escalate," she said. "Dating violence, married couples, parents and children — it all has the ability to escalate."

Abusers will hone in on real or perceived flaws of their victims and exploit them to control the victim, Jackson said.

"They pick something you already feel bad about and use that," she said. "It's a mind-control game. It's about power."

Smith said economic pressures caused by poverty and alcohol and drug abuse are frequent factors in lethal attacks on women by men.

Jackson said domestic-violence victims are sometimes afraid of retribution or feel that the abuse is their fault.

"They feel trapped," she said, but "if you don't get help, the violence will continue. You could die from domestic violence."

The study found that in three Oklahoma female homi-

cide victims were younger than 18 and five were 65 or older. The average age was 39. Two victims were American Indian, nine were black and 22 were white, the study found. Fifty-five percent were killed with guns; 89 percent of those were killed with handguns. Twenty-seven victims were murdered by someone they knew, and 15 of those victims were the offenders' wives, common-law wives, ex-wives or girlfriends.

Tracey Booth, executive director of Domestic Violence Intervention Services in Tulsa, said that "a woman is at risk most when she leaves the relationship."

"That period when she leaves is when she is most at risk of being killed by the partner," Booth said. "The most important thing is when they're ready to leave, there's assistance there for them."

Smith said 44 counties, mostly in western Oklahoma, have no resources to shelter or counsel battered women.

Tulsa has several resources for victims of abuse, Booth said. Her agency, DVIS, offers counseling services, emergency shelters and help with filing protective orders.

DVIS has a 24-hour hot line that victims of domestic violence can call, she said.

Jackson said domestic violence victims also can summon the Tulsa Police Department by calling 911.

Edmondson called on state lawmakers earlier this year to increase funding for Oklahoma's 29 certified domestic violence and sexual assault service providers.

Price said the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 more to the state's \$4.1 million domestic violence budget and authorized an increase in filing fees for civil and criminal cases in the state, which will raise about \$1 million more.

"As state dollars hopefully increase in future years," he said, "that will allow more programs to come online in more areas."

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