

Police probe whether admitted murderer is linked to area slaying

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Whistle

The DuPage County Sheriff's Department is investigating whether a Mississippi man who claims he killed more than 60 people is responsible for the 1985 stabbing death of a Glenbrook South girl.

Texas native Donald Leroy Evans, 34, admitted this week to raping and killing of a 10-year-old Mississippi girl Aug. 1. He also has claimed responsibility for two 1985 slayings in Florida, and he has killed more than 60 people in as many as 17 states, including Illinois, since 1977.

Kristina Wesselman, 15, was found stabbed to death July 22, 1985, in a weed-infested field near her Valley View home near Glen Elyn. The sheriff's department never charged anyone in the killing.

"We've talked about a connection between Evans and the Wesselman slaying," said DuPage sheriff's Chief Robert Soucek.

"We understand Evans was in the Rockford area, but we have nothing to indicate for sure that he was in DuPage," Evans said most of his vic-



Kristina Wesselman

tims were women, many of whom he sexually assaulted. Wesselman had been sexually assaulted before she was stabbed.

Soucek said the sheriff's department would contact newspapers in Mississippi as soon as possible.

"We'll call down there as soon as they finish their job," he said, referring to the U.S. Attorney's office's task force formed to sort out Evans' claims.

"We're going to check this out," Soucek said.

Vietnam war comes to

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Joseph Francis Schick, John Shelby Pooler, Roger Lee Pierce, Paul Lynn Miller.

These are just some of the 120 DuPage County soldiers whose names are etched on a traveling replica of the Vietnam War Memorial, which will be at an Oakbrook Terrace cemetery this weekend.

More than 300 suburban veterans' organizations are participating in weekend ceremonies commemorating the arrival of "The Vietnam War Experience," a replica of the monument in Washington, D.C.

The replica will be displayed at Chapel Hill Gardens at Roosevelt Road and Route 83 in Oakbrook Terrace today, Saturday and Sunday.

"It's beautiful," said Ethel Moorhouse, a service associate with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, who visited the exhibit last weekend in south suburban Orland Park. "It's real, real, pretty."

The exhibit is a 240-foot replica, made of a faux granite. The portable memorial that will travel

to 100 locations across the United States.

Various ceremonies are scheduled throughout the weekend while the exhibit is on display. Jon Struggs, a Vietnam veteran who launched the memorial movement 11 years ago, will speak Saturday.

Other activities planned include a candlelight vigil tonight for soldiers still listed as missing in action or prisoners of war; ceremonies honoring the mothers of dead soldiers Saturday afternoon; and a reading of the names of DuPage, Cook and Kane county casualties "Saturday night."

DuPage veterans are joining in the ceremonies, and 33 organizations are set to participate.

The participants include the DuPage County chapter of Vietnam, an organization for Vietnam veterans and supporters; 15 posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; three American Legion posts and the Gold Star parents, a group of mothers who lost their children in the armed services. Moorhouse said,

"We hope people come out there and little bit of healing," she said. "That's what we need — a little memories and a

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The names of the following area soldiers who lost their lives in the Vietnam War are etched in the Vietnam War Memorial. A replica of the memorial will be displayed this weekend in Oakbrook Terrace. **Whittierville:** Joseph Francis Schick.

West Chicago: John Gies Williams, Robert Henry Miller, Randall Gordon Jacob, Alan James Dean, Darrell Lee Colford.

Wheaton: Bruce Douglas

little healing."

Chapel Hill Gardens was one of 100 locations chosen by the Century Division of Service Corporation International to display the traveling war. The corporation built the exhibit as a way to bring the emotionally charged memorials to people who never would get a chance to see it otherwise, said Lu Crewe, general manager of Chapel Hill.

Crewe had never known any one killed in Vietnam, but organiz-

Judge upholds killer's 80-year

By Dan McCullough
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Convicted killer Steven Scott's 80-year prison sentence for January 1990 murder of a Lombard used car dealer was upheld, a DuPage County judge said Thursday.

Public defenders Harriet Gustafson and Thomas Ost asked DuPage Circuit Judge Edward Koval to reconsider his sentence of Scott, 20, of 1N615 Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

The public defenders said that during his sentencing of Scott, Koval said the defendant showed "a great deal of remorse" and had a "great deal" of rehabilitative capacity.

But prosecutor Richard Stock told Koval the judge had said Scott had only a "glimmer" of rehabilitative capacity.

Koval reviewed the transcript of the statements he made during sentencing and found that Stock was correct.

And on Thursday, Koval went even further, saying it

saying it Wesselman had a "great deal of remorse" and had a "great deal" of rehabilitative capacity.

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POLICE

Police seek vandals

Glenelde Heights police are investigating reports that vandals punctured car tires and spray-painted graffiti in an area on the suburb's northwest side on Aug. 10.

Four cars in the 100 block of Oriole Lane and the 100 block of Burgess Drive had tires punctured, and four other cars in the same area were spray-painted, some with gang symbols, police said.

Also, a horse trailer in Mill Pond Park was spray-painted, police said. No damage estimate was made.

Thieves target two businesses

Two Glenelde Heights businesses were struck by burglars last weekend, police said.

On Aug. 9, rocks were thrown through the front windows of Super Cleaners, 338 E. Valley Trail Road, and Video Mania, at 318 E. Army Trail, and cash registers were taken from both businesses, police said.

The cleaners' cash register was later recovered in the 2100 block of Blair Lane, minus \$200 cash, police said. A cash drawer from the video store's cash register was recovered in the same area, minus \$100 cash, police said.

of domestic battery and reckless conduct after police said he threw his wife out of their moving car during an argument at Birch Bark Trail and Stuart Drive.

The victim was taken to Central DuPage Hospital for treatment of her injuries, police said.

■ Steven E. McQuilly, 19, who police said lived at 560 Gundersen Drive, Carol Stream, was arrested Aug. 10 by DuPage County sheriff's police on a charge of battery after police said he punched a co-worker at OJ Whistler, 2222 N. Main St., Wheaton, after an argument.

■ Lawrence J. Birkenfield, 21, and Harley K. Baise, 17, who police said lived at 756 Bluff St., Carol Stream, were arrested Aug. 11 by Carol Stream police on four counts each of criminal damage to property. Police said Baise drove a 1979 Chevrolet pickup truck while Birkenfield stood in the truck's bed and used a baseball bat to smash four mailboxes in the 700 block of Thunderbird Trail. Damage was estimated at \$180, police said.

Theft reports

■ A Chicago man told Carol Stream police Aug. 10 that someone stole his 1991 Jeep Cherokee while it was parked in the lot of Chateau Village Apartments, 675 E. Gundersen Drive. The vehicle, which was locked and had its alarm activated when it was taken, was worth \$17,000, police said.

■ A resident of the 600 block of Covered Bridges Apartments on Burn Street, told Carol

Dominick's

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doesn't give us a lot of time to find new jobs if we have to."

Village officials are equally upset.

"This was a terrible shock — I was very disappointed, very sad," said village President Ross Ferrara, who learned of the closing Thursday. "Not only for the village, but for everyone who shops there. We asked if there was anything at all we could do to make Dominick's stay, and they just said 'no.' Where are these people going to go now?"

The village will definitely lose a

large chunk of its annual sales tax revenue with the store's departure, said assistant village manager Bob Mellor. Carol Stream's retail base is already well below that of surrounding towns like Glen Ellyn and Glenview, and the retreat of Sears and J's Wholesale Club, has already dealt revenues a serious blow.

"As one of the larger stores, Dominick's will be sorely missed," Mellor said. "Hopefully, the people who shopped there will keep their business in Carol Stream, but ..."

"Many seniors or low-income families who live in south Carol Stream do not have cars, and will likely patronize the Eagle store on

Geneva Road or cross Geneva to the Jewel in Wheaton, said Ed Lederer, spokesman for the Colony Park Neighborhood Council.

"But walking back from Eagle carrying groceries can be tough, and crossing Geneva is frightening when you're a senior and you can't move too fast," Lederer said.

"For that reason, Lederer said his group will push "more than ever" for substantial cash services and cross-walks on Geneva Road.

The village will also push to entice retail businesses to set up shop here, said Mellor, despite a bleak economic picture.

"Targeting retail is really hard when it's all market-driven and

IPF

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He later told Naperville officials the county was not interested in buying the five-acre site originally offered to the IPF.

The delay of a second center touched off a battle between CRIC and Waste Management, with the firms scrambling to secure an operating contract for the Carol Stream facility. County board members have since awarded the contract to CRIC.

The decision leaves Waste Management without an IPF to operate, and company officials say they are not interested in building a facility of their own.

struction costs. "I have heard board members say we're going to have more facilities, but I've heard just as many say we're not," Ryan said. "All I can imagine (Botti) meant is some reference to the additional IPFs in the solid waste plant."

The county's solid waste plan, approved by the board in February, was drafted in the five years before Botti took office. The plan outlines the future of waste reduction and disposal, and calls for at least two county IPFs.

An earlier version of the plan, passed in 1985, called for five county-financed facilities.

Carol's solid waste committee chairman Wallace Brown, R-

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