

Sandy murder: Leads dry up



UVSC Wolverines hockey players stand on the ice Friday and remember their beloved coach Kenneth Dolezsar whose jersey they face. Dolezsar was shot and killed Thursday morning.

MARIO RUIZ
Provo Daily Herald

Hockey team holds moment of silence for beloved UVSC coach

BY NATHAN C. GONZALEZ AND RUSS RIZZO
The Salt Lake Tribune

The trail appears to have gone cold for Sandy detectives seeking a man who shot and

killed a beloved college hockey coach in the parking lot of a Village Inn restaurant early Thursday.

On the day of the shooting, police were confident about a number of leads in the slaying of Kenneth G. Dolezsar, a wealthy 50-year-old businessman and assistant coach for the Utah Valley State College club hockey team.

But any hope of making a



Kenneth Dolezsar
Killed Thursday

a motive in the shooting.

"We are back to square

one," Sgt. Victor Quezada said Friday. "At this time, we don't have surveillance on anything. Right now all that comes up at a dead end."

Investigators as of Friday evening had learned from family members that Dolezsar planned to meet someone at the restaurant at 150 W. 10600 South about 7 a.m., said

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Death-row inmate



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Convicted murderer Ralph Menzies is representing himself for now and filed a motion on Thursday "to dismiss the penalty of death." Lawyer Elizabeth Hunt, right, acts only as an adviser at the hearing.

New hope for killer's petition

Judge says if the pay is fair, he can appoint unwilling counsel

BY PAMELA MANSON
The Salt Lake Tribune

WEST JORDAN — The search for a lawyer to represent death-row inmate Ralph Leroy Menzies was so desperate that 3rd District Judge

Stephen Roth was considering whether to force an unwilling attorney to take the case.

With a cap on payment, no qualified lawyer wants the job. The low pay can be challenged — but no one wants to risk being stuck on the case for years if the request is denied.

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A stalled appeal

Ralph Leroy Menzies' conviction and death sentence have been upheld by the Utah Supreme Court and, in a second appeal, the 3rd District Court.

But on Dec. 15, his second appeal was revived by the Supreme Court, which cited his lawyer's "deplorable" work in the first appeal.

His then-attorney left the case, and the appeal has been delayed as lawyer after lawyer refused to represent Menzies for the low pay now offered.

ONLINE TODAY

This afternoon

Guns, grub cross paths in Layton

Gun activists attending a monthly "lunch group" at a Layton restaurant today with guns strapped on hips are promoting awareness of Utah's open-carry gun law. www.sltrib.com

Now

Is college a haven for drug cheats?

The Tribune has investigated institutional drug testing at the nation's top-tier colleges and universities, and uncovered evidence that it's pretty easy for athletes to cheat. Read our analysis and view data on individual Division I-A schools at extras.sltrib.com/drugtesting/schools/

Six-county region

BLM plan would ease land restrictions

Draft proposal calls for opening part of 2.1M acres to drilling, OHVs

BY PATTY HENETZ
The Salt Lake Tribune

A new plan to manage public lands in six counties

surrounding Richfield would open nearly all of the region to oil and gas drilling and off-highway vehicle-recreation use under a U.S. Bureau of Land Management proposal.

Under the preferred alternative in the BLM Richfield field office's draft resource management proposal, 79

percent of the 2.1 million acres of land would be available for energy development and 90 percent would be open to OHV travel.

That makes the Richfield draft the least restrictive to development and motorized travel of the six draft plans released in the last two months

11 million acres of BLM land in Utah for the next two decades.

The plan serves as a draft environmental impact statement, designed to figure out how to balance competing interests on public land. The task

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Christmas deadline today

The deadline to seek help from the KUTV 2 News Angel Tree, the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots and the Deseret Morning News Sub for Santa is today. Applications will be taken from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. until all waiting are served, at the Salvation Army, 679 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Applicants will be turned away if they bring children. They must bring:

- ▶ Photo identification for all adults.
- ▶ Identification for children, such as a birth certificate or school I.D. It must show their date of birth.
- ▶ Income verification, such as your last two paystubs, a letter from an employer or a printout of government assistance received from a caseworker.
- ▶ Proof of current address, such as a bill or lease agreement.
- ▶ Clothes for the weather, because as applying can be a long process. Parking is limited.

Anyone interested in receiving or providing Christmas help can dial 211 (or 801-978-3333) for information.

Thinking of donating? It's the gift that counts

Charities remind donors that what's junk to them is likely useless to others

BY KIRSTEN STEWART
The Salt Lake Tribune

So the sweater is moth-bitten, and the canned peas are nearing their expiration date.

Surely someone can put them to good use. Why not brighten someone else's life, while clearing yours of clutter?

It's easy to rationalize off-loading your junk onto

charities, especially during the holidays.

But at the risk of appearing ungrateful, Utah charities ask this season that you keep the moldy food, bullets and rock collections to yourself. They just have to pay to get rid of them, wasting precious dollars that could be used to feed, clothe and comfort the needy.

"If the produce is swimming in primordial ooze, you're not going to eat it, and nobody else is going to eat it," said Linda

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