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Two men are arrested for their roles in shooting that left man dead

Death is ruled a homicide; father and son in custody

Staff reports

A 43-year-old man died of an apparent gunshot wound Saturday in northern Kandiyohi County, and the death is being investigated as a homicide.

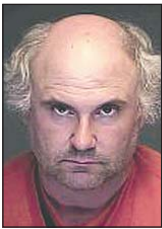
Two rural Paynesville men were arrested Saturday evening and are in custody in the Kandiyohi County Jail in connection with the death, according to a news release from the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office.

Delbert Huber, 81, was arrested for second-degree murder. His son, Timothy Huber, 45, was arrested for aiding an offender and for liability for the crimes of another.



D. Huber

According to the release, the Sheriff's Office received a phone call from Delbert Huber, who said he was at a home in the 18000 block of 44th Street Northeast in Burbank Township. Huber told the dispatcher that he had shot and killed a person earlier in the day.



T. Huber

When deputies responded to the residence, they found Delbert Huber and the body of the 43-year-old man with an apparent gunshot wound. Timothy Huber was also at the home.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of his family.

Delbert Huber told deputies that he had gone to the home early Saturday morning. He said he had a confrontation with the man and ended up shooting him, according to the release.

Deputies learned that Timothy Huber had been at the home at the time of the shooting, according to the release.

The death is being investigated by the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

'RELIEVED, HUMBLE'

Volunteers offer helping hand to Renville-area farmer who suffered extensive burns



Tribune photo by Tom Cherveney

More than 300 business sponsors and donations from individuals allow Farm Rescue to operate two combines to help harvest soybeans in the four-state area it serves. This combine is working at the Renville-area farm operated by Kurt Kramin, top, while the other heads to Pierre, S.D., to assist a farmer who is also recovering from burn injuries.



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Volunteer Charlie Bartsch of Minot, N.D., left, visits Friday with Kurt Kramin at Kramin's farm southeast of Renville.

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Kurt Kramin felt as if he had escaped the worst when the July 1 storm that tore through Renville County toppled 35 trees on his farm place, but spared his home and buildings. That was until July 13, when he put a match to fuel to burn the tree limbs he had cleaned up.

"Just a flash and it was over," he said. Caught in the fumes from the fuel, Kramin, 53, suffered third-, second- and first-degree burns to his arms and face. He remembers rolling on the ground and seeing the giant blister that was his right arm open up, leaving much of the arm without skin.

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To find out more information about Farm Rescue or to help for a farmer, visit <http://farmrescue.org>

TnT statements could have some Minn. homeowners out for blood

Statements will introduce some to massive tax hikes

By Don Davis

State Capitol Bureau

ST. PAUL — Local government officials are bracing for a taxpayer explosion when TnT statements arrive in mailboxes next month.

Officially known as "truth in taxation" statements, the letters will show changes, with possibly dramatic property tax increases in some cases, to reflect a new law.

Cloquet City Administrator Brian Fritsinger summarized the change for his community: "We don't get any more dollars as a city, but the tax impact (to homeowners) will be approximately 7 percent" higher property taxes.

The situation came in July about when the Republican-controlled Le-

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Range of possible tax hikes for homeowners across Minnesota.

gislature passed and Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton signed a tax bill as part of a budget package ending a 20-day government shutdown.

Tucked into the bill, and nearly unnoticed at the time, was elimination of the state homestead market value credit program, which for years lowered property taxes, especially on lower-value homes. It required the state to send money to local governments to make up for the home tax credits.

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Royals stir up Norway pride with trip to Minn., Iowa

Visit from king and queen will be their first to Midwest in more than 15 years

By Brian Bakst

Associated Press

ST. PAUL — St. Olaf professor Kari Lie is making sure her 18 Norwegian language students have "Hyggelig å møte Deres Majestet" — "Nice to meet your majesties" — down pat. Native Norwegian Gerd Hagen is pulling out her bunad to wear at a formal dinner in Minneapolis. Luther College officials are preparing to unfurl hundreds of Norway's red-and-blue flags on the picturesque Iowa campus.

Norway pride is bursting ahead of an extended U.S. visit beginning this week by King Harald V and Queen Sonja.

It will take them through Iowa and Minnesota — their first such swing since 1995 — before finishing with a series of events in New York.

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Queen Sonja of Norway poses Sept. 18 near a painting by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch at Centre Pompidou in Paris.



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