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Jailed man accused of killing wife

She was found dead in her Eules apartment Nov. 12, but authorities were awaiting DNA test results before moving on the case.

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EULESS — Vikky Overstreet fled to Eules in October to escape her abusive husband in Kansas, but she called him to reconcile when she became lonely, police said.

That cost Overstreet her life, according to a Eules arrest warrant affidavit released Friday.

She was found dead in her Eules apartment Nov. 12, a victim of traumatic asphyxiation. Her estranged husband, Jerome Overstreet, 51, was arrested on suspicion of capital murder Thursday in Wichita, Kan.

It had taken some time for authorities to move on the case because investigators had been awaiting DNA test results, authorities said Friday.

Jerome Overstreet was arrested two weeks after a Tarrant County grand jury indicted him on a charge of capital



J. Overstreet

murder.

He is accused of attempting to sexually assault Vikky Overstreet,

51, and then

killing her in her Eules apartment.

Jerome Overstreet remained in the Sedgwick County, Kan., Jail on Friday without bail.

Abusive marriage

The affidavit gave this account of the years and days leading up to Vikky Overstreet's slaying.

The couple had been married for 11 years, and friends and relatives said the relationship had become physically abusive during the last few years.

Witnesses said Jerome Overstreet became very controlling, not allowing her to

hold her head up, wear make-up or speak when other men were present. She was not allowed to get out of bed until he did, but she was to answer his all his telephone calls no matter what. She would be disciplined if she didn't, witnesses said.

He allowed her to drive only older cars with no air conditioning to prevent her from fleeing him.

Vikky Overstreet left him briefly a few years ago and stayed at a shelter after Jerome Overstreet was upset with her because she refused to make him the beneficiary of her life insurance policy, witnesses said. But she returned home.

In October, she left him again.

New home

Vikky later telephoned her husband from her Eules apartment, and he made several weekend trips to see her. She juggled two jobs — at Hawker Beechcraft in Grapevine and Dillard's Department Store in Irving.

She was last seen alive about 3 p.m. Nov. 9 when she left her Grapevine job.

On Nov. 12, Eules patrol officers went to her apartment to check on her after her son reported that he hadn't heard from her. They found her body on the floor by a couch in the living room. She had been dead several days.

Learning of her death, her son phoned Jerome Overstreet, who denied having been in Eules during the previous few days, police said.

Eules detectives, however, found a Nov. 9 grocery store receipt in her apartment and tracked down a nearby business that had a video of that transaction. The video showed a man buying a bottle of wine. Relatives later identified him as Jerome Overstreet.

On Nov. 13, Eules police contacted Jerome Overstreet's workplace and were told that he had taken off work Nov. 8 and 9.

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EULESS ENTERTAINS WITH DAVE RUDOLFF

Need a reason to get the family off the couch? Please join us for our first ever Music in Motion Concert. This interactive show will be fun for the entire family. It begins with a 20-

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Villages of Bear Creek
Amphitheater
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minute group aerobics session, followed by the wild and wacky music of Dave Rudolff. Dave has performed

music all over the world and has written several songs for Disney movies. He will get kids and parents up and mov-

ing! Make healthier choices and be entertained all at the same time. Free for everyone!

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NORTHEAST TARRANT

Permits may be needed for block parties

Most Northeast Tarrant cities view neighborhood gatherings as an outreach opportunity and provide barricades.

Cities: Rules, fees and other details for block parties in Tarrant County towns vary

Want to have a block party?

Cities will make sure the streets will be accessible to emergency vehicles. Many cities will send a police or fire department vehicle to the event for children to see.

Bedford

- Permit Required? Yes
- Fee: None
- Barricades: The city provides barricades. Organizers are responsible for picking them up and returning them.
- Whom to contact: Police Department's community services division at 817-952-2444
- General rules: Organizers should submit a letter including the reasons and times they want to close the street at least five working days before the event. The letter must be signed by everyone that lives in the barricaded area and should include contact information.

Colleyville

- Permit required? The city does not issue permits, but does require street closures for block parties to be authorized by the police department.
- Fee: None
- Barricades: The city will provide them if they're available. If none are available, the Police Department will direct residents to private vendors.
- Whom to contact: Officer Bill Hudgins at 817-503-1230
- General rules: Call Hudgins, then submit a written plan at least a week in advance. The plan should include the times and dates of the party and the names of the streets that will be closed. Organizers are also asked to notify everyone in the area of the street closures.

Eules

- Permit required? Yes
- Fee: None
- Barricades: City can provide
- Whom to contact: City Engineering Department at 817-685-1694.
- General rules: Return the permit application about 10 days before the event.

Grapevine

- Permit required? Yes
- Fee: None
- Barricades: City can provide
- Whom to contact: Application forms are available at the police and fire departments. For questions, call police Lt. Sam Gladney at 817-410-3241.
- General rules: Return the application five days before the event.

Haltom City

- Permit required: Yes
- Fee: \$25
- Barricades: City can provide.
- Whom to contact: Police Department at 817-222-7000
- General rules: The special event permit application and indemnification form can be downloaded at the city's Web site, www.haltomcitytx.org, and must be turned in 21 days before the event.

Haslet

- Permit required? Residents need to get permission from the City Council if they want to close streets.
- Fee: None
- Barricades: Not provided by the city
- Whom to contact: Call the city secretary's office at 817-439-5931, ext. 5 to schedule an appearance before the Council.
- General rules: Organizers should set up a Council appearance at least a month before the event.

Hurst

- Permit required: Yes
- Fee: \$40
- Barricades: City can provide
- Whom to contact: Public Works Department at 817-788-7076
- General rules: Return the application 10 days before the event. The application must be signed by all the people who live on part of the street to be blocked off. Streets can be closed for up to 12 hours. Residents are limited to two permits a year.

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Keller

- Permit required: No
- Fee: None
- Barricades: City can provide
- Whom to contact: Scott Bradburn, Police Department community relations officer, at 817-743-4533
- General rules: Organizers are asked to inform neighbors of the street-closing ahead of time.

Watauga

- Permit required: Yes
- Fee: \$5
- Barricades: City provides
- Whom to contact: Public Works Department at 817-514-5839
- General rules: Return the application 10 days before the event. The application must be signed by "90 percent plus one" of the residents affected by the road closure.

North Richland Hills

- Permit required: Yes
- Fee: \$25
- Barricades: City provides
- Whom to contact: Elizabeth Reining, assistant to the city manager, at 817-427-6015
- General rules: Return the application 30 days in advance. Reining will arrange for organizers to meet with representatives of the police, fire and health departments.

Richland Hills

- Permit required: No
- Fee: None
- Barricades: City will provide
- Whom to contact: Police Department at 817-299-1880
- General rules: Contact the department and ask for officer Nathan Stringer at least 10 days before the event.

Southlake

- Permit required: A "mass gathering notification" is required for events expected to draw more than 250 people.
- Fee: None
- Barricades: City can provide.
- Whom to contact: Department of Public Safety at 817-748-8114
- General rules: Organizers are asked to contact the department at least a month in advance if they plan to block off streets.

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AREA BRIEFS

Free musical event for children Saturday

EULESS — Children and their families are invited to attend the free Music in Motion concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Villages of Bear Creek Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway. The event will include a 20-minute aerobic workout, a discussion of nutrition and a concert by children's artist Dave Rudolff. Snacks and goody bags will be given away. Families may want to bring blankets or lawn chairs. The event is sponsored by ARTSNET and Eulex Express Fitness.

— Jessica DeLeón

Council approves site plan for Glade Parks

EULESS — Best Buy will be the first store in Glade Parks, a 193-acre shopping and residential center at Texas 121 and Glade Road. The City Council approved a site plan last week for a 23-acre, 238,310-square-foot single-story center with 10 retail spaces and a separate 10,000-square-foot restaurant. Construction is expected to start in September or October and be completed by spring. Glade Parks will include town homes and high-end lofts, a bridge over Bear Creek and 60 acres of open space. The council also approved permits for two businesses near the center: an American Airlines Credit Union and a Comerica Bank.

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Program lets students learn about parks, contribute ideas

PACS Partners aims to get kids excited about parks.

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EULESS — Eules recreation Superintendent Michael Davenport gave an important assignment to 10 youngsters.

The students, ages 12 to 15, were learning about special events as part of the city's new PACS Partners program, in which they learn about the city's Parks and Community Services Department.

On Wednesday, they were asked to come up with ideas for a Halloween party, but with a twist — no candy allowed.

"When you do special events, you can let your imagination run wild," Davenport said.

And they did.

"Oh my God," said Jewel Smith, 12. "I just got a good idea."

Smith, of San Francisco, who is visiting relatives in Eules, suggested shooting carrots from Nerf guns.

"Yeah, but somebody could get shot in the eye," said Clayton Taylor, 13, a Eules eighth-grader at Harwood Junior High School.

Spencer Mars, 13, an eighth-grader at William Monnig Middle School in Fort Worth, suggested a potato fight.

"I mean tomato," he said.

The free PACS Partners program began this month. Its goal is to educate youths in the hope that they may want to pursue careers in parks and recreation, said



Items are stuffed into goody bags for the Music and Motion concert, which will promote nutrition and exercise. S-T/R. JEENA JACOB

Ray McDonald, director of Eules Parks and Community Services. Earlier, students worked in the city's greenhouse and learned about the athletic department. Next week, they will study city playgrounds for safety standards. The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

"I just thought, 'What a great opportunity if we can spark a fire in these young people,'" McDonald said.

In another room Wednesday, a separate group was hashing out ideas. Their adult supervisor, Jason Grant, suggested a disco band.

Johanna Armstrong, 13, said the event should raise money for a cause, such as breast cancer. Max Cummings, 11, a sixth-grader at Lakewood Elementary School, brought up diabetes.

"Now you're starting to think," Grant said, noting the link between the disease and unhealthy eating habits.

Besides coming up with

Music in Motion concert

The free event will include a 20-minute aerobics workout, a talk about nutrition and a concert by children's artist Dave Rudolf. Snacks and goody bags will be given away.

- 7 p.m. Saturday
- Villages of Bear Creek Amphitheater
- 1951 Bear Creek Parkway, Eules

ideas, the participants also stuffed goody bags for Saturday's Music in Motion concert, which will promote nutrition and exercise.

Armstrong, an eighth-grader at Eules Junior High School, said she enjoyed the program.

"I liked how we can make good ideas for the community and how we can help people," she said.

For more information about PACS Partners, call 817-685-1666.

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Jewel Smith, 12, left, Dylan Schmit, 13, right, and other youths assemble goody bags as part of the PACS Partners program. The kids are also learning about parks and recreation. STAR-TELEGRAM/R. JEENA JACOB

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Police family bound by the badge, blood

The law is always the topic of conversation for a Hurst police sergeant and his relatives.

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HURST — When his family gets together, Hurst police Sgt. Bob Coffee doesn't have to worry about a topic for conversation — it's always law enforcement.

His sons are Eules patrol officer Justin Coffee and Bedford patrol officer Jeffrey Coffee. Then there's his son-in-law, Hurst patrol officer Andrew Cobb.

Bob Coffee's brother, Fort Worth patrol officer David Coffee, can also drop by and toss in his two cents' worth.

And there's a nephew, North Richland Hills patrol officer Travis Peck.

"I didn't even push my sons into becoming officers," Bob Coffee, 57, said one recent morning. "It was more a surprise. But I'm sure proud of them now."

Thirty years ago, no Coffees had full-time jobs in law enforcement. Then Bob Coffee caught the blue fever.

"I had just gotten out of the Navy, and law enforcement was just something I thought I could do," he said.

He was an officer for Dallas/Fort Worth Airport for a year before joining the Hurst department. No other relative planned on following his footsteps — it just happened.

Justin Coffee, 32, had mapped out a career as a game warden.

"I had always been an outdoors type of guy," he said. "But I switched to being an officer when I realized the busy time for a game warden was the same time that I would want to be out hunting and fishing."

Justin Coffee has worked at the Eules department for three years after spending seven years in the Bedford department.

Younger brother Jeffrey Coffee followed him to Bedford and has stayed.

But Cobb's career path was sparked by his interest in Sarah Coffee, Bob Coffee's daughter.

"We were dating first, and then I became interested in police work," Cobb said. "I talked to her dad and her brothers, and that helped me decide."

Cobb, 28, joined the Hurst force seven years ago. His wife takes his profession in stride.

"Law enforcement is the only life I've ever known," Sarah Cobb said. "We'd ride in the back of the patrol car when Dad took us to school. I don't have this deep fear about it, but I do pray every day when they go to work."

Sarah Cobb said she can hold her own around the dinner table among police officers.

LAW ENFORCEMENT



Hurst police Sgt. Bob Coffee, second from left, with, from left, son Jeff, son Justin and son-in-law Andrew Cobb.

S-T/JAN McVEA

"Sometimes I know what I'm talking about," she said. "And then sometimes I don't."

As for facing his father-in-law on the job, Andrew Cobb says there have been a few rough times.

"But for the most part, it's been all professional," Cobb said.

And more relatives could be on their way to wearing badges.

"I'm not going to discourage my kids from it," Cobb said. "But it's like, whatever direction they take, I'll be there for them."

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