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## 4th man arrested in Johnson County bludgeoning death

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By STAR-TELEGRAM

A 41-year-old Euless man was in custody Saturday, accused of helping a capital murder suspect escape after the bludgeoning death of a Johnson County man last month.

Richard William Ringley was arrested by members of the Euless Police Department and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and faces a charge of hindering apprehension, Johnson County Sheriff Bob Alford said in a statement released Saturday.

Alford said Ringley helped Nico Allen-Antonio Cogdill, 21, flee Johnson County after the Sept. 21 death of Richard Eugene Warren, 48. Ringley is the fourth man arrested in the case, which apparently began as a home invasion.

Bond was set at \$120,000.

The three suspects took a hammer and pipe wrench to the home and used them to beat Warren to death, Alford said. All three apparently have ties to white supremacist groups.

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## Mid-Cities Greek Foodfest cooks prepare for Friday through Sunday

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Barbara Vittas and several of her friends baked 400 loaves of tsourki this week. It's a sweet bread they'll sell and serve at the 20th Mid-Cities Greek Foodfest.

"We also just baked about 85 pans of baklava, and there are 60 pieces per pan," Vittas said.

The Friday-Sunday festival is a chance to enjoy other Greek foods like souvlaki (lamb/pork shish kebob), spinach pie and loucamathes (fried dough with honey) at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Eules.

"We'll also be serving Greek coffee, Greek beer and, of course, shots of ouzo," said spokeswoman Harriet Blake.

Eules Mayor Mary Lib Saleh opens the festival this evening during the Taverna Night for church members and guests.

She said the festival has become a traditional fall event in Eules that's "lots of fun, lots of good food, lots of good friends and lots of good things from the Greeks."

Vittas said the food crew started preparations in August, making and freezing stuffed grape leaves called dolmathes.

"We've been baking on and off since then," she said.

Dancers from 5 to 25 have been practicing that long, too, Blake said.

"Their main coach, Laurie Cortinas, used to be one of the young performers," she said. "We start them at 5 learning the simple grapevine steps. We have kids who are out of college and still come back to the festival to dance."

Blake's son, Chris, is a recent Texas Christian University graduate who still dances at the festival.

"It's a fun way to, first of all, keep the tradition of the dances alive," he said. "The big thing is getting the crowd into it; that's a huge factor in how we perform. If the crowd's strong it's a blast to be up there."

Chris Blake said that all of the dances have tough parts, but that the *hasapiko* is toughest.

"There are a lot of kicks while squatting, then you have to come back up," he said. "It feels like it takes longer every year when we start practicing for the knees to limber up. Back in high school, I didn't have any problem."

The dancers' stage is in the shadow of the church's new home and centerpiece of the 4-acre campus, an almost-finished Byzantine-style building where members hope to be holding services in January.

The free festival benefits the building fund.

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