

Felon pleads guilty in meth-linked arson case

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A frequent felon has been sentenced to 21 years in prison on charges of starting a Tulsa house fire while trying to manufacture methamphetamine.

Donnie Ray Russell, 36, pleaded guilty Tuesday to two felonies — endeavoring to manufacture a controlled dangerous substance and first-degree arson.

His acceptance of a plea negotiation halted a jury trial that was under way in Tulsa County District Judge Tom Gillert's court.

Russell was sentenced to 21 years for the drug count.

He received a concurrent 10-year term for arson.

That offense requires Russell to serve 85 percent of that sentence — 8½ years — before he can be eligible for parole.



PLEA HALTS TRIAL

Donnie Ray Russell: Police reported that he "admitted that he was attempting to manufacture meth" when he was burned during a Tulsa house fire in November. On Tuesday, as his trial was under way, Russell accepted a plea negotiation that calls for a 21-year term on a drug count and a 10-year term for arson.

There is no statutory requirement regarding how much time he must serve on his 21-year sentence for the other offense.

Russell was arrested after a blaze started shortly after 2 a.m. Nov. 23 at a house in the 3700 block of East 27th Place.

When questioned, he "admitted that he was attempting to manufacture meth when the fire occurred," police reported.

The house was occupied by seven adults, with some asleep and others awake

when the fire started, a prosecutor said.

Russell was burned on his legs and hands.

The other occupants of the house got out safely, Assistant District Attorney Tony Evans said.

In a court document, prosecutors asserted that Russell has more than a dozen felony convictions for concealing stolen property, burglary, drug, escape and larceny crimes.

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Strong sales boost projections for GRDA's revenues in 2010

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VINITA — Stronger-than-expected sales through the first two months of the year caused an upward revision in projected revenues in the 2010 Grand River Dam Authority budget approved by directors on Wednesday.

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Dougherty said rural cooperatives and spot sales exceeded projections used in the preliminary budget issued in December, while municipalities were slightly under target.

The revised budget shows total operating revenues for the year of \$364.3 million, up

\$12.1 million from preliminary estimates. Operating expenses were up \$5.9 million, to \$129.5 million.

That increase in expenses was attributed to greater use and higher fuel costs at the natural-gas-fired Red Bud plant in Luther.

The current year is expected to be a tight one financially for the GRDA because of \$143 million in debt service to two outstanding bond issues.

The debt service load will begin to decline in 2011.

Officials said January and February sales were bumped by cold weather and increased usage by two industrial customers.

Projections were affected by recent contracts with Western Farmers Electric Cooperative and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency.

The GRDA is an independent state agency operating power-generating facilities on Grand Lake and Lake Hudson and in Chouteau and Luther.

Its customers are municipally owned utilities and rural cooperatives in Oklahoma, southeastern Kansas, southwestern Missouri and Arkansas, as well as tenants of the Mid-America Industrial Park in Pryor.

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LOCAL, STATE

Police seeking man identified as shooter in slaying at Tulsa apartment complex

Tulsa police are looking for a man who has been identified as the shooter in a homicide at the Apache Manor apartments on Saturday, according to a statement police released Wednesday.



Reed

Police are looking for Shawawn Reed, 20, who should be considered armed and dangerous, police said.

Reed is wanted for questioning in the shooting death of Vandell Nelson, 19, who was found dead between two buildings in the apartment complex at 3633 E. Young St.

He had been shot several times, according to police. Reed is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds, according to the statement.

Police said Saturday that they were searching for three to four people who were believed to have fled south of the complex after the shooting.

Officers said Tuesday that they wanted to talk to Daniel Tyree Harrison, 19, in connection with the case.

They said Wednesday that they had interviewed him and that he was not arrested.

Police are seeking any additional information that could lead to arrests in the case.

Tipsters can provide information on the homicide and remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 596-9188 or by sending a text message or an online tip at tulsaworld.com/crimestoppers.

— JARREL WADE, World staff writer

Authorities are searching for relatives of homeless man found dead in Tulsa

Tulsa police are trying to find relatives of a homeless man who was found dead in Tulsa last month.

Ricky Sain, 52, was found dead of apparent natural causes March 27 in a makeshift tent behind an office supply store in the 10300 block of East 71st Street.

Sain and a friend lived in a wooded area at that location. Police records indicate that he was a transient and had lived in Tulsa since at least

2003.

Police contacted local charities that help homeless people and found that Sain never provided them with any next-of-kin information.

Anyone with information about Sain is asked to call Danny Lynchard, director of the Tulsa Police/Fire Chaplaincy Corps, at 596-9138.

— NICOLE MARSHALL, World staff writer

Claremore man is found dead one day after ATV crash during fishing trip

A Claremore man was found dead Wednesday, one day after he lost control of his ATV and crashed into an embankment, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported.

Robert Robison, 57, left on the all-terrain vehicle

to go fishing about 7 p.m. Tuesday, state troopers reported.

He lost control of the 2005 Kawasaki Mule on a dirt path in Rogers County, according to the OHP's report.

Robison, who was not wearing a seat belt, was thrown about 18 feet horizontally and 15 feet down from where the ATV hit the embankment, the report said.

He died at the scene. His body was found about 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, troopers reported.

— JARREL WADE, World staff writer

Miami officer shot during confrontation to recover; suspect in serious condition

MIAMI — A Miami police officer who was wounded during a Tuesday night shootout is expected to make a full recovery, but the suspect who was shot by two officers remains in serious condition, Police Chief Gary Anderson said.

Five-year veteran Officer Michael Brashers, 38, who was struck in the hip by a shotgun blast, is expected to be released from the hospital Thursday, Anderson said.

The man who police said fired the shotgun, Kevin Eugene Brownfield, 38, of Miami, remained in serious condition Wednesday.

He was shot in the left arm and stomach when two officers responding to a report of domestic violence opened fire on him, Anderson said.

The shooting happened at the Chisholm Trail Apartments about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Police officers were sent to the apartment complex after receiving a 911 call reporting domestic violence with a firearm.

"He was on the balcony with a shotgun and confronted the officers as they were coming up the stairs to the balcony," Anderson said.

Witnesses told police that they heard both officers tell the man numerous times to put down the gun, but Brownfield refused, Anderson said.

"Then he raised it toward the officer, they shot, and he discharged his shotgun basically at the same time," he said. "At least that's what it looks like."

— FROM THE OKLAHOMAN

Tahlequah man charged with federal conspiracy and dog-fighting crimes

MUSKOGEE — A Tahlequah man has been charged by a federal grand jury with conspiracy and with violating laws against dog-fighting.

Jerry Ray Miller, 48, is charged with three counts related to dog-fighting between January and July 2009.

According to U.S. Attorney Sheldon Sperling's office, Miller is charged with one count of conspiracy, one count of sponsoring or exhibiting animal fights and one count of possessing pit bull terriers for use in an animal-fighting venture.

The charges, filed Wednesday, carry a maximum punishment of five years in prison and as much as \$250,000 in fines, the prosecutor's office said.

The charges stemmed from an investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General, Sperling's office said.

Miller was not in the Cherokee County Jail on Wednesday, a spokesman said.

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