

# Murder charges filed

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Police have filed murder charges against an Irving woman who fatally shot her husband Tuesday after he apparently threatened to have her admitted to a nursing home for her weight problems, police said.

Sumner Nash, 60, was pronounced dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital about an hour after ambulances responded to a 911 call by his wife, Gwendolyn Nash, at 2:20 a.m.

Mrs. Nash, who weighs 350 pounds, was held in the special management division of the Irving Jail on \$25,000 bail.

"He told her he was going to leave her or put her in a nursing home," said Capt. Travis Hall, head of IPD criminal investigations. "She weighs 350-plus pounds and was bed-ridden due to obesity — she stopped getting up and out of bed about two weeks ago."

According to statements given to police, she waited until her husband fell asleep and then used a .38 caliber revolver the couple kept on the nightstand to shoot him once he fell asleep. She shot him in the head and again in the upper back.

The 58-year-old then told police she "took the gun away and threw it on the floor," Hall said. She had planned on shooting herself after killing her husband, but she could not leave the bed to get to the revolver, Hall said.

When police arrived at the Nash residence, 1202 Doncaster St., they had to force their way into the house, Hall said.

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## *Lawrence L. Neal*

Lawrence L. Neal, 74, of Allen, died June 15 at his home.

Formerly of Irving, he was born in DeLeon, Aug. 14, 1919.

He was a machinist and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He attended First Baptist Church in Allen.

Funeral services were held June 17 at First Baptist Church. Burial was at Ridgeview Memorial Park.

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## *Delores Nelson*

Delores Nelson, 71, of Irving died Sunday, April 10, at her residence.

Mrs. Nelson was born Dec. 20, 1922, in Belleville, Ill. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Robert Nelson of Irving and Richard Nelson of Illinois; daughters, Carla Wesson of Irving and Debbie Wright of Irving; brother, Sylvester Utz of Illinois; sister, Jeannette Auer of Illinois; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside service was Tuesday, April 12, at Restland Memorial Park, with the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Local arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Home Health Care of Irving, 1302 Lane St., Suite 2050, Irving, TX 75061.

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*Mary Neilson  
Nelson*

Mary Neilson Nelson, 93, of Irving died Friday, June 24.

She was born April 23, 1901, in Glasco, Scotland.

Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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## Mary Neilson Nelson

Mary Neilson Nelson, 93, of Irving died Friday, June 24, at an Irving nursing home.

Mrs. Nelson was born April 23, 1901, in Glasgow, Scotland. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Presbyterian faith. She was also a member of Eastern Star, Cincinnati, Ohio Chapter, for 70 years; and the British Club of Irving.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Robert M. and Ann Nelson of Irving and Albert A. and Lynn Nelson of Cincinnati, Ohio; grandchildren, Robert Nelson Jr. of Irving, Sarah Nelson Johnson of Irving, Mary Nelson Bessler of Naperville, Ill., Holly Nelson Purcell of Cincinnati, and Thomas Nelson of Cincinnati; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Martin Nelson, in December of 1955.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 1, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Johnny W. Johnson celebrant. Arrangements are with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 516 S. O'Connor Road, Irving, TX 75060.

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## **Mamie Jane Newman**

Mamie Jane Newman, 83, died Wednesday, Aug 10, at Wood County Hospital.

She was born in Houston on Sept. 14, 1910. She was a member of Oak Haven Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer Newman of Quitman; son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Marjorie Newman of Quitman; daughter, Margaret Alcorn of Houston; brothers, Bob Shaw of Irving and J.O. Shaw of Cooper; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Aug. 12, at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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## ***Trixie Lee Newell***

**Trixie Lee Newell, 54, died Monday, July 18, at her home in Irving.**

**A former resident of Arlington, she was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Vernon. She married Robert Nelson Newell on Feb. 14, 1989, at Argyle. She owned the La Salone Beauty Shop in Arlington.**

**She is survived by her husband, Robert N. Newell of Irving; four sons, Jeff Pesnell and Aaron Pesnell, both of Arlington, and Robert David Newell of Fort Worth and Phillip Newell of Arlington; a daughter, Deborah Gail Newell of San Francisco; three brothers, Joe Lee of Vernon, Billy Lee of New Boston and Dale Lee of Mineral Wells; a sister, Wedonne Gray of Arlington; and five grandchildren.**

**Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, and at 4 p.m. Thursday at Sullivan Funeral Home in Vernon. Burial will be at Eastview Cemetery in Vernon. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.**

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## *Donnie Nichols*

Donnie Nichols, 42, of Irving, formerly of Dallas, died Wednesday, June 1 in Dallas.

Mr. Nichols was born Sept. 3, 1951, in Dallas. He worked as a chauffeur for three years with Blue Chip Limousine Service in Southlake.

He is survived by his sons, Donald Bruce Nichols Jr. of Florida and Gray Kelly of Dallas; daughters, Kathy Jo Carrabba of Hawaii, Heather Rochelle Nichols of Dallas, Elana Kelly of Dallas and Shannon Kelly of Dallas; mother, Lora Nichols of Sherman; brothers, Dutch Nichols of Duncanville, Perry Nichols of Whitesboro, J.L. Nichols of Dallas and Roy Nichols of Frankinston; sisters, Billie Wood of Irving, Bobby Smith of Dallas and Linda Meek of Sherman; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Ben Thomas officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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## *Randy M. Nisbett*

Randy M. Nisbett, 37, of Dallas died Saturday at his residence.

Mr. Nisbett was born Nov. 12, 1956, in Grapevine.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Mary and Charles Hammett of Irving; brothers, Reginald Nisbett of Austin and Ronald Nisbett of Palestine; stepbrothers, Michael Hammett and James Hammett, both of Irving; grandmother, Novella Pickle Gouger of Palestine; three nieces; and three nephews.

Services were Monday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Charles Hammett officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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## *Era Mae Noice*

Era Mae Noice, 91, of Irving, died Friday, Sept. 2, at a local nursing home. Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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## *Era Mae Noice*

Era Mae Noice, 91, of Irving died Friday, Sept. 2, at a local nursing home.

Mrs. Noice was born Jan. 24, 1903, in Ladonia. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Park Baptist Church. She had served as a hospital volunteer in Salida, Calif.

She is survived by her sons, Charles J. Habern of New Braunfels, Jimmy R. Habern of Dallas and Dennis Massey of Texas; daughter, Frances L. Foster of Irving; brother, Theron Brewer of Duncanville; sisters, Velma Master of Sanger, Leona Masten of Richardson and Alveria Burch of Arlington; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Revs. Ken Branam and Bentley Foster officiating. Burial followed at Sanger Cemetery in Sanger. Local arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association.

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## *Martha R. Beck Northcutt*

Martha R. Beck Northcutt, 75, of Irving died Thursday, Dec. 15, at an Irving nursing home.

Mrs. Northcutt was born March 9, 1919, in Irving. She was retired from the original Sanger Brothers Department Store, now known as Foleys. She was a member of Wilshire Baptist Church of Dallas.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and John Bob Dodson of Irving; grandsons

and their wives, David and Carol Dodson of Carrollton, Larry and Anna-Lesa Dodson of Irving and Scott and Angel Dodson of Waco; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Carl Kaiser of Irving; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert F. Northcutt; and one grandson, Glenn Dodson.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 17, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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## *Rufino Noyola*

Rufino Noyola, 38, of Irving died Thursday, Sept. 15 at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Noyola was born April 7, 1956, in Runge. He was a former office manager with Keypoint, Inc.

Survivors include his companion, Ron Thacker of Irving; father, Camilo Noyola of Runge; grandmother, Herminia Olivarez of Big Spring; sons, Michael Prado, Adrian Noyola, Joey Noyola and David Noyola, all of Big Spring; brothers, Perfecto Caudillo Jr. of Midland, Frank Noyola-Izquierdo of New York and Armando Noyola of Farmers Branch; and sisters, Sofia Villarreal and Diana Martinez, both of Victoria, Erminia Camacho of Haltom City and Patricia Urias of Farmers Branch.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the AIDS Foundation or AIDS Resource Center.

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