**LOCAL STATE**

**Woman killed in home near 29th, Rock**

**By Tim Potter**
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Authorities broke into a home on East Lewis Street in south Wichita on Saturday afternoon on suspicions that a woman was being held against her will and found the body of a 41-year-old woman in one of the bedrooms.

He was being held without bond, according to the arrest report.

More than 50 officers were involved in the search for about an hour as they searched the two-story home near 29th and Rock, which is a block east of the Tallgrass Greens Country Club.

The Wichita Police Department would not confirm the identity of the woman, but neighbors who described the victim as a mother of three children, were upset with the loss. One neighbor recalled how police knocked on her door Saturday morning and asked whether she knew anything about the “situation” next door. The police didn’t tell her what happened, but it made her worry about her neighbor and her neighbor’s children. Eventually, the shooting occurred. She began to call as she spoke about it Saturday afternoon.

Around the same time, police Lt. Randy Reynolds was near downtown, behind crime scene tape. He wore blue plastic gloves and peaked back and forth in the driveway with a cell phone in his hand.

The shooting was reported at about 1:30 a.m., by a neighbor who called 911, said Police Capt. Mike O’Donnell, police spokesman. O’Donnell confirmed the victim was a woman, not a man, as had been reported.

The suspect, 20-year-old Lavonta Williams didn’t return calls seeking comment.

Council member Pete Meitzner, who represents the north end of Wichita, said the event is “a huge, huge loss.”

“My heart goes out to the family. It’s a shock to everybody,” Meitzner said.

In 2001, the council and city staff worked to improve the area around the Tallgrass Country Club. The Tallgrass Golf Course was remodeled at that time, the mayor received $31,282 annually and council member Kathy Miller didn’t return calls seeking comment.

**Wichita police gather outside of a house in the 4900 block of Greenview Drive when a woman was fatally shot Saturday.**

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**Miss Kansas USA 2012 will be the winner of the 40th annual Mid-America Watercross Championships at the Wichita River Festival on Saturday.**

To make your heart go faster! Gentry Miller finished first in the 3 p.m. heat, and Thames finished third. Thames said it’s hard to predict what will happen when the riders get back on the water. “No two races are ever the same,” he said.

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