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2004 crash death heading to trial again

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Jury selection is scheduled to begin Monday in the second trial of a man charged with first-degree murder in a crash after a high-speed chase that killed a Haysville woman in November 2004.

Greg Berry, 30, was convicted of the murder charge in August 2005, but the Kansas Supreme Court overturned the conviction, ruling that the jury should have been allowed

to consider less-serious charges.

In its ruling, the court said "the evidence is undisputed that Berry fled from the traffic stop and recklessly drove down city streets at an unconscionably high rate of speed. His flight caused an automobile accident that took someone's life."

But the court said the evidence also could support a conviction for such less serious crimes as second-degree reckless murder, involuntary manslaughter or vehicular homicide.

Berry was convicted in August 2005, after a trial that was dwarfed in media coverage by the two-day sentencing hearing of Dennis Rader, also known as the BTK strangler. Rader was sentenced to 10 consecutive life sentences after pleading guilty to 10 counts of murder.

In another courtroom that week, prosecutors were alleging that Berry was running from a sheriff's deputy when he caused a crash at 47th South and Meridian that killed 55-year-old Vicki Brown of Hays-

ville.

During Berry's preliminary hearing in February 2005, Sedgwick County sheriff's Deputy Tracy Spreier testified that he stopped Berry's black Cadillac at about 1:45 a.m. on Nov. 25, 2004, because its temporary tag was too dirty to read. He said he pulled the car over on 47th Street South, just west of Broadway.

After he asked Berry for his driver's license, insurance card and 30-day tag permit, Spreier testified, "He put it in drive and took off."

Spreier said he followed the car to Seneca before calling off the chase for safety reasons. He said he continued driving west toward Meridian and saw the crash from a distance.

Brown was killed in the crash. Investigators said Berry ran into a nearby residence but was arrested after one of the occupants called 911.

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Kan., Neb. head to court over water use

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Kansas and Nebraska are continuing their fight for water in the Republican River Basin.

On Monday, the two states will begin a trial in Portland, Maine, before a special master appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court. The special master will then make a recommendation to the Supreme Court on how to proceed.

This particular disagreement stems from a 2003 settlement of a 1998 dispute in which Kansas accused Nebraska of using too much water.

This time, Kansas contends that Nebraska violated the terms of the settlement and used more than 78,000 acre-feet – over 25 billion gallons – of water from 2005 to 2006.

In May 2010, Kansas asked the Supreme Court to reopen the case and enforce the terms of the previous settlement. The court granted the request in April 2011 and appointed the special master.

According to a 1943 river compact, 49 percent of the Republican River's water goes to Nebraska, 40 percent goes to Kansas and 11 percent goes to Colorado.

The Republican River starts in eastern Colorado and flows through Nebraska and Kansas before joining the Smoky Hill River and becoming the Kansas River. The river feeds the Milford Reservoir and is used by farmers for irrigation. The river basin covers almost 25,000 square miles.

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— Deb Gruver

WUSHOCK, WSU PRESIDENT HELP WITH MOVE-IN



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Volunteers help Wichita State University students move into Fairmount Towers on Sunday. About 500 first-year students are expected to live on campus this year.

A new school, a new home

BY BECCY TANNER
The Wichita Eagle

The parking lot at Wichita State University's Fairmount Towers was so crowded Sunday afternoon, yellow-vested security officers were guiding traffic.

Sunday was moving in day at the university and parents and siblings were helping incoming freshmen move into WSU's residence halls.

Many came with microwaves and laptops and cowboy boots. Others came with carpet and shopping bags filled with back-to-school specials.

Joseph McNorton's family from Topeka stood watch near the sidewalk over a mini-refrigerator, piles of boxes, a TV and bedding.

His sister, Kyla, says she will miss him. His parents, Cathy and Kyle, are excited for him.

McNorton, a Jabara scholarship winner, plans to major in entrepreneurship.

WSU mascot WuShock was on hand to greet the freshmen on campus as was WSU's president, John Bardo

Steve Larson, WSU's director of



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Wichita State University president John Bardo talks with Hunter Stohlmeyer, a freshman from Ames, Iowa, while she moves into her room at Fairmount Towers on Sunday. Bardo and his wife, Deborah, popped in on students at Fairmount to say hello and welcome them.

housing and residential life, said the university is expecting 500 first-year students to live on campus this year.

The university in recent years has typically attracted between 14,000 and 15,000 students per

semester, but only about 1,100 students live in residence halls.

WSU housing officials recommend that students spend their first year in one of the residence halls – Fairmount, Wheatshocker or Brennan.

"There are some options for them to get out, where they can live with their family or other factors," said Wade Robinson, vice president for campus life and university relations. "But for me, living in a hall is a tremendous learning opportunity. It's a chance to build connections and network. I highly recommend it because of the program we do for student development."

Although classes don't begin until Aug. 20, Larson, the housing director, said he expects at least 70 to 80 percent of the other students who live on campus will move in this week.

That's why it was so important to give the freshmen time for moving in. Volunteers from campus sororities, fraternities and athletic groups assisted the students by carrying luggage and boxes up to their dorm rooms.

Bright pinks, lime greens, and blues and sensible grays seem to be the trending colors of bedspreads and carpets.

Susan Davied of Fredonia chose blue and lime green.

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Solomon Butler was first black Kansan in Olympics

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Solomon Butler, who spent part of his childhood in Wichita, was the first African-American from Kansas to compete in the Olympics.

Butler was among 29 long jumpers competing from 11 nations in the 1920 Summer Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium. He placed seventh.

Born in 1895 in Kingfisher, Okla., Butler was a natural athlete. He excelled in football and track. When he was 9 years old, his family moved first to Wichita, and then, four years later to Hutchinson,



according to Paul Waggoner, author of the 2005 article, "Solomon Butler, Hutchinson's greatest-but-for-gotten athlete."

In Hutchinson, he gained fame for his ability to compete.

"He dazzled spectators at the district meet, winning six firsts,

breaking five meet records, tying the international scholastic record in the 100-yard dash, and unofficially breaking a world record in the 50-yard dash," Waggoner wrote. "After HHS won the Wichita track meet (five first-place ribbons for Butler), it was on to Lawrence

where Butler and his four teammates won first place."

In 1914-15, Solomon and his brother Ben played football and participated in track at Rock Island, Ill., where they had followed their

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