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NEWS ROUNDUP Custody transfer delay nixed The father of Laura Van Wyhe's son has been rebuffed in his attempt to delay transfer of the boy to the custody of Van Wyhe's mother, according to documents filed Friday in Johnson County District Court. Donald Knight III had asked the Iowa Supreme Court to reverse a District Court order giving custody of the boy to the grandmother. Knight also asked the court to delay enforcement of the order until the appeal could be heard.

The denial of Knight's motion to delay, signed by Justice Marsha Ternus, gave no reason.

Van Wyhe, 21, died a few hours after being found alongside a Missouri highway on Oct. 26. Her death is being treated as a homicide and the investigation continues.

Her son, Samson Knight, is now in the custody of her mother, Leanne Thomas of Iowa City.

MARSHALL COUNTY Kidnap charges filed Arrest warrants charging a Clemons man with first-degree kidnapping and first-degree burglary were issued Friday by Marshall County District Judge Carl Baker.

The warrants come only days after Raymond N. Hinders, 18, was detained by Canadian authorities as he tried to cross the border with a woman who claimed she was kidnapped from her home in Clemons and raped by Hinders.

Hinders remains in custody of the Ontario Provincial Police in Fort Francis, Ontario, awaiting extradition to Iowa, according to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department. Extradition is pending, the department said, as an agreement between the Canadian and U.S. governments is hammered out.

The investigation into the alleged abduction, and as-of-yet unproven claims by Hinders that he knows the whereabouts of missing Mason City anchorwoman Jodi Huisentruit, continues as a joint effort between the Marshall County Sheriff's Department and the FBI.

CEDAR RAPIDS College welcomes top preps Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, and Mount Mercy President Thomas Feld will welcome more than 100 outstanding high school seniors to Mount Mercy College on Monday for Presidential Scholarship Day.

The seniors are among the Midwest's highest-achieving high school students. All have grade-point averages of 3.5 or better and ACT scores of 26 or above.

The students will compete for the Holland Presidential Scholar Award, valued at the cost of full tuition over four years, or more than \$40,000.

To compete, candidates participate in small-group interviews with faculty members and complete written essays. Each student invited to attend Presidential Scholarship Day qualifies for a Presidential Scholarship at Mount Mercy College, which has a minimum value of \$5,600 per year.

Mount Mercy's current tuition is \$11,370 a year. Students who attend the event have the opportunity to increase their Presidential Scholarships to \$28,000 over four years.

Scholarship awards will be announced by the end of the month.

Man arrested after chase A Cedar Rapids man allegedly led police on a chase early Friday, then scuffled with an officer.

James L. Maclin Jr., 26, of 1852 B Ave. NE, was charged with assault on a peace officer, drunken driving, driving while barred and interference with official acts.

Maclin allegedly drove away from B Avenue and Second Street NE at 2:24 a.m. as the patrol officer who'd stopped him was checking his license, according to police. Maclin's car was damaged after it struck a Dumpster in the 100 block of Second Street NE, but he allegedly continued, driving briefly onto Interstate 380 before police stopped him at Eighth Street and 22nd Avenue SW.

As he was being arrested, Maclin allegedly scuffled with officer Kevin Sims. A passenger in his car, Natasha Thompson, 19, of 1852 A Ave. NE, was charged with interfering with official acts.

Maclin gained notoriety with local law enforcement and the public in July 1991 when, in a novel court proceeding, he married the woman he was accused of shooting in the head.

He married Melanie Lnenicka shortly after pleading guilty to reduced charges of assault while participating in a felony and extortion. He was sentenced to five years in prison.

In 1994, Maclin was arrested and charged with assault for breaking into his then-wife's apartment and trying to shave her head with an electric razor.

The two were divorced in 1995.

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