

Victim's mother: Spurned advances provoked Texas school shooting

SANTA FE, Texas (Reuters) - A teenage boy who shot and killed eight students and two teachers during a gun rampage at a Houston-area high school had been spurned by one of his victims after making aggressive advances, her mother told a newspaper.

Sadie Rodriguez, the mother of Shana Fisher, 16, told the Los Angeles Times that her daughter rejected four months of aggressive advances from Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, who is in jail charged with murdering 10 people early on Friday at the high school in Santa Fe.

Fisher finally stood up to him and embarrassed him in class, the newspaper quoted her mother as writing in a private message to the Times.

"A week later he opens fire on everyone he didn't like," she said. "Shana being the first one."

Rodriguez could not independently be reached for comment.

If true, it would be the second school shooting in recent months driven by such rejection.

In March, a 17-year-old Maryland high school student used his father's gun to fatally shoot a female student with whom he had been in a recently ended relationship.

Police said Pagourtzis confessed to Friday's killings after he was taken into



IN REMEMBRANCE: Makeshift memorials are seen left in memory of the victims killed in a shooting at the Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas, May 20. Jonathan Bachman/Reuters

custody, but authorities have offered no motive yet for the massacre, the fourth-deadliest mass shooting at a U.S. public school in modern history.

The Santa Fe Independent School District denied accounts from some classmates that Pagourtzis had been bullied, including by a football coach.

"Administration looked into these claims and confirmed that these reports are untrue," it said on Saturday in a statement on Facebook.

Classmates at the school, which has some 1,460 students, described Pagourtzis as a quiet loner who played on the football team. He wore a black

trench coat to school in the Texas heat on Friday and opened fire with a pistol and shotgun.

'The aftermath'

In Santa Fe on Sunday, many churches and businesses had signs outside with messages such as "Santa Fe strong" and "Santa Fe ISD we are here for you."

About 100 people attended an emotional service at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Service dogs were in a nearby hall to help console grieving victims.

Jared Black, one of the students killed, attended a youth group at the

church, and many of its members embraced his mother Pam when the family arrived.

"I was not prepared for dealing with the aftermath," Rusty Norman, president of the Santa Fe ISD board of trustees and a member of the church, said in an address to the congregation.

"What was supposed to be a safe place was not."

It was the latest rampage to stoke a long-running national debate over gun ownership, three months after a student-led gun control movement emerged from a mass shooting in Parkland, Florida, which killed 17 teens and educators.

Many of those student activists have taken aim at the pro-gun National Rifle Association.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," NRA President Oliver North said students should not be afraid to attend class, but that his gun-rights advocacy group does not think the solution is to limit the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

"I believe that we can make sure kids are protected without taking away the rights of law-abiding citizens," North said, calling for metal detectors in schools and more use of the NRA's offer to schools of free security assessments.

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CNN's "State of the Union." Warner said he'd "not seen any evidence" that the FBI planted an informant in Trump's campaign, as the president has claimed.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the

top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, said revealing information about the alleged FBI informant was "a dramatic and new and destructive low" for Republicans in Congress.

Schiff said he's "confident" the FBI acted appropriately in its investigation. "Everything I have seen, it would

have been negligent for the FBI not to take steps to protect the country in the midst of the information it was receiving," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The president this week retweeted a comment by a Fox News anchor that "apparently the DOJ put a spy in the

Trump campaign," adding, "Really bad stuff!"

The New York Times reported May 19 that the FBI used an existing informant to covertly approach several Trump campaign associates. It does not report that the FBI embedded the informant.

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COURT SENTENCING: Arthur Rathburn, convicted of providing diseased body parts to medical customers, is pictured in a court sketch while being sentenced by U.S. District Judge Paul Borman in Detroit, Mich., May 22. Jerry Lemenu/Reuters

Businessman who sold diseased human body parts gets 9 years in prison

DETROIT (Reuters) - A Detroit businessman who sold and leased human body parts was sentenced to nine years in prison Tuesday for selling diseased remains to medical educators.

Arthur Rathburn, 64, is the third and most significant person convicted as part of a national investigation into the largely unregulated market for body parts in the United States. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is also investigating other so-called body brokers in Illinois, Oregon and Colorado, and has executed search warrants in each of those cases.

Prosecutors said Rathburn earned \$13 million from 1997 to 2013 by selling or leasing human remains that had been donated to science.

During a January trial, an FBI agent testified that Rathburn took little care as he stockpiled body parts in freezers at his Detroit warehouse. The agent said parts from various donors were found "frozen together in flesh-on-flesh chunks."

Among the relatives of those whose bodies were donated to science and ended up in Rathburn's warehouse is Tracy Smolka of Kankakee, Illinois. Her father, Randolph Wright, died in 2010. Three years later, the FBI found her father's head in Rathburn's freezer. Smolka faced Rathburn for the first time Monday, in court.

"I hope you burn in hell," Smolka told him. "And when you get there, make sure to tell the devil I sent you."

Rathburn was not prosecuted for his treatment of human remains: U.S. law governs only body parts intended for transplantation, such as hearts and livers. Rathburn was convicted of defrauding customers and violating hazardous shipping laws.

Court backs transgender student at center of bathroom dispute

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A U.S. judge on Tuesday ruled that federal law protects a transgender student who fought all the way to the Supreme Court for the right to use a bathroom at a high school in Virginia that corresponded with his gender identity.

U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen in Norfolk rejected a bid by the Gloucester County School Board to dismiss the civil rights lawsuit filed by student Gavin Grimm.

The judge said Grimm has valid claims under a federal law, called Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, that bars discrimination on the basis of sex in education as well as the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law.

Grimm filed the suit in 2015 and graduated from high school last year.

Wright Allen rejected the school board's argument that its policy was justified by the need to protect the privacy rights of students, saying that "preventing Mr. Grimm from using the boys' restrooms did nothing to protect the privacy rights of other students, but certainly singled out and stigmatized Mr. Grimm."

Grimm, 19, was born a girl and identified



GENDER IDENTITY: Activist Gavin Grimm arrives for the Time 100 Gala in Manhattan, N.Y., April 25, 2017. Grimm fought all the way to the Supreme Court for the right to use a bathroom at a high school in Virginia that corresponded with his gender identity. Reuters

himself as male. Grimm had sued the school board to win the right to use the public school's boys' bathroom.

Bathroom access has become a major issue in the battle over transgender rights, and Grimm's suit has been the most prominent legal case on the subject.

"I feel an incredible sense of relief. After fighting this policy since I was 15 years old, I finally have a court decision saying that what the Gloucester County School Board did to me was wrong and it was against the law," said Grimm.

Proposed Issuance of Underground Injection Control System Operating Permit for Ada's Trust & Investment, Inc.

Public Review and Comment Period: May 25, 2018 – June 25, 2018

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) runs the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program, as mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act, and approved by U.S. EPA. The Agency regulates all applicable activities as set forth in the Guam's UIC Regulations. The UIC Program requires operating permits for all existing injection wells/systems. This includes wells built prior to the approval of the regulations are still in operation, and wells/systems constructed after the effective date of the regulations.

Guam EPA has received renewal application from Ada's Trust & Investment, Inc., for one injection system located at the parking area of P&F Professional Manor, San Antonio Road, Tamuning. The building has a clinic and medical office.

On the basis of a preliminary UIC requirement review, the Administrator has proposed issuing UIC permit to allow discharges of stormwater runoff into the injection system.

The discharges contain stormwater runoff only. No industrial discharges or any discharges are allowed into the system.

The permit for this application will require:

- 1 - Only stormwater runoff to be discharged into the injection system
- 2 - Semi-annual monitoring of water quality for MBAS, Oil and Grease, N03-N, Endrin, Lindane, Toxaphene, 2, 4-D, 2, 4, 5-TP Silvex, Heptachlor, Methoxychlor, Lead, Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene, Toluene, MTBE, Boron, COD, and pH,
- 3 - Assurance regarding repairs, replacement, or abandonment of the well/system in the event of failure,
- 4 - A laboratory analysis report of runoff water taken from the designated sampling point of the system, and
- 5 - Compliance with other UIC requirements.

A copy of the Draft Permit and Permit Application for the above applicant and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Water Resources Management Program Section of the Water Division, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, located at 17-3304 Mariner Ave., Tiyan, Barrigada 96913.

For more information, contact Ms. Susan Marquez, at (671) 300-4778 or at (671) 300-4751.

Written comments on the draft permit may be hand delivered to the address above or mailed to the address below. Comments must be received by Guam EPA no later than 5 p.m., Monday, June 25, 2018. No fax submissions will be accepted.

Administrator
Guam Environmental Protection Agency
17-3304 Mariner Avenue
Tiyan, Barrigada, Guam 96913

If there are no appeals, the Draft Permit becomes final. Operation of the injection system identified by the applicant may proceed subject to the conditions of the permit and other applicable legal requirements.

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permit or deny application for the permit will be decided after all comments have been considered. If no comments are received within the 30-day waiting period, the final permits shall be issued immediately after the commenting period closes.

Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.

/s/ WALTER S. LEON GUERRERO- Administrator

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