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CHRIS ZOELLER, THE GLOBE GAZETTE

Brady Olsen, also known as former presidential candidate Deez Nuts, talks about the current state of the presidential election as coverage of the Republican National Convention plays on the living room television at his home in Wallingford on Wednesday.

Deez disillusioned by state of US politics

Protest candidate hopes for 'party in the middle'

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WALLINGFORD — Former presidential candidate Deez Nuts is like a lot of American voters. He doesn't like the Republican

or Democratic nominee, and has no idea how the country wound up choosing between what some consider two of the most polarizing politicians in recent history.

"I don't know what happened, because they are probably the two most disliked people they could have picked. Yet, the only two people that were favorable, John Kasich and Bernie Sanders ...," said Brady Olson, 16, trailing

off as he shook his head slowly in disbelief.

"I don't know what to say about that."

Olson, of rural Wallingford, made international headlines last year while running for president under the moniker Deez Nuts.

The name, swiped from a popular Internet meme, was his 12-year-old brother's idea.

The highlight was when nearly 10 percent of North Carolina residents told Public Policy Polling they'd rather vote for Deez Nuts than billionaire businessman Donald Trump and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The memory still brings a grin to his face.

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Rivera loses relief hearing

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MASON CITY — A judge has denied a man's post-conviction relief application in a Mason City vehicular homicide case.

District Court Judge Colleen Weiland ruled Tuesday that Victor Rivera's sentence of up to 25 years in prison, which includes a mandatory minimum of 17.5 years before he is eligible for parole, was legal.

Rivera, 48, Mason City, received that sentence after pleading guilty in Cerro Gordo County District Court to homicide by vehicle and failure to stop in event of an accident resulting in death.

Authorities say Rivera pulled in front of a motorcycle operated



Rivera

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Police recover missing firearms

MASON CITY — With the help of a tip from two citizens, Mason City police have recovered both weapons stolen from a police vehicle last month.

The department received a call around 6:40 p.m. Tuesday from two citizens who had possibly located the weapons, a semiautomatic Colt M16 A1 rifle and a Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun, Mason City Sgt. Steve Klemas said in a statement.

Klemas said officers met the callers in the 1400 block of North Elm Drive, where all the property was recovered. Twenty-eight rounds of .223-caliber

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Cruz steals show at GOP convention

Refuses to endorse during Wednesday speech

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CLEVELAND — Ted Cruz, the winner of the Iowa caucuses, congratulated Donald Trump on Wednesday night for winning the Republican presidential nomination, but he did not outright endorse him, an omission that drew a huge reaction from the crowd with many booing him as he left the stage.

In a much anticipated speech at the Republican National Convention here, the Texas senator portrayed the country as one imperiled, divided and in danger, saying Democratic leaders are responsible for "madness."

However, his speech will undoubtedly be remembered for the reaction of the crowd as it became apparent that he would not endorse Trump.

As Cruz began winding up his speech, the convention hall grew noisier, with some chanting "Trump."

At one point, Cruz appeared to try to pass it off as parochi-

alism, saying, "I appreciate the enthusiasm of the New York delegation."

However, as he left the stage a cascade of reaction came down. Afterward, Republican Party of Iowa Chairman Jeff Kaufmann said that Cruz "missed a real opportunity to solidify himself within the party."

However, he added, "we're going to unite the party with or without Ted Cruz."

Jeanita McNulty, of Davenport, a longtime Republican who was in the arena, said "he missed a great opportunity to unite the party."

Much of the day has been dominated by speculation about whether Cruz would endorse Trump, a man who once tweeted an unflattering picture of the Texas senator's wife during the campaign and frequently referred to him as "Lyn' Ted."

Cruz, not one to shrink from a fight, once called Trump a "pathological liar" and "utterly



Cruz

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