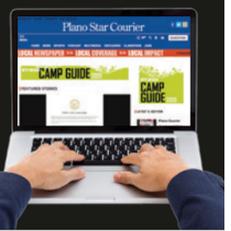


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LOCAL MAN ARRESTED IN TRIPLE HOMICIDE



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A Plano man is in custody after the deaths of three people in Comanche County.

The Comanche County Sheriff's Office was called to the Oliver Springs Community in DeLeon Saturday. Upon arrival, DeLeon PD found Earl Stephens III, 63, and Ashlyn Smith, 18, dead. A third victim, Patricia Stephens, 62, was transported to JPS Hospital in Fort Worth where she died from her injuries.

According to the sheriff's office, the caller, Brendan Jenkins, 22 of Plano, admitted while on the phone to shooting them.

Ashlyn Smith was Earl and Patricia Stephens' granddaughter.

According to Ashlyn Smith's father, Jason Smith, Ashlyn Smith and

Jenkins moved to DeLeon in April shortly after meeting. He said the two lived in a camper on Smith's grandparents' property.

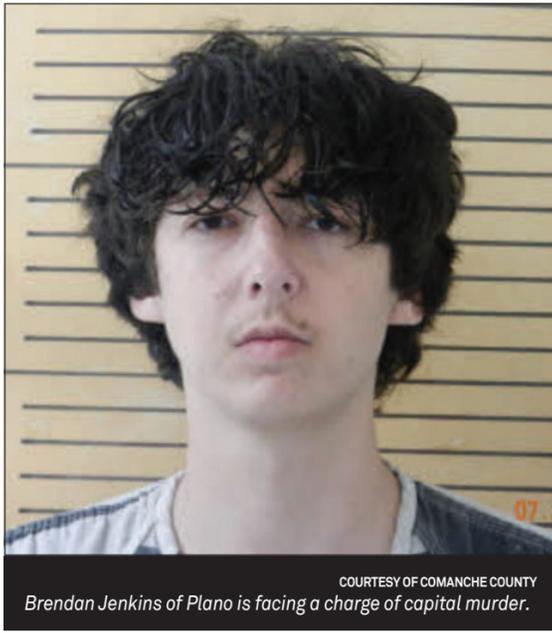
Two days before her death, Ashlyn Smith asked her father to pick her up from the camper, Jason Smith said. The earliest he could come was Monday. But at 8:15 a.m on Saturday, Jason Smith got a call telling him his daughter was murdered.

"He murdered Ashlyn in the camper, he walked about 50 to 70 yards to the house and went inside and murdered the grandmother and shot the bedridden grandfather," Smith said.

While Smith said he did not meet Jenkins in person, he said family and friends believed Jenkins was possessive over his daughter.

"Now we're dealing with three funerals."

A capital murder warrant has been sought for Jenkins who is currently in Comanche County jail.



COURTESY OF COMANCHE COUNTY
Brendan Jenkins of Plano is facing a charge of capital murder.

LOCAL IMPACT

PLANO		
ACTIVE CASES: 320	TOTAL: 1,591	
1,251	19	
Recovered	Deceased	
COLLIN COUNTY		
ACTIVE CASES: 1,360	TOTAL: 6,100	
168	4,659	80
Hospitalized	Recovered	Deceased
*As of July 28		

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LOOK INSIDE

Celebrating the interns

Sounds of cheer, noisemakers and pumped-up music made for a fun morning as 52 teens who participated in the Plano Mayor's Summer Internship Program were celebrated during a drive-by parade last weekend. With cowbells, signs, pom-poms, clackers and more in hand, Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere, elected officials, and employers and sponsors erupted with excitement as the interns showed up in decorated cars honking and waving to parade goers. **Read more on page 2A.**

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Local football teams revising schedules for delayed season



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3 charged in 2017 murder



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Three men have been arrested for murder in the 2017 shooting death of 58-year-old Plano man Christopher Collinvitti.

Ladarus Demarquis Earl Keys, 27 of Cedar Hill; Christopher Jamond Walker, 28 of Arlington; and Jacob Anthony Malin, 27 of Arlington have all been arrested and charged with capital murder.

Shortly before 9 p.m. Nov. 7, 2017, Plano police were dispatched to a shooting incident in the 7900 block of Case Drive in north Plano, police stated. Upon arrival, officers found Collinvitti inside his garage with a fatal gunshot wound.

After an investigation by the Plano Police Department Crimes



Ladarus Demarquis Earl Keys



Jacob Anthony Malin



Christopher Jamond Walker

Against Person's Unit, the three suspects were recently identified and have been arrested in connection with the murder. Keys is being held in the Collin County

Detention Center, Walker is at the Tarrant County Detention Center, and Malin is in custody at the Yazoo City Federal Correctional Institution in Mississippi,

according to Plano police. Investigators believe robbery was the motive in the murder, and the investigation remains ongoing.

Council approves apartments, greenbelt

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The Plano City Council on Monday approved a developer's plan for an apartment building that will be offset by a new green space.

Council members signed off on the proposal and settled on a 256-unit limit for the project along with a stipulation that allows for surrounding homeowners' input on tree placement. The greenbelt will be implemented along a section of Nueces Drive that runs through the proposed development.

The Promontory on Preston will be located on about 40 acres of land at the southeast corner of Preston Road and Spring Creek Parkway. Fritz Duda is the developer.



Council Member Lily Bao voted against the project over concerns about the area's density.



SCREENSHOT COURTESY OF PLANO CITY COUNCIL'S JULY 27 PRESENTATION
A new apartment building will include a large greenbelt for residents.

The two-story apartment buildings are required to be set back 75 feet from adjacent homes.

After approving the plan, council members adopted an item that will remove a portion of Nueces Drive from the thoroughfare plan map on the city's comprehensive plan. The item was directly related to the Promontory on Preston development as the stretch of Nueces Drive runs through the new development.

After almost two hours, the Promontory on Preston item passed 7-1. Lily Bao voted against the item because of concerns for the area's housing density.

In a March 23 letter to Planning and Zoning Chairman John Muns, the developer wrote, "The framework for the proposed development plan is a system of pedestrian-oriented streets and walks leading to a central community plaza by restaurants and retail shops."