

Navy Blue Angels jet crashes, killing pilot

SMYRNA, Tenn. (AP) — A Blue Angels F/A-18 fighter jet crashed Thursday near Nashville, Tennessee, killing the pilot just days before a weekend air show performance, officials said.

A U.S. official said the pilot was Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. According to his official Blue Angels biography, Kuss joined the elite aerobatics team in 2014 and accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours.

It was the second fighter jet crash of the day for the military's elite fighter jet performance teams. A member of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds crashed in Colorado after a flyover for the Air Force Academy graduation where President Barack Obama spoke. That pilot ejected safely into a



This May 19 photo shows Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss at an air show in Lynchburg, Va. A Blue Angels F/A-18 fighter jet crashed Thursday near Nashville, Tenn., killing the pilot just days before a weekend air show performance. A U.S. official said the pilot was Kuss.

field. Harry Gill, the town manager in Smyrna just outside Nashville, said Thursday that the Blue Angels pilot was the only casualty and no civilians on the ground were hurt. The Navy said in a news

release that the pilot was beginning to take off during an afternoon practice session when the crash happened. Five other F/A-18 jets landed safely moments after the crash.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and

friends of the Blue Angels after this tragic loss. I know that the Navy and Marine Corps Team is with me. We will investigate this accident fully and do all we can to prevent similar incidents in the future," Adm. John Richardson, the Navy's top officer, said in a Facebook post. The team is based at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida.

The Blue Angels will not participate in the weekend air show, the Navy said in a news release.

The Great Tennessee Air Show will go on as scheduled, though, Smyrna airport Executive Director John Black said in a news release.

Kuss was a native of Durango, Colorado, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marines in 2006. He had previously served in Afghanistan before joining the Blue Angels.

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operating with 110 emergency beds. Its population hovers just above or below the threshold on a daily basis, Peter said. The April 2016 prison population forecast projects the average daily women's population to exceed 1,300 as early as June 2017.

The Department of Corrections could request another \$9.5 million in September to actually open the minimum security annex and accept female prisoners. The department also anticipates requesting another \$3.9 million in the fall to fully staff Deer Ridge and add another 100 beds, Peters said.

DOC's biennial budget failed to account for the cost because the state projection for the inmate population ballooned in the past year. The April forecast projects the prison population to grow from 14,636 this year to 15,319 by March 2026.

The Justice Reinvestment Fund was created in House Bill 3194 in 2013 to give resources to counties to set up support services for offenders on probation and parole. The bill also restructured the state's sentencing guidelines to try to ebb the flow of offenders into the prison system.

The Criminal Justice Commission divvied up \$15 million from the fund in 2013-14. About \$40 million was earmarked for the fund for 2015-16. The \$9.5 million expansion at Deer Ridge would come out of the \$40 million amount.

Peters said the Justice Reinvestment program is working. Without it, she said the department would have needed to build a new prison at Junction City this year and opened it next year.

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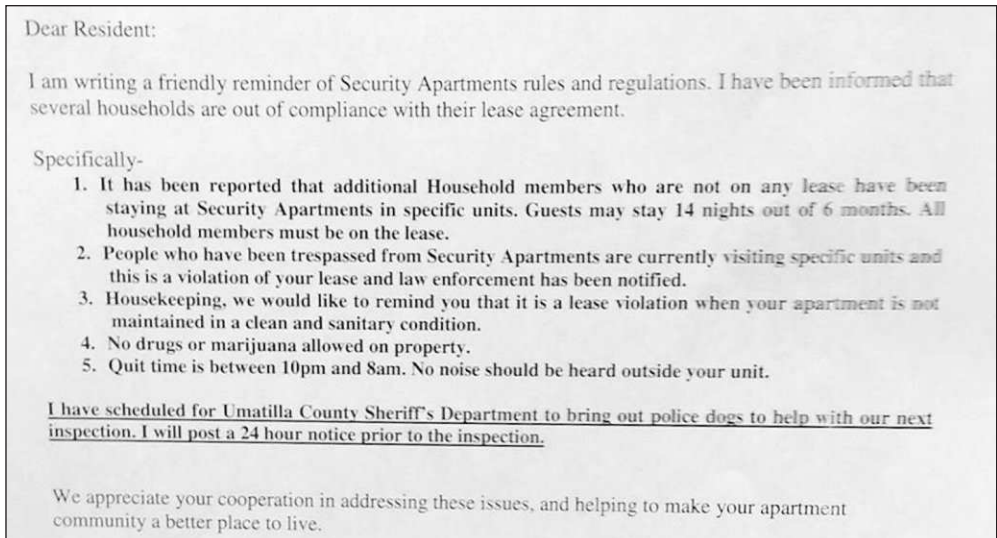
Pendleton attorney Will Perkinson handles landlord-tenant cases. He said he has never heard of a landlord or property manager attempting to use police dogs for inspections and he believes that would run afoul of the law.

Oregon Revised Statute 90.322 guides when a landlord or a landlord's agent can access premises. Perkinson said except for emergencies and under certain agreements between the landlord and tenant, landlords must post 24-hour notice before entering a renter's personal space. And threatening to use police dogs during an inspection could abuse the right of access and become harassment.

He also said tenants can render that notice to use dogs toothless. Oregon's law allows tenants to deny consent to enter, even if the landlord provided 24-hours notice. Though the law also states tenants cannot "unreasonably withhold consent from the landlord to enter."

In this case, Perkinson said, tenants at Security Apartments could tape notices to their doors denying the use of police dogs during inspections.

Police could use dogs to search common areas, such as sidewalks, playgrounds and hallways. But Roberts



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also said Security Apartments has a locking front door that "creates a whole new legal standard as to where it is a common area." He called that an interesting legal question and the kind of situation Pendleton police try to avoid.

Perkinson said property rights are all about the concept of privacy, and one tenant could grant police the right to search a common area, and at the same time another tenant could deny that right. The question is, who do police listen to?

The *East Oregonian* reached Poulson on the phone Wednesday. She said the inspections are to make the building safer for all tenants and to root out drug use. She referred further questions to management.

Cascade Management Inc., Portland, provides property management services to Security Apartments, as well as several other local sites, including Cottonwood Apartments, Quail Ridge, and Ridgeway Village Apartments, all in Hermiston; St. Patrick's Hotel, Heppner; and Sunset Senior Housing, Athena. The *EO* tried to speak with Tiffany Roderick, the Cascade Management spokesperson, and sent her an email Wednesday afternoon with the photo of the notice, but was unable to reach her.

Aside from emergencies, Oregon law gives landlords no other rights of access except a court order, if a tenant leaves for more than seven days and without notice, or if a tenant abandons the property. Rowan

said tenants have the right to feel secure in their person and property, and even a lease agreement allowing police to search apartments would raise concerns about due process.

Perkinson said something similar in an email:

"A dog sniff is a search, and if the police engage in a search without probable cause of criminal activity, that search is likely an 'unreasonable search' in violation of constitutional rights. Willful violation of constitutional rights can lead to civil liability, and landlords and police should always be wary of actions that could lead to civil liability," he said.

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icant step for a Republican Party trying to come together ahead of a general election matchup against likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

And Ryan made clear he had Clinton on his mind when he decided to join the ranks of Republicans who have slowly come around to backing Trump, the brash billionaire few expected to emerge as the party's nominee when the campaign began in earnest last year.

"This to me is about saving the country and preventing a third progressive, liberal term, which is what a Clinton presidency would do," Ryan said.

Trump celebrated the endorsement on his favorite venue, Twitter.

"So great to have the endorsement and support of Paul Ryan," Trump wrote. "We will both be working very hard to Make America Great Again!"

However, Trump made no mention of Ryan during a rally in San Jose, California, Thursday evening.

There are still some GOP leaders who say they won't support Trump, including 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who tapped Ryan as his running mate four years ago. A day earlier, Romney signaled that he'd support a possible third-party candidate instead of the presumptive Republican nominee.

Ryan himself acknowledged that he continues to have concerns about Trump's combative style, but said after a series of conversations with

Trump, he's confident he and the House Republicans he leads as speaker will be able to work with him as president on their agenda.

"We obviously have a different kind of style and tone. That's very clear. Anyone who knows anything about us knows that," Ryan said. "But what really, ultimately matters is how best can we make sure these principles and policies get enacted in 2017."

As the GOP's so-called "Never Trump" movement struggled to identify a viable alternative, many believed it was only a matter of time before Ryan fell in line. The endorsement, he said, was not the product of any deal with the billionaire developer, but a decision based on "an understanding of our mutually agreed upon principles."

Ryan said he specifically wanted to go over Trump's approach to executive power, judicial appointments and his position on abortion.

"Those conversations took some time," he said, adding: "I feel much more comfortable that he's in the same page with us. Most importantly, it is obvious that Hillary Clinton is not."

Ryan ended a weeks-long standoff with Trump minutes before the interview by outlining his support for the New York billionaire in a column published online by *The Janesville Gazette*.

He had shocked the political world last month by refusing to endorse Trump once the real estate mogul became the last major Republican presidential contender still in the race.

The pair spoke privately

in a series of Washington meetings last month and their staffs' stayed in touch. Ryan said he made the decision to formally endorse Trump earlier in the week.

"I wasn't just going to sign up sight unseen without even having a conversation or knowing what direction, because he had only mentioned a few policies in the primary," Ryan said. "I wanted to basically make sure that (we agreed) on the big issues of the day, on really important principles."

Major differences remain, however. And conservative leaders across the country continue to have deep reservations about Trump's devotion to Republican principles and his temperament.

In particular, Ryan has embraced major changes to Medicare and Social Security as his signature issue on Capitol Hill. Most Republicans in Congress have followed Ryan's plan to reduce the cost of the popular

programs that are contributing to the national debt.

Trump has repeatedly promised not to touch the popular programs, echoing a position more commonly adopted by Democrats.

The two also break on immigration. Trump wants to deport more than 11 million immigrants in the country illegally in addition to imposing a temporary ban on Muslims from entering the U.S.

Ryan opposes both policies.

"It's no secret that he and I have our differences. I won't pretend otherwise," Ryan wrote in *The Janesville Gazette* column. "And when I feel the need to, I'll continue to speak my mind."

Ryan's announcement was released as Clinton was delivering a foreign policy speech excoriating Trump's approach.

Electing Trump, she said, would be "a historic mistake."

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it generates would fund education, health care and senior services.

But there aren't any guarantees. Lawmakers can spend the revenue however they want because IP 28 would change state law, not the Oregon Constitution — a structure that its public union-backers say they chose to avoid pigeonholing future budget decisions.

Education, health and senior services would almost certainly benefit from IP 28. It sends proceeds to the general fund, the bulk of which already funds those areas, especially education. But what portion of the proceeds — especially with other funding challenges facing the state, such as pensions and transportation — and how it'd be spent beyond that is unclear.

Katherine Driessen, spokeswoman for Our Oregon, the union-backed nonprofit behind IP 28, said Brown's proposal is a good first step that "addresses education, and we look forward to working with the governor on an implementation plan that addresses health care and senior services as well."

Rebecca Tweed, campaign coordinator for the business-backed opposition campaign, said Brown's proposal doesn't address the broader issues with IP 28 and instead, "demonstrates that IP 28 includes no strategy and no accountability for how the state would spend the \$6 billion it would generate."

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Brown also needs the support of the Legislature, where feelings on IP 28 are mixed, even among Democrats.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, who supports IP 28, was out of town and unavailable for an interview, but her spokeswoman Lindsey O'Brien issued a statement on Kotek's behalf.

"If Oregonians approve the measure in November, legislators will work with the governor in 2017 to make sure it's implemented as voters intended," O'Brien said.

Senate President Peter Courtney said they'll tackle budget and revenue issues next session, as they do every year, but he still opposes policy-making through citizen ballots.

"I'm still hopeful that all the players will get in the room," Courtney said in an interview. "I know time's running out, it doesn't look very good ... I just want to avoid the battle. I admit today it would be a miracle."

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