

Dallas: Authorities find drugs, ammo

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A subsequent search of Anderson's home located both methamphetamine and .45-caliber ammunition consistent with the gun he used to shoot Hatchell, according to reports from the DA's office.

All three officers will remain on paid administrative leave pending an internal Dallas Police Department review of the shooting, said Lt. Jerry Mott.

"This is to determine if policy governing their response with force was followed," Mott said. "I am hoping to complete the review this week and make a determination and recommendation to Chief (Tom) Simpson based on the available facts."

Mott said he isn't sure when Hatchell will be able to return.

"Sgt. Hatchell's injuries were significant," Mott said. "He was shot in the upper and lower left leg. He is working to recover from his injuries."

The Oregon State Police conducted the investigation. The Polk County District Attorney's Office presented the evidence to the grand jury.

The grand jury heard testimony from the three involved Dallas officers. Also testifying were detectives and troopers from OSP and five citizen witnesses.

The grand jury also reviewed a scene diagram, a report of the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office, as well as dash camera and body camera video.

VSO: Community outreach is key

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"I plan to do a lot of outreach to those smaller communities because I know that travel is often a barrier to service," she said. "I will be going out to those smaller communities myself to help the veterans out there."

McCandless said a secondary, but critical, function of the office is referring veterans to where they can get help for other needs, such as housing, utility bill assistance and emergency food.

"Part of our job is going to be to connect those veterans coming in for help with disability claims to resources here in the community, get them connected to the support groups here," McCandless said.

She added the office has gotten several calls from people and organizations wanting to help them get started.

"Us, being new here, they are really sharing as many resources as they know with our veterans, so we make sure that everybody is getting what they need," McCandless said.

Osgood's first big community event will be next week's Polk Community Connect, an event providing help to people and families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

"We are going to take it on, and we are going to see if we can help as many people as possible that day," she said.

Rec coordinator to remain unfilled

By Lukas Eggen
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DALLAS — The city of Dallas' recreation leagues are on hold.

Former recreation coordinator David Brautigam left the position in December and now works as a trucking manager for Open Road Trucking.

The city council decided during a Jan. 9 meeting that the part-time position would remain unfilled until the city's goal-setting meeting in March.

"From the city's standpoint, there won't be anybody working on (rec leagues)," city manager Ron Foggin said. "Anything that the sports coordinator was doing prior to leaving, all that is on hold."

In recent years, the city had offered a variety of recreation opportunities — including an increase in adult rec leagues, including basketball, softball and a glow run.

The council inquired about whether an employee from the parks department could take over the recreation coordinator's duties.

"If the recreation coordinator's duties were going to be handed to the parks department, we'd have to put another employee in there," Foggin said. "We'd still have the expense no matter



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The Glow Run, held in October, attracted more than 500 participants.

where you pay for it."

Many adult recreation leagues had seen growth, including the basketball league, which grew from eight to 16 teams during its lifetime.

The position's fate could be decided during the city's goal setting meetings, when a third-party facilitator talks with each council member,

Foggin and his senior management team about what their short-term and long-term priorities are for the city, Foggin said. Then, they gather to discuss and prioritize those goals.

"In the past, recreation has been, I would say, within the top 10 goals for the council the last three or four years," Foggin said. "It has been

something that is important to the council to provide these recreation opportunities for the citizens. I don't know this year how that will boil out, but if (recreation programs) continue to be something the council wants to see, I would expect someone to be working toward that whether they're in that department or not."

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