

DISTRIBUTING MEALS

Leigh Kalbacher, director of programs at Community Servings in Jamaica Plain, loaded meal bags into a volunteer's car. The nonprofit was preparing and delivering hundreds of holiday and medically tailored meals with the help of dozens of volunteers, family members, and friends to critically ill and homebound individuals.



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Murder case dropped after release

By Nick Stoico

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins has dropped the murder case against Shaun Jenkins, who spent nearly 19 years in prison after being convicted in his cousin's murder and was released in September following revelations of misconduct during the investigation and prosecution of his case, according to court records.

Rollins made it official in a filing in Suffolk Superior Court on Wednesday, dismissing the indictment against Jenkins that stemmed from the 2001 murder of his cousin, Stephen Jenkins, in Dorchester.

Jenkins has long maintained that he is innocent in his cousin's death.

Recently uncovered files show a Boston police detective paid a key witness \$100 and prosecutors withheld evidence that could have pointed to another suspect, according to a decision from Superior Court Justice Kenneth W. Salinger on Monday when he granted Jenkins's motion for a new trial.

In that decision, Salinger wrote that misconduct by the detective and prosecutors "deprived Jenkins of a fair trial."

Rollins agreed. Her office had supported Jenkins's motion for a new trial after the evidence of misconduct came to light.

"It is clear that justice was not done here," Rollins said in a

statement Wednesday night. "When there is misconduct and/or material errors are made by law enforcement, including a prosecutor, we must always correct those errors. That is a vitally important part of building trust back into the criminal legal system. By admitting when we make mistakes or get it wrong, and then working hard to make it right, we actually gain credibility."

Jenkins's lawyer, Lisa M. Kavanaugh, director of the Innocence Program at the Committee for Public Counsel Services, had brought the case to Rollins's Integrity Review Bureau, which investigates wrongful conviction claims. Kavanaugh took advantage of the bureau's "open discovery" process, which granted her access to the prosecution's case file, where she found some of the withheld documents.

Kavanaugh could not be reached for comment, and the Boston Police Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Shaun Jenkins was convicted in 2005 and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after prosecutors showed that he had beaten up his cousin, with whom he was apparently feuding over territory for selling drugs, the day before he was killed.

Shaun Jenkins's defense attempted to argue that the killer may have been Stephen Jen-

SEPTEMBER RELEASE

Shaun Jenkins was freed from prison following revelations of misconduct in his case.

Jenkins's drug supplier, to whom he owed \$3,000. Prosecutors objected, claiming there was no evidence that Stephen Jenkins was in debt to the supplier, and the judge sided with the prosecution.

It turned out that prosecutors had in fact identified the supplier and confirmed that Stephen Jenkins owed him a large sum of money for drugs he had lost, Salinger wrote in his order for a new trial. In addition, prosecutors were aware that Stephen Jenkins had called the supplier several times on the day of his murder. The drug supplier also lived a short distance from Ronan Park, where Stephen Jenkins was found shot dead in the driver's seat of a running Lincoln Town Car. No one witnessed the killing.

Salinger wrote that information such as this is "the very definition of exculpatory evidence that the Commonwealth

must share with the defendant." He went on to write that police "failed to investigate two other likely suspects."

In her statement, Rollins said these revelations are too much for her office to defend.

"Although these errors and misconduct happened decades ago, we are experiencing the aftermath and ripple effects of the bad behavior in the present," she said.

"I am deeply disappointed with what we found during our investigation, but proud that we searched for the truth and did what was right when we found it."

Jenkins's case is the latest in a line of convictions that have been overturned due to wrongdoing or injustice by police and prosecutors in years past. Rollins's Integrity Review Board is the driving force behind many of those cases.

Since 2020, judges have released at least nine men from prison because of Boston police or prosecutorial misconduct, shoddy investigations, or evidence that pointed to someone else. The men, almost all of whom are Black, had each served two decades or more and faced sentences as long as life.

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Danvers officials reverse, will report graffiti

By Bob Hohler

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Town officials in Danvers, after pushback from residents and human rights groups, have dropped their plan to stop informing the public about incidents of hateful graffiti in the community.

On Monday, when Danvers officials reported the fourth discovery of biased graffiti in recent weeks, they stated the town "will no longer issue statement after statement every time a

similar incident is discovered and/or reported."

They wrote, "Our fear is that the constant attention created by doing so is simply encouraging more of the same, which in some cases simply may be attention seeking and in others truly may be statements of hate intended to do harm."

Critics decried the decision, describing it as a retreat from the town's pledge to strive for greater transparency after the Globe reported in November

that Danvers police and school officials concealed for more than 16 months alleged violent racist, homophobic, and antisemitic misconduct by members of the 2019-20 high school boys' hockey team.

On Thursday, town manager Steve Bartha posted a statement saying similar incidents "will continue to be shared with the public through appropriate channels, including a publicly facing database."

Bartha said the new data-

base "will allow the community and officials to track, quantify, see patterns, and draw conclusions as we work collectively to design training, plan events, and develop programs aimed to reduce and eliminate these kinds of incidents."

He said he anticipates the database going live on the town's official website in January.

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New England in brief

BOSTON

College probes antisemitic behavior

Emerson College officials are investigating a report of antisemitic behavior in a classroom, interim president William P. Gilligan said in a message this week to the school community. Gilligan's message, which Emerson tweeted out Thursday, was posted to the school website Tuesday, according to a time stamp on the site. Gilligan said in the note that school officials on Friday "became aware of a social media post reporting antisemitic behavior in a classroom. The report is currently being addressed by the relevant College offices charged with responding to such incidents." He did not provide details of the behavior but said acts of bigotry aren't tolerated on campus. "Antisemitism and other forms of hate and intolerance violate Emerson's stated values of inclusiveness and equal treatment," Gilligan said.

Man arrested in school kidnap try

A 58-year-old man was arrested for allegedly attempting to kidnap a student during a recess period at the David A. Ellis Elementary School in Roxbury, police said Thursday. Charles Mairro of Dorchester is charged with assault and battery and attempted kidnapping, police said in a statement. He was arrested Thursday in the area of 131 Harold St. Mairro allegedly approached a group of three students who were at recess, grabbed one of them by the arm and attempted to pull them away at about 2:40 p.m. Wednesday, police said. He told the student he wanted them to come play basketball with him. Mairro is scheduled to be arraigned in Roxbury District Court, police said.

LYNN

Boyfriend of slain woman arraigned

A crowd of hundreds jeered Thursday as the boyfriend of 40-year-old Sherell Pringle, the Woburn woman found dead in a Saugus marsh Tuesday, was held without bail on charges of obstructing a criminal investigation at his arraignment in Lynn District Court. Bruce Maiben, 44, appeared briefly in front of nearly 350 spectators on Zoom before Judge William Martin abruptly ended the hearing when onlookers in the courtroom began yelling and bearing Maiben. He is charged with larceny over \$1,200; intimidation of a witness, police officer, juror, or court official; and withholding evidence in a criminal proceeding. The judge entered a plea of not guilty on Maiben's behalf. Pringle's body was found Tuesday afternoon near the Rumney Marsh off Route 107 in Saugus. Her son had reported her missing on Sunday, after she did not return home from a date Saturday night with Maiben, officials said. Maiben will return to court Dec. 28 for dangerousness and probable cause hearings.

MANSFIELD

Attleboro man killed in I-95 crash

A 47-year-old Attleboro man died after he drove through the median on Interstate 95 north around 11:40 a.m. Thursday, according to State Police. The man, who was not immediately identified, apparently drove off the road and crashed into trees in the median, State Police said in a statement. Troopers and town fire officials responded to the crash. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The crash remains under investigation.

T EWKSBURY

Gift cards instead of citations

Some drivers who were stopped by police for minor vehicle violations this month got a holiday surprise. Instead of issuing a citation, officers spoke with them about their infraction and the importance of safe driving. And then they handed them a \$25 gift card to help with holiday shopping. "This was important for us because we're always dealing with people in a negative light or when they're having serious issues, or when we have to give them tickets," Lieutenant Patrick Connor, who came up with the gift card idea, said in a statement. "We wanted to try and create something where an officer could surprise people with a gift card and have a positive interaction." Wal-Mart donated \$100 worth of gift cards and the police union spent \$300 to purchase a total of 16 gift cards, the statement said. All of the cards were distributed to surprised motorists. "Most of the responses were shock, and a few people started crying," Connor said. "The positive interactions go a long way with officers, and we hope with members of the community too."

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This day in history

Today is Friday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 2021. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

Birthdays: Dr. Anthony Fauci is 81. Recording company executive Mike Curb is 77. Actor Sharon Farrell is 75. Former attorney general Jeff Sessions is 75. Actor Grand L. Bush is 66. Actor Clarence Gilyard is 66. Actor Stephanie Hodge is 65. The former president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, is 64. Actor Anil Kapoor is 62. Rock singer Mary Ramsey (10,000 Maniacs) is 58. Actor Mark Valley is 57. Actor Diedrich Bader is 55. Singer Ricky Martin is 50. Author Stephenie Meyer is 48. TV personality Ryan Seacrest is 47. One Direction singer Louis Tomlinson is 30.

► In 1814, the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of

Ghent, which ended the War of 1812 following ratification by the British Parliament and the US Senate.

► In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

► In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., that was the original version of the Ku Klux Klan.

► In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to transmit the human voice (his own) as well as music over radio, from Brant Rock in Marshfield.

► In 1913, 73 people, most of them children, died in a crush of panic after a false cry of "Fire!" during a Christmas party for striking miners and their families at the Italian Hall in Calu-

met, Mich.

► In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed General Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe as part of Operation Overlord.

► In 1968, the Apollo 8 astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve telecast.

► In 1980, Americans remembered the US hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds — one second for each day of captivity.

► In 1991, the MWRA ended an age-old practice of dumping sewer sludge into Boston Harbor. Proponents of the Boston Harbor Project celebrated this milestone in an 11-year, \$3.6 billion effort to clean up one of the nation's dirtiest harbors.

► In 2013, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II granted a posthumous pardon to code-breaker Alan Turing, who was convicted of homosexual behavior in the 1950s.

► Last year, California became the first state to record 2 million confirmed coronavirus cases. Bethlehem ushered in Christmas Eve with a stream of joyous marching bands and the triumphant arrival of the top Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land, but few people were there to greet them as the pandemic and a strict lockdown dampened celebrations. Just a week before the deadline, Britain and the European Union struck a free-trade deal that would avert economic chaos on New Year's and bring a measure of certainty for businesses after years of Brexit turmoil.

THURSDAY MIDDAY 2320

Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)

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All 4 digits	\$4,370
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