

Charges to be filed in killing of trucker

Ogallala (AP) — Keith County Attorney Pat Hays said Tuesday first degree murder charges would be filed against three persons in the shooting death of a truck driver from Hialeah, Fla.

The three were held at Estes Park, Colo., where they were charged with robbery following the holdup of a grocery store early Sunday. They were arrested after a 25-mile chase.

Hays said David Denman, 22, Arvie Womack, 22, and Karen K. McGaughey, 20, all of Tyler, Tex., would be charged in the killing of 58-year-old Walter Stanton at an Interstate 80 rest stop near Roscoe, Neb.

Hays said the three also would be charged with conspiracy and possibly robbery charges.

Hays said two 9 millimeter pistols and a 12 gauge shotgun were thrown from the car the three were riding in during the Colorado chase. The weapons were recovered.

Authorities said shell casings from weapons of those types were found in the parking area of the rest stop.

Hays said he decided to file the charges after consulting with Keith County Sheriff Eldon Webb and investigator Mel Messersmith of the Nebraska State Patrol, who went to Colorado to question the three.