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PALMER

Man arrested in gas station shooting cited 'feud,' charges say

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PALMER — A 22-year-old man charged with murder in an early morning shooting Monday at a Palmer gas station told police the shooting followed a roughly two-year feud, according to charges filed Tuesday.

Isaac Beshaw told investigators he had reached "a boiling point" with 22-year-old Steven Williams, according to a sworn affidavit filed with the criminal complaint by police Det. Matthew Moore. Beshaw said Williams had made allegations about him and made "indirect threats" the night before the shooting, the affidavit said.

Williams was working behind the counter at the Speedway Gas station when he was fatally shot, it said.

Williams' fiancee told officers that he had argued with someone matching Beshaw's description on Saturday, according to the complaint.

Surveillance video showed a man wearing a hat and sunglasses with his face covered entering the gas station, approaching the register and firing multiple shots toward Williams, the affidavit said. Police said Williams was dead when officers arrived.

Beshaw was located outside an address in Palmer he shared with his mother, the complaint said. He initially said he was not involved in the shooting, then asked for an attorney, prompting investigators to suspend their interview, according to the affidavit. After having his rights read to him a second time, Beshaw told investigators that he shot Williams and left clothes he was wearing in the area before returning home, it said.

Police said they recovered a Springfield Armory SA-35 9mm 1911 style handgun from the residence, according to the complaint.

Beshaw was charged with first-degree murder and evidence tampering. His first court appeance was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

EDUCATION

Homeless students in Alaska, US could lose access to extra aid

Claire Stremple
Alaska Beacon

Alaska school districts risk losing access to up to several hundred thousand dollars in federal funding aimed at homeless students if they aren't able to commit to spending it by the end of September.

The money was included in a federal law providing pandemic relief, and national advocates have been pushing for Congress to extend the deadline, as it became clear that money could go unspent.

The exact amount Alaska districts could lose isn't clear. Alaska districts have spent nearly 70% of their $2.3 million boost, leaving more than $700,000 unspent, according to the national data updated on Aug. 1. The Department of Education and Early Childhood did not respond to a request for the most up-to-date figure or whether districts are on-track to spend down the balances.

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, worked on an amendment to the 2021 American Rescue Plan that secured $800 million nationally for students experiencing homelessness nationwide. Alaska districts received about eight times their usual annual funding.

The National Conference of State Legislatures called on Congress to extend the timeline to spend the money, under the terms of a longstanding federal law, known as the McKinney Vento Act, aimed at ensuring homeless children's access to schooling.

Barbara Duffield, the executive director of the national advocacy group SchoolHouse Connection, said the NCSL's resolution is significant, even if it is likely too late for an extension from Congress.

"The window for that extension, sadly, has gone," Duffield said. "Not for a valiant and a smart and a popular fight, but because of all these other dysfunctions in Congress."

She said the resolution did more than ask for an extension; it showed the importance of the funding across states and territories.

"It puts a body of state legislators on record as saying we should have had more time. And moving forward, there needs to be more of a priority in investing in this population," Duffield said.

The most recent state data shows that more than 3,000 Alaska students are homeless, and that the number has risen over the last several years. Most of those students live with another family, but about a fifth live in shelters and 10% are unsheltered.

Increased funding and programs typically leads districts to identify more students who are homeless, according to SchoolHouse Connection's research. That data shows that the actual number of students that are homeless is typically 50-100% more than the official school count.

School districts in Anchorage and Kenai used the money to bring on additional staff to work with unhoused students. The Child in Transition Program in the Anchorage School District used its additional funding to hire two full-time staff for remote sites and five part-time staff in high schools that are there to support students on campus and connect them to services. David Mayo-Kiely runs the program, which has operated since the 1990s and has 10 staff members.

"They check in on attendance, they check in on grades. They're just sort of there to be another ally for these students, someone they can go to," he said.

Those roles are important because of how homelessness can negatively affect students at school. Students who are homeless are chronically absent at roughly twice the rate of their housed peers, which is known to be detrimental to academic performance. They are also nearly 30% less likely to graduate than their housed peers, according to the National Center for Homeless Education.

ASD's program also spent money on internet hot spots for students, professional development for the staff, and supplies. Mayo-Kiely said the district will leave only a very small amount of money unspent.

"The funding has been wonderful for us," he said. "We were interested in having an extended funding, but we had been planning the entire time that this funding would be expiring by the end of this calendar year."

And he said the funding will have a lasting effect, even though it expires at the end of the year: The investment in staff demonstrated how important those on-campus "allies" were for students, so now the district is using money from other grant programs to continue funding them.

The NCSL resolution that urged Congress to extend the deadline was a priority of Sen. Löki Tobin, D-Anchorage and chair of the Senate Education Committee, after the Alaska Legislature failed to pass a similar resolution drafted by her office. Tobin is a member of the NCSL Education Standing Committee.

"Our hope with this resolution is to say, 'Could we continue to use McKinley-Vento funds in this manner — hiring additional support personnel to provide wraparound services for the entire family?' and also for us to think about how we might be able to reserve some of the remaining funds to continue serving students into the FY25-26 school year," she said.

The funding that came with the pandemic boost also has more flexible spending rules that mean districts can spend it on student transportation to the same school, even if the student's address changes — such as if they move in with a friend's family or begin living in a shelter. Districts can waive certain enrollment requirements temporarily to make sure the student starts on time, and even help with school supplies.

"We have a significant increase in youth experiencing homelessness that has persisted, and we know that it's not going to be an easy fix," Tobin said. "Particularly with the lack of affordable housing in the Anchorage bowl, with some of the instability and low wages in some of those entry and mid-level positions. So we're really anticipating that this population is going to continue to need additional resources and attention."

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rights because of the harrowing experiences they've seen wives or partners go through when pregnancies went tragically awry, endangering their health or ability to bear children. Some, like Stovall, had been staunch abortion opponents; others concede they'd given the issue little thought until it hit close to home.

"It's like an ocean change for men, and conversation has shifted to include men in high-profile ways," said Oren Jacobson, a co-founder of Men4Choice. The group, formed nearly a decade ago, has intensified its advocacy in the past year as more states criminalized abortion. Florida is a prime focus.

"When we think about our organizing strategy, it's [to] help men see the harm" that such laws cause, including harm to their families, Jacobson said. It's also to put the issue in a broader context for them, he added. "It's not just about abortion. It's about freedom, it's about power. It is an issue that impacts all of us and the women and family we love."

The emergence of men's voices in deeply conservative states — several with measures to protect abortion on the ballot in November — has been particularly striking.

In a series of posts on X that went viral this spring, Texas radio DJ Ryan Hamilton detailed what happened to his wife, Jess, during a prolonged miscarriage at 13 weeks. She was refused treatment and sent home by two Dallas-area medical facilities where doctors cited the state's abortion restrictions, Hamilton said. She ended up bleeding heavily for more than 24 hours until she lost consciousness on their bathroom floor.

Until then, Hamilton acknowledges, "abortion care was not on my radar." He now encourages other men to tell their stories on a podcast he began hosting this summer as his wife recovered. It's called "Correct," and his introduction explains, "In the wake of our family's tragedy, and in the hope of affecting change, I've decided to keep this conversation going."

"Men have to have a voice and step up on this," he said in an interview. "This is not just an issue for women to talk about on their own. And I'm all in."

The results of the latest Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll found that 1 in 5 men called abortion a top voting issue for them this year. While it resonates more among Democratic men, with 34 percent identifying it as one of their most important issues, 15 percent of both independent and Republican men also say it is one of the single most important issues in their vote — adding to the GOP's challenge ahead of November's presidential election.

By comparison, in a 2019 Post-ABC poll, fewer than 10 percent of men said abortion was a top voting issue, regardless of party identification.

"Men have strong feelings about this issue [now], men care about this issue," said Tresa Undem, a partner with the nonpartisan public opinion research group PerryUndem, who has studied abortion for more than 20 years. The 2022 Dobbs decision that reversed Roe v. Wade was a turning point. "Post-Dobbs, they see this has impacted their own personal rights and feelings."

Yet connecting the dots between miscarriage care and abortion is still not clear to many men, said Greer Donley, a national expert on abortion law and associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh law school.

"The silver lining of Dobbs is that it forced people to talk about what was stigmatized and shrouded in mystery — miscarriage, fetal anomalies, stillbirth," she said. They're now realizing the range of scenarios that can be directly impacted by state bans "and the end of this illusion that you can separate elective abortion from emergency abortions."

Men have an integral role here, in Donley's view. "Abortion is now a crime and it's impacting men and women — families — in ways that are unpredictable," she said. "Men telling their own stories … is going to be a big way to change hearts and minds."

Some men are also vocally supporting in vitro fertilization, which in conservative states like Alabama has been caught in the abortion crossfire because of the embryos created — and then potentially discarded — as part of the IVF process. The most prominent ally of late has been Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee.

During the party's recent convention, Walz shared his and his wife's years-long struggle to have a family and what he described as "the hell that is infertility." He said he signed legislation protecting reproductive freedom because in Minnesota, "we respect our neighbors and the personal choices they make. And even if we wouldn't make those same choices for ourselves, we've got a golden rule: Mind your own damn business."

Abortion opponents say that individual stories, however wrenching, do not signal a broader crisis. The president of Texas Right to Life, for one, blames a liberal conspiracy between media and doctors seeking to make a political statement about the bans. John Seago said his organization is working with other red states to clarify that miscarriage care is allowed when there is no longer a fetal heartbeat or when an ectopic pregnancy is diagnosed.

"There has been a lot of misunderstanding," he said Friday, inviting men who are upset about what happened to their wives "to come join this movement in making the laws more clear to doctors and hospitals."

Part of the public discussion is being propelled by men whose wives have been plaintiffs in lawsuits brought by the Center for Reproductive Rights. The litigation's goal: more definitive medical exceptions to guide physicians fearful of running afoul of those laws.

In Idaho, John Adkins raced his wife from their home in Caldwell, a suburb of Boise, to Portland, Ore., last year after an ultrasound showed a fetal anomaly so complex that she was likely to suffer potentially deadly complications. Jennifer was nearing the end of her first trimester.

"I felt like a fugitive," said Adkins, 37, a sixth-generation Idahoan. He remembers local doctors telling the couple that ending her pregnancy at that point would be illegal. (This June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Idaho hospitals should be allowed to perform emergency abortion care to stabilize patients despite the state ban.)

"What we went through, it violates all common sense," Adkins said. He vowed that day he would "never again sit on the sidelines when it came to abortion rights." He has since attended rallies and related community events. "I had not really known that miscarriages would be impacted like this. It was really the first time as a man that I realized what this all meant."

Travis and Taylor Edwards took a similarly desperate drive from Austin to Colorado when she was 17 weeks along last year, grieving the imminent loss of her pregnancy. Tests had shown the fetus had a fatal condition.

Texas hospitals would not perform the needed abortion, according to the couple, and she endured a dangerous two-week delay in care.

"It was absurd what we went through and what others are going through," said Edwards, 33. He was raised in a Catholic family that considered abortion evil but turned away from those beliefs as a teenager. "Everyone thought 'abortion is this dirty word.' But it was then that I realized it was end-of-life care — and lifesaving care for my wife."

Photo by TRAVIS EDWARDS

Travis and Taylor Edwards at their embryo transfer appointment for their son, Reid.

He describes himself as "so naive" before all this happened and says he now is very motivated to "get involved in this fight." He was set to talk about his experience — including the subsequent birth of a son — at a campaign event for Rep. Colin Allred (D-Tex.), who is running against Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) in November.

One legal historian on abortion traces the evolution of the debate, starting with pre-Roe days when male lawmakers and doctors dominated the discussion.

"They didn't think what women thought would make an impact," said Mary Ziegler, a professor of law at the University of California at Davis. "They were told what they thought wasn't enough to move the issue."

After Roe became the law of the land in 1973, however, women's own concerns grew in importance and slogans like "My body, my choice" put them at the center of the debate. The rise of abortion and reproductive health care clinics was seen as "empowering women" in largely female safe spaces.

"It became unclear to some men if they should say anything at all," Ziegler said.

The Dobbs ruling upended everything again by allowing state-by-state decisions on the legality of abortion. "When it's not just an abstract concept and that right is taken away, then it starts to impact everyone's life in unpredictable ways," she said. "And the more tragedies that occur, the more comfortable men are going to be to speak out."

For Stovall and his wife, their loss two years ago remains painful. After the day-long drive from their home in Fayetteville, Ark., they were greeted at the Illinois abortion clinic by protesters displaying massive pictures of dismembered babies.

"It was barbaric and made me just sick when we were already mourning this very much wanted pregnancy," he recounted on Monday. "I was once that way, too, thinking you would go to hell if you had an abortion. But it wasn't that simple."

"I was lied to," said Stovall, 30. "If I can change, others can too."

The Arkansas Supreme Court recently upheld the state's rejection of signatures that abortion rights supporters had gathered for a ballot measure to prohibit abortion bans before the first 20 weeks of gestation. Stovall had been part of that canvassing for a group called Arkansans for Limited Government. He vows to start anew next year.

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another 30 to 45 minutes writing up a report about the search. But this time he had artificial intelligence write the first draft.

Pulling from all the sounds and radio chatter picked up by the microphone attached to Gilmore's body camera, the AI tool churned out a report in eight seconds.

"It was a better report than I could have ever written, and it was 100% accurate. It flowed better," Gilmore said. It even documented a fact he didn't remember hearing — another officer's mention of the color of the car the suspects ran from.

Oklahoma City's police department is one of a handful to experiment with AI chatbots to produce the first drafts of incident reports. Police officers who've tried it are enthused about the time-saving technology, while some prosecutors, police watchdogs and legal scholars have concerns about how it could alter a fundamental document in the criminal justice system that plays a role in who gets prosecuted or imprisoned.

Built with the same technology as ChatGPT and sold by Axon, best known for developing the Taser and as the dominant U.S. supplier of body cameras, it could become what Gilmore describes as another "game changer" for police work.

"They become police officers because they want to do police work, and spending half their day doing data entry is just a tedious part of the job that they hate," said Axon's founder and CEO Rick Smith, describing the new AI product — called Draft One — as

court about what they witnessed.

"They never want to get an officer on the stand who says, well, 'The AI wrote that, I didn't,'" Smith said.

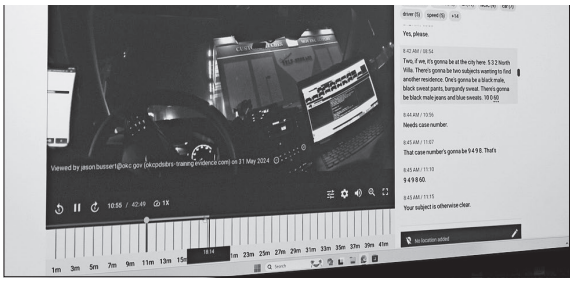
AI technology is not new to police agencies, which have adopted algorithmic tools to read license plates, recognize suspects' faces, detect gunshot sounds and predict where crimes might occur. Many of those applications have come with privacy and civil rights concerns and attempts by legislators to set safeguards. But the introduction of AI-generated police reports is so new that there are few, if any, guardrails guiding their use.

Concerns about society's racial biases and prejudices getting built into AI technology are just part of what Oklahoma City community activist aurelius francisco finds "deeply troubling" about the new tool, which he learned about from The Associated Press. francisco prefers to lowercase his name as a tactic to resist professionalism.

"The fact that the technology is being used by the same company that provides Tasers to the department is alarming enough," said francisco, a co-founder of the Foundation for Liberating Minds in Oklahoma City.

He said automating those reports will "ease the police's ability to harass, surveil and inflict violence on community members. While making the cop's job easier, it makes Black and brown people's lives harder."

Before trying out the tool in Oklahoma City, police officials showed it to



Draft One, an AI powered software that creates police reports from body cam audio, is demonstrated on a screen at Oklahoma City police headquarters on May 31 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

local prosecutors who advised some caution before using it on high-stakes criminal cases. For now, it's only used for minor incident reports that don't lead to someone getting arrested.

"So no arrests, no felonies, no violent crimes," said Oklahoma City police Capt. Jason Bussert, who handles information technology for the 1,170-officer department.

That's not the case in another city, Lafayette, Indiana, where Police Chief Scott Galloway told the AP that all of his officers can use Draft One on any kind of case and it's been "incredibly popular" since the pilot began earlier this year.

Or in Fort Collins, Colorado, where police Sgt. Robert Younger said officers are free to use it on any type of report, though they discovered it doesn't work well on patrols of the city's downtown bar district because of an "overwhelming amount of noise."

Along with using AI to analyze and summarize the audio recording, Axon experimented with computer vision to summarize what's "seen" in the video footage, before quickly realizing that the technology was not ready.

"Given all the sensitivities around policing, around race and other identities of people involved, that's an area where I think we're going to have to do some real work before we would introduce it," said Smith, the Axon CEO, describing some of the tested responses as not "overtly racist" but insensitive in other ways.

Those experiments led Axon to focus squarely on audio in the product unveiled in April during its annual company conference for police officials.

The technology relies on the same generative AI model that powers ChatGPT, made by San Francisco-based OpenAI. OpenAI is a close business partner with Microsoft, which is Axon's cloud computing provider.

"We use the same underlying technology as ChatGPT, but we have access to more knobs and dials than an actual ChatGPT user would have," said Noah Spitzer-Williams, who manages Axon's AI products. Turning down the "creativity dial" helps the model stick to facts so that it "doesn't embellish or hallucinate in the same ways that you would find if you were just using ChatGPT on its own," he said.

Axon won't say how many police departments are using the technology. It's not the only vendor, with startups like Policereports.ai and Truleo pitching similar products. But given Axon's deep relationship with police departments that buy its Tasers and body cameras, experts and police officials expect AI-generated reports to become more ubiquitous in the coming months and years.

Before that happens, legal scholar Andrew Ferguson would like to see more of a public discussion about the benefits and potential harms. For one thing, the large language models behind AI chatbots are prone to making up false automation and the ease of the technology would cause police officers to be sort of less careful with their writing," said Ferguson, a law professor at American University working on what's expected to be the first law review article on the emerging technology.

Ferguson said a police report is important in determining whether an officer's suspicion "justifies someone's loss of liberty." It's sometimes the only testimony a judge sees, especially for misdemeanor crimes.

Human-generated police reports also have flaws, Ferguson said, but it's an open question as to which is more reliable.

For some officers who've tried it, it is already changing how they respond to a reported crime. They're narrating what's happening so the camera better captures what they'd want to put in writing.

As the technology catches on, Bussert expects officers will become "more and more verbal" in describing what's in front of them.

After Bussert loaded the video of a traffic stop into the system and pressed a button, the program produced a narrative-style report in conversational language that included dates and times, just like an officer would have typed from his notes, all based on audio from the body camera.

"It was literally seconds," Gilmore said, "and it was done to the point where I was like, 'I don't have anything to change.'"

At the end of the report, the officer must click a box that indicates it was generated with the use of AI.

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LIMITS

place for decades, will ensure continued access and use of these public lands now and in the future," Haaland said in a statement from the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees the lands.

Dunleavy said on social media Tuesday that the decision is "the latest sanction against Alaska by the Biden-Harris administration."

"They are attempting to turn Alaska into one big national park," Dunleavy said. "Alaska is still owed five million acres of land under the Statehood Act. Every one of these sanctions harms Alaska's ability to prosper."

Sullivan said in a statement that the decision "harms our jobs and economy, and our Alaska Native communities," locking up acreage that he said the federal government owes to Alaskans.

Joe Plesha, communications director for Murkowski, said public land orders have become "political land orders" under the Biden administration.

"Alaskans have been completely railroaded as the BLM goes back on their own recommendation and commitment to return Alaska's lands to federal multiple-use status," Plesha said.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola's office did not respond to a request for comment.

One of Peltola's challengers in the upcoming election, Republican Nick Begich III, criticized her on social media over the decision and said that "Alaska must fight back with every tool it has available to restore access to this land."

The protected lands are spread across Alaska. They're about the size of Pennsylvania, collectively. In Western Alaska, they're in the western Interior, Seward Peninsula and Bristol Bay regions. They're also located in Southcentral Alaska and in eastern Alaska.

According to the Bureau of Land Management, the agency received 15,000 public comments for the draft review, overwhelmingly favoring the protections.

The environmental review found that revoking any of the protections would likely harm subsistence hunting and fishing in dozens of Alaska Native communities that would lose federal subsistence priority over certain lands, the agency said. Wildlife, vegetation and permafrost would also be negatively impacted, it found.

Conservation groups and some Alaska Native groups on Tuesday praised the decision. Among their concerns, they had asserted that unlocking some of the lands could have allowed an expansion of mining opportunities around the Donlin Gold mine prospect near the middle Kuskokwim River.

"Secretary Haaland's decision today is an important step toward a future full of healthy lands, waters, and people who thrive on wild salmon, waterfowl, other migratory animals, and seasonal plant life," said Anaan'arar Sophie Swope, executive director of Mother Kuskokwim.

The decision does not impact land available for selection by eligible individuals under the Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veterans Land Allotment Program, the agency said.

The Biden administration has taken other major actions to limit development in Alaska, such as implementing strong protections for most land in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska and rejecting a federal right-of-way for a 200-mile road to the Ambler mineral district in Northwest Alaska.

But in a controversial move, the administration last year approved ConocoPhillips' giant Willow oil project in the petroleum reserve.

Contact Alex DeMarban at alex@adn.com.

The Donlin Gold camp, photographed on Aug. 11, 2022, is around 12 miles north of the Kuskokwim River community of Crooked Creek. The deposit is estimated to contain 33.8 million ounces of gold.

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ELECTION 2024

Judge rules incarcerated U.S. House candidate can remain on Alaska ballot

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An Anchorage Superior Court judge on Tuesday denied a request by the Alaska Democratic Party to have the name of a jailed non-resident removed from Alaska's U.S. House ballot.

Eric Hafner, a New Jersey man serving a 20-year federal prison sentence for threatening elected officials, is running for Alaska's lone U.S. House seat despite never having resided in the state. Running as a Democrat, he finished sixth in the 12-way primary with 467 votes.

Under Alaska's open primary system, the top four vote-getters, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the general election. But when the third- and fourth-place finishers — both Republicans — dropped out of the race, the Alaska Division of Elections placed the fifth- and sixth-place finishers on the ballot.

The Alaska Democratic Party sued the state earlier this month, asking a judge to stop Hafner's name from appearing on the ballot. The plaintiffs' argument was twofold. First, they argued that Alaska law does not allow the sixth-place finisher to be elevated onto the ballot when other candidates drop out. Second, they argued that even if the sixth-place finisher could be placed on the ballot, Hafner should not have been allowed to appear on the ballot because he cannot fulfill the residency requirements of an elected member of Congress.

The U.S. Constitution stipulates that a candidate for Congress is required to be a resident of the state they represent once elected. But Hafner is serving his prison sentence in a facility in New York state. Hafner has suggested that he could become a resident of Alaska if he is granted a presidential pardon or compassionate release, or if he wins an ongoing appeal.

Hafner has previously run for U.S. House as a Democrat in Oregon and as a Republican in Hawaii. His mother, Carol Hafner, also ran for Alaska's U.S. House seat in 2018 despite not residing in Alaska.

On Tuesday, Anchorage Superior Court Judge Ian Wheeles denied the request for an injunction, ruling against the Alaska Democratic Party and in favor of the state, which sought to continue the ballot printing process with Hafner's name on the ballot.

Wheeles ruled that Alaska statutes allow for a sixth-place finisher to appear on the ballot if two of the top-four candidates drop out, even if the statutes do not say so explicitly. Wheeles also ruled that though Hafner was unlikely to become a resident of Alaska when elected, it was outside the court's purview to remove Hafner from the ballot on those grounds.

"The court cannot make any factual finding about the future. The court would be speculating, which it has no authority to do in this context," Wheeles wrote.

During oral arguments heard Monday, an attorney for the Division of Elections argued that removing Hafner's name from the ballot could jeopardize the entire election because the ballots had already been sent to be printed, and the first batch of ballots was due to be mailed to overseas voters on Sept. 21.

Candidates for Alaska's U.S. House seat are, from left, John Wayne Howe, Mary Peltola, Nick Begich III and Eric Hafner.

In his decision, Wheeles agreed with the arguments made by the state about the potential threat to the integrity of the election by halting the ballot printing process.

Reprinting ballots could cause "significant confusion, public fear of fraud and other malfeasance, and disruption in the election as whole," the judge wrote.

Wheeles wrote in his decision that the inclusion of Hafner's name on the ballot would not cause "irreparable harm."

The first-place finisher in Alaska's primary is Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola, who had nearly 51% of primary votes. In second with 26% was Republican challenger Nick Begich III, a businessman who lost twice to Peltola in 2022. The contest is largely seen as a high-stakes contest between Peltola and Begich. Alaska's seat is one of only a handful across the country seen as winnable by either party.

The Alaska Democratic Party had argued that Hafner, who is running as a Democrat, could impact the election despite having essentially no chance of winning, by taking votes away from Peltola.

Under Alaska's ranked choice election system, the leading candidate must secure over 50% of first-place votes to win outright. Otherwise, the winner is determined through a tabulation or instant runoff.

Wheeles wrote that "ranked choice voting neutralizes any claim of harm because, in theory, every voter can rank all candidates if they choose."

The Alaska Republican Party had intervened in the case, siding with the state and arguing for Hafner's name to be kept on the ballot.

The Alaska Republican Party is openly opposed to ranked choice voting and open primaries and has sought to use the appearance of a jailed candidate on Alaska's ballot as proof that the system is flawed. In a statement Monday, Alaska Republican Party Chair Carmela Warfield said that "if our traditional, historical voting process was in place, this issue would be moot."

"The fact is, we are currently burdened with ranked choice voting and its results, whether we like it or not," Warfield wrote.

Officials within the Alaska Republican Party had asked the third-place finisher, Republican Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom, to drop out of the race after she received 20% of the primary vote. They also pressured fourth-place finisher Matthew Salisbury, a relatively unknown Republican, to drop out of the race, arguing that would improve Begich's chances of besting Peltola in November.

Alaska Democratic Party Executive Director Lindsay Kavanaugh did not immediately say whether the party would appeal the Superior Court decision to the Alaska Supreme Court.

"We're disappointed by the judge's ruling but remain confident Peltola will win in November. Unlike the Republican Party, we don't have to scheme to win by asking candidates to drop out until a convicted felon gets on the general election ballot who received less than half a percentage of the votes cast during the primary," Kavanaugh said in a prepared statement. "We have more respect than that for voters in Alaska and clearly, our candidates are more viable than theirs."

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Husband says the wrong thing after sex

ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

Q. Dear Eric: My husband and I have an active sex life. But, after sex, he says "thank you." I know he appreciates it, but I feel a bit cheap after hearing him say that. I would prefer something like "I love you." I've told him that, but he doesn't seem to understand. Am I being petty, or should I expect more?

— No Thank You

A. Dear No Thank You: "Thank you" is sweet, but if it feels less like pillow talk and more like you just tipped a pizza delivery driver, then it's not doing what he wants it to do. Good sex is about good communication as much as anything else. So, he needs to hear what you're saying and respond in kind, even if he doesn't understand it.

Tell him again what you want. "I know what you mean when you say, 'thank you,' but it means so much more to me if you say, 'I love you.' Can we try that tonight and see how that feels?"

Q. Dear Eric: A high school acquaintance recently passed away and the first thought that came into my mind was what a bully he was to me. We did meet later on in life, and he was pleasant but, still, the fact that he bullied me was my first thought and how I remember him.

I can think of people offhand that I didn't treat the best and I don't want to be remembered negatively. I have been looking forward since then and have worked to treat my current acquaintances and friends with patience and respect, but I'm wondering if it's worth it to go back and apologize for the behavior of these past incidents.

— Want to be Remembered Positively

A. Dear Positively: That old adage is true: you never get a second chance to make a good first impression. But an opposite sentiment deserves some love, too: it's rarely too late to change a lasting impression.

Reach out to the people you feel you've wronged, acknowledge what you did and how it must have affected them, and ask how you can help rectify it. It's important that you're coming from a place of wanting to make amends. You can't do this just so that people won't say mean things at your funeral. It should be, at least in part, altruistic and motivated by a desire to right what you set wrong.

Now, regardless of your intent, these people may not see things the same way you did. Maybe it didn't bother them at all. Maybe they're not in a place of forgiveness. But you lose nothing by trying.

Q. Dear Eric: I'm responding to the letter from "Conflicted Ex." Please encourage the ex to request ongoing welfare checks on the little girl when she is with her father. If he is willing to abuse his ex during a pickup, you can only imagine what he is capable of doing behind closed doors. That little girl should not be with an abuser, period.

— Concerned Reader

A. Dear Reader: Thank you for raising this point. Any visits, ideally, would be in the presence of a court-appointed monitor to ensure that the daughter is safe.

Q. Dear Eric: Thank you for your wise response to "Conflicted." I just wanted to add a note: As a victim of abuse when I was a toddler, it was my parents' inability to say anything negative about my abuser that really distorted my sense of right, wrong and healthy boundaries as I grew up. If a compassionate, present parent could have said, "What he did was wrong and I am going to do what I can to protect you from that," it would have helped my growing mind. I encourage "Conflicted" to help her little one develop an ability to recognize and condemn abusive behavior in age-appropriate ways.

— Solidarity

A. Dear Solidarity: Thank you for sharing and I'm so sorry you experienced this.

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ECONOMY

division chief in the Social, Economic and Housing Statistics Division at the Census Bureau.

The figures could become a talking point in the presidential campaign if Vice President Kamala Harris were to point to them as evidence that Americans' financial health has largely recovered after inflation peaked at 9.1% in 2022. On Wednesday, economists predict that the government will report that inflation fell from 2.9% in July to 2.6% in August. The Federal Reserve, whose target level for inflation is 2%, is poised to start cutting interest rates next week.

Former President Donald Trump might counter that household income grew much faster in his first three years in office than in the first three years of the Biden-Harris administration, though income fell during his administration after the pandemic struck in 2020.

The data showed that while the typical American household regained its 2019 purchasing power in 2023, it essentially experienced no rise in living standards over that time. That is a sharp difference from the preceding four years, when inflation-adjusted median incomes rose 14% from 2015 through 2019.

The data is based on pre-tax incomes, including Social Security and other benefit programs, though it excludes noncash benefits such as food stamps and Medicaid.

The jump in incomes reflects solid job creation last year, which helped reduce the unemployment rate to a half-century low of 3.4% in April 2023. The proportion of Americans in the so-called prime age group of 25-to-54-year-olds with jobs averaged 80.7% last year, the highest level in 23 years. Economists often focus on prime-age workers because they exclude younger people, who are often still in school, and older workers, who are more likely to retire or reduce their hours.

By racial groups, median household income rose 5.4% for whites to $84,630, increased 2.8% for Black Americans to $56,490 and was unchanged for Hispanics at $65,540. Asian incomes were also largely unchanged at $112,800.

While the overall poverty rate declined from 2022 to 2023, under an alternative measure of income the proportion of children in poverty rose from 12.4% to 13.7%. The bump in child poverty comes two years after it had plunged to just 5.2%, when the pandemic-era expansion of the child tax credit provided enhanced benefits to families. But the credit expired in 2022.

"If you want to reduce poverty in the short run, you transfer income to poor families," said Steven Durlauf, an economist at the University of Chicago.

Census also calculated that 92% of Americans had health care in 2023, largely unchanged from the previous year, though the proportion of uninsured children ticked up a half-point to 5.8%.

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