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## Charges could keep piling up on Nauvoo man

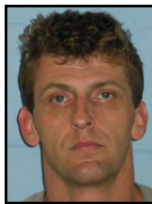
*Police chief says Des Moines County may file charges as well*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

NAUVOO – A Nauvoo man charged with more than 50 counts of criminal sexual conduct, could be facing more charges out of another southeast Iowa county.

Daniel Scott Lafferty, 53, of Nauvoo was arrested on Tuesday, May 28 on a charge of criminal predatory sexual assault, after an investigation into a complaint against him surfaced from a juvenile who reported alleged inappropriate behavior to a school official.

Nauvoo Police Chief Mike Boley said this is one of the most heinous sex crimes he's encountered in his law



LAFFERTY

enforcement career.

Law enforcement officials, officials with the Illinois Association of Children and Family Services, and the state's Child Advocacy Center conducted interviews that lasted more than 3.5 hours with the victim of the alleged abuses.

"These were the heaviest and toughest interviews I've ever been a part of in my career," Boley said Tuesday afternoon.

"We're prepared for the fight and it's our goal that any sentence be referenced in decades and not years. We have very strong evidence and a strong witness."

Boley said Lafferty was taken into custody the day the victim revealed the allegations, but information surrounding the arrest was not released about the arrest until Friday. Boley said he was putting together the rest of the evidence in the case before making any

statements.

"We took him into custody that day so he wasn't out in the public after the complaint was made, we just had some additional work to do before releasing the information," Boley said.

That investigation almost took Boley to Nevada where additional evidence of sexual misconduct was found, but he said the officials in Nevada were extremely helpful and were able to provide information critical to the investigation.

"I just want to say those people out there were fantastic helping with this investigation," he said.

The investigation also led Boley to file a judicial warrant with Google, to retrieve Lafferty's Internet search history as well as emails and other downloaded materials that became part of 40 counts of child pornography,

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## Lee County Fair opens today

Here's what's on tap tonight at the Lee County Fair in Donnellson tonight. The fair runs Wednesday through Monday at the Lee County Fairgrounds.

5 p.m. – 10 p.m. **Kenny's Fun-land Carnival – ARMBAND \$15\***

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## SCC looking for distinguished alumni

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON – Southeastern Community College (SCC) is accepting nominations for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award. Nominations are due online by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 1.

"I look forward to reading nominations about the journeys our alumni have taken since graduating," Val Giannettino, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, says. "Past Distinguished Alumni have been absolutely remarkable people who motivate both our students and our community."

Two Distinguished Alumni have been selected each year since 1997: one represents each campus. Past recipients include Dr. Edward Stone, Randy Winegard, Dick Wagner, Bill Madlock, Dr. Paula Willoughby DeJesus, and Martha Wolf.

To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must have been considered a full-time student for a total of two semesters at SCC or its predecessor colleges. These include Burlington Junior College, Burlington Community College, and Keokuk Community College.

Nominations should address at least one of the following: how the nominee has earned the respect and trust

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## For the Record/Obituaries

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

07/08/19 – 9:37 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Raul Garcia, 60, of Fort Madison in the 1000 block of 28th Street on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 07/08/19 – 5:40 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue G.  
 07/08/19 – 8:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1400 block of Avenue G.  
 07/08/19 – 9:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report

of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue G.  
 07/08/19 – 9:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue I.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/08/19 – 2:36 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stephanie Leigh Boyle, 29, of Keokuk at the Hancock County Jail on warrants for violation of probation and contempt of court. She was held in custody.  
 07/08/19 – 5:14 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Vanessa Yvette Patton, 52, of New London, at the sheriff's office on

a charge of contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 07/08/19 – 9:12 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lisa Ann Cloyed, 56, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue D, on a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 07/19/19 – 1:16 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chaz Daniel Fullmer, 21, of Argyle, no arrest location listed, on a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### OBITUARIES

## RUTH COVINGTON

Mrs. Ruth Covington, 96, of Ethel, WA, formerly of Dallas City, IL passed away Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the home of her son, Robert, in Ethel where she resided for the past five years.

She was born March 19, 1923 in Dallas City, the daughter of Frederick and Anna Wood Cherrill Miller. On August 15, 1941 she married Ivan "Bud" Covington in Dallas City. He preceded her in death on May 26, 2014.

Ruth retired from Ochsner Chevrolet in Fort Madison where she worked as the credit manager.

Surviving are her son, Robert Covington, daughter-in-law Claire of Ethel, WA, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, Martha Jane and Pamela Ann Covington, two brothers and five sisters.

Visitation with the family will be held at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City on August 3, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:00PM. A private burial will be in Harris Cemetery near Dallas City. A memorial fund has been established for the Dallas City Food Pantry. To leave a condolence, please visit Ruth's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com)

## BRYAN LEE SMITH

Bryan Lee Smith, 68 of Keokuk, IA died Friday, January 18, 2019 at Unity Point-Keokuk.

A Celebration of Life service for family and friends will be held from 2-3 p.m., Sunday, at the Keokuk Union Depot in Keokuk. Immediately following the service, a musical concert will be presented by Junior and Alisa Talley at the depot.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or PAWS No Kill Shelter. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## Lafferty could be facing more than 60 years

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10 of which are Class X felonies in Illinois, which are the most severe and involved downloading and disseminating pornographic materials involving children under 13.

Lafferty is also being charged with crimes in Lee County. Boley said investigators in Fort Madison were able to discover that criminal activity may have taken place within city limits.

The Lee County Attorney's office charged Lafferty with 11 counts of criminal sexual activity including 2nd degree sexual abuse, incest, and indecent exposure.

The investigation has also led to possible charges being filed out of Des Moines County, according to Boley.

"We've forwarded some of the evidence to Des Moines County where we could see another set of charges filed," he said.

After conducting the interviews on May 28, Boley secured an arrest warrant that was served on Lafferty at his residence that night. Once inside the home, Boley said they found other evidence which prompted additional warrants for search and seizure of electronic equipment and pornographic materials.

He said he hit a snag when he filed the search warrant with Google.

"We issued the warrant for everything under his Google account and I submitted that on June 4 through a portal they have for those requests," Boley said.

It wasn't until July 2 that the Google legal team was able to get the information Boley was looking for.

Lafferty has had one court appearance since his arrest in the Hancock County Courthouse in Carthage. He's being held on a \$400,000 bond in Illinois and a no-bond warrant out of Lee County.

In Hancock County, Lafferty faces the following charges: one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, a Class X Felony; ten counts of Child Pornography, each a Class X Felony; twenty-one counts of Child Pornography, each a Class 2 Felony; two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, each a Class 2 Felony; and nine counts of Child Pornography, each a Class 3 Felony.

According to Illinois law, Lafferty would face a maximum of two consecutive sentences on the Class X felonies, but he said that could amount to more than 60 years in prison. Illinois law also requires those sentenced to prison time to serve a minimum of 85% of the sentence prior to any release.

Assisting the Nauvoo Police Department in the investigation were the Hancock County State's Attorney Rachel B. Mast; Macomb Police Department; Illinois Attorney General's Office; Ft. Madison Police Department; Hamilton Police Department; Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Lee County Attorney's Office; Lee County Sheriff's Office; Des Moines County Attorney's Office, Des Moines County Sheriff's Office; Reno, Nevada Police Department; Washoe County Nevada Child Advocacy Center; Children's Advocacy Center of Hancock County; and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

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## OBITUARIES

### GARY BURL TOWNSLEY

Gary Burl Townsley, 64 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Friday, July 5, 2019 at his home. He was born October 9, 1954 in St. Louis, Missouri, a son of Betty Jo Wrath-



TOWNSLEY

er. She preceded him in death. Gary was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He loved music, hunting, and his dog, Butch. He worked as a concrete finisher.



On May 30, 2015, he married Saundra Lob-berecht. She survives. Other survivors include one daughter, Amber Lynne Lay, of St. Louis; two sisters, Patty and Liz Hoskins, both of Quincy, Illinois; and three nephews.

His body has been cremated. Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com). Barr Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.

## Nominations can be filed online

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of their colleagues; how they've made substantial, positive contributions in their community; why the nominee is an outstanding practitioner of their profession; or how the nominee has served as a positive, motivational force for others.

At least one additional recommendation letter should accompany the nomination.

The SCC Alumni Association Board will review the nominations at their October meeting. Recommendations are then taken to the SCC Board of Trustees' November meeting for confirmation.

Receptions are held to honor the Distinguished Alumni before the awardee gives a keynote address at their respective campus commencements. They will receive an award and a plaque recognizing their accomplishments will be hung amongst other Distinguished Alumni plaques at the SCC campuses.

Nominations can be made at the following link: [bit.ly/SCCDistinguishedAlumni](http://bit.ly/SCCDistinguishedAlumni)

For more news or to learn about Southeastern Community College, visit: [http://www.sciowa.edu/aboutscc/office\\_mktg\\_comm/news/](http://www.sciowa.edu/aboutscc/office_mktg_comm/news/).

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## CURRENT-LEE

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### LCHD clinics

The Lee County Health Department is holding a senior health clinic in Keokuk from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the River Terrace and immunization clinic at Trinity Methodist Church from noon to 4:30 p.m. Additional information can be found at [www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org). On July 15th, Family Connections will meet at the Madison Baptist Church in Fort Madison from 5 to 6 p.m.. Childcare is provided.

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### Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

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The annual festival on the riverfront in Fort Madison features a national rock and alternative rock lineup with family fun, games, a 5K run, a cornhole tournament and much much more from Aug. 1-4 in River-view Park in downtown Fort Madison.

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### WED 10 Jul



Scattered Clouds

High – 87.5° F | Low – 67.4° F

### THU 11 Jul



Scattered Clouds

High – 70.3° F | Low – 60.8° F

### FRI 12 Jul



Clear Skies

High – 79.4° F | Low – 65.9° F

### SAT 13 Jul



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**Sports**

# Lady Hounds fall 11-2 to Davenport West

*Three errors in third inning leads to six runs in loss*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A couple of back-to-back errors to start the sixth inning triggered a six run, third inning that the Fort Madison Lady Bloodhounds couldn't recover from Tuesday night.

The Hounds fell to Davenport West on Senior Night 11-2 with freshman Katie Dennis taking the loss in the circle.

The Bloodhounds trailed just 2-1 after two innings, but a lead-off grounder to shortstop was mishandled by senior Olivia Williams putting Rylee Rommel on first. Rommel moved over when Emma Lee put down a bunt that slipped past a charging infield and then Kaylie Caldwell singled to load the bases.

Senior Erica Ralfs then ripped a double down the third baseline that got under Logan Johnson's glove for a hit scoring two runs. Abby Smith followed with a third straight hit to plate another run with no outs.

Kaitlyn Powell then laid down another bunt and Ralfs came rushing to the plate, but Dennis' throw home was wide and went to the fence keeping everyone safe with West gaining a 7-1 lead. Kaylynn Sparks would ground out to short for the first out, but the hit scored Smith from third.

MacKenzie Harland would single to right scoring Powell and then Dennis would get two of the next three hitters to line up to stop the bleeding at 8-1.

With one out in the bottom half of the third, senior Cassie Powers would draw a walk and Ivy Geerdes would follow suit. Logan Johnson then popped to shallow left-center and the ball was dropped by Sparks. Sparks made a quick throw to 3rd as Powers was forced and was called out on a tight play at the bag.

Head Coach Jarod Rehm had a very brief conversation with the umpire and play resumed. Dennis then grounded out to second on an 0-2 pitch to end the threat.

Powers would come into take over for Dennis in the fourth inning. Powers would get the first out and then surrender a run to West when Ralfs reached on a single, stole second and came around to score on a single by Smith. Powers would get Sparks and Harland out to retire the side.

Fort Madison would put up a run in the sixth when Kylee Cashman singled, moved to third when Vanessa Golowach singled. Williams would fly out to deep left field scoring Cashman. The next two Bloodhounds would fly out to end the inning.

Davenport West would get two more insurance runs in the top of seventh and Fort Madison couldn't get anything going in the bottom to end the game.

Williams led the Lady Hounds going 2 for 3 on the day with an RBI and a run scored. Golowach was 2 for 2. Dennis gave up eight runs, three earned in the loss



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Cassie Powers digs out a throw from shortstop Olivia Williams to retire a Davenport West runner in Tuesday's 11-2 loss on Senior Night in Fort Madison. Below left, Powers gets caught on a force at third and below right, a ball gets away from Maycee Featheringill allowing a Davenport West runner to score.



and scattered eight hits. Powers gave up three runs, one earned in four innings of work.

The Hounds honored Williams, Powers, Golowach, and Jassmine Bass prior to the game as the team's only seniors.

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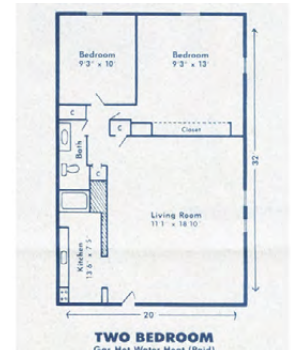
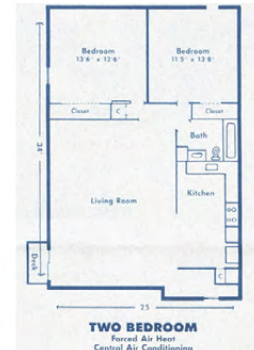
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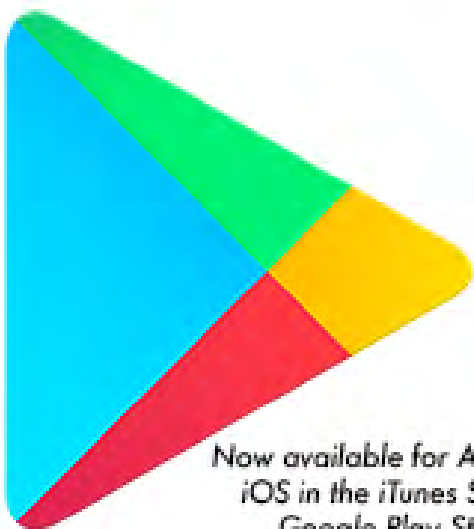
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