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Heitmann says DUI trial could be unfair

Mayor claims bad blood between her and police

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It has been one year since a Naples man called 911 alleging that recently re-elected Naples mayor Teresa Heitmann



Heitmann

drunkenly chased him down in her Porsche. On August 28, 2024, Heitmann was arrested and charged with driving under the influence with a blood-alcohol level of 0.169, which is more than double the legal limit. Exactly one week later, Heitmann sat at the city council dais and apologized to

the Naples community for her actions that night. “I believe the public deserves transparency regarding this issue. I have full remorse,” Heitmann said in a statement made at the September 4, 2024, city council meeting. “I am profoundly sorry for the impact that it has had on my friends, my family, my constituents, the city staff and the public.”

Heitmann claims that on that night, she got into an incident with another vehicle in a roundabout. She then followed them home, tailgating and flashing her lights at the vehicle, according to an arrest report. The 911 caller, who Heitmann followed home, told the police that Heitmann “sounded very drunk.” The

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Motive unknown in MN school shooting



Mourners pray Aug. 28 outside the Annunciation Church in Minneapolis, which is home to an elementary school that was the scene of a shooting the day before. TIM EVANS/REUTERS

Is Alligator Alcatraz shutting down?

Facility being emptied, according to FL official

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Correspondence between a Miami-area rabbi and the director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management suggests that Alligator Alcatraz will have no detainees in a matter of days. This news comes days after Gov. Ron DeSantis said the state would violate U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams’ recent ruling, which said the state and federal government should pack up all equipment and people and leave the Big Cypress National Preserve.

DeSantis said last week that Williams was an activist judge who was trying to write policy from the bench. The state would be undeterred, he said.

Attorneys for the state filed a 52-page motion Aug. 26 at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seeking a stay of a preliminary injunction issued last week by Williams in a lawsuit filed by environmental groups and joined by the Miccosukee Tribe.

So, while the state has been arguing in court that it should be allowed to continue construction and detainment operations at Alligator Alcatraz, other state leaders are saying there will be no detainees there as soon as this week.

Rabbi Mario Rojzman of Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus in North Miami Beach said he emailed Florida Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie with questions about the facility.

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Videos on account linked to suspect show troubling views

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MINNEAPOLIS – The city mourned the violent death of two children Aug. 28 while authorities tried to determine the motive of a suspect who fired dozens of rounds through stained glass windows

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at a Catholic church as students and teachers prayed at a Mass celebrating the start of school. The attack killed two children, ages 8 and 10, and wounded 17 others: 14 chil-

dren ages 6 to 15 and three adults in their 80s. One child was in critical condition Aug. 28 at Hennepin Healthcare, the city’s largest trauma center, and one adult and one child remained in “serious” condition, interim CEO Thomas Klemond told reporters.

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