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Republican Lance Clow, right and Jim Lanting watch election coverage on Fox News Tuesday night, Nov. 5, 2024, at their headquarters in Twin Falls.

State rep cites age, health limitations

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Lance Clow, a Twin Falls Republican, is resigning from the Idaho House of Representatives at the close of business on Nov. 30. He has served District 25 in the House since 2012.

Clow submitted a letter of resignation on Wednesday, citing, among other things, his age and health limitations.

"I do not wish to serve in a diminished or 'lame duck' capacity," he wrote, "particularly when I know I can no longer give my

full focus and energy."

In explaining why he decided not to fill out the remainder of his term through Nov. 30, 2026, Clow said he will turn 78 years old this December and has begun to experience some health limitations that affect his ability to serve, he said. The majority of the Legislature's work occurs during the first three months of the year, even though the compensation covers the entire calendar year.

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Man charged in 2023 Burley spree enters Alford plea

Suspect could be sentenced to decades in prison in Jan.

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BURLEY - The man who investigators say entered homes, threatened individuals and raped an elderly woman in April 2023 could be sentenced in January to up to decades in prison, records say.

Briayan Vergara, 31, submitted an Alford plea Oct. 28 at the conclusion of a two-anda-half-hour hearing in which court minutes show he was asked by a judge on multiple occasions if he understood the court proceedings. Vergara pleaded to



Vergara

rape and second-degree kidnapping in the plea deal, with prosecutors dismissing five felony charges ranging from battery, burglary and aggravated

An Alford plea is one in which defendants don't admit guilt but acknowledge a strong likelihood they would be found guilty if the case were to go

Judges view the pleas as equivalent to a guilty plea.

Prosecutors will recommend up to a 20-year fixed sentence for rape and up to a 20-year unified sentence for kidnapping, records say, with the sentences running consecutively.

Defense attorneys, according to the plea deal, can argue for whatever sentence they deem appropriate.

Two hours have been set aside for the hearing, and public defender Joseph Hurley said he would call an expert witness.

An emergency dispatch call went out at 11 a.m. April 19, 2023, about a man dressed in black, wielding a knife, who had raped a woman who had been napping in her home.

Other reports came in of an individual entering homes.

One woman, downstairs in her home, thought her son had come home from school, but upon looking, saw a man holding a knife. She yelled, and the man said he would kill her if she screamed. The man eventually left.

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