



# 63-year-old man arrested after homicide on Mass.

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Lawrence police on Friday arrested a 63-year-old Lawrence man in connection with a homicide after a 35-year-old woman's body was found behind a vacant building in the 1800 block of Massachusetts Street.

Sgt. Drew Fennelly said the victim, whose name was not provided, appeared to have been stabbed multiple times. Police were called to the scene at 7:22 a.m. Friday.



Wright

The victim is also a Lawrence resident and knew the suspect, whom police identified as Aaron Blake Wright. Later in the day, Douglas County Jail booking records listed Wright's address as the Lawrence Community Shelter, 3655 E. 25th St.

> **HOMICIDE, 8A**



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**TOP TO BOTTOM:**  
• **LAWRENCE POLICE OFFICERS WERE INVESTIGATING A SUSPECTED HOMICIDE** at the former VFW Post at 1800 Massachusetts St. on Friday.  
• **DOUGLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAKOTA LOOMIS**, second from left, was also on scene.

## Supreme Court finds no rules violations by Valdez

Former DA calls it 'a righteous decision'

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A majority of the Kansas Supreme Court has found that former Douglas County District Attorney Suzanne Valdez did not violate a state rule of professional conduct and will not be disciplined.

"A righteous decision was issued today by the Kansas Supreme Court," Valdez told the Journal-World via text after the court issued its 43-page opinion Friday in her favor.



Valdez



McCabria

The court found that Valdez's statements to the press and on social media that were critical of the Douglas County District Court's decision to hold jury trials at the local fairgrounds during the COVID-19 pandemic, and of Chief Judge James McCabria specifically, did not constitute conduct degrading to a tribunal under the state's rules of professional conduct.

McCabria on Friday told the Journal-World that he respected the court's decision.

"Throughout this process, the judges of Douglas County District Court have deferred to the Office of Attorney Discipline and the procedures enacted by the Supreme Court as the venue where these issues would be determined," he said in an email. "We continue to hold to that position. The Supreme Court heard the case that was presented to them and we respect their time and consideration of these matters."

The majority of the Supreme Court narrowly interpreted Kansas Rule 3.5(d), which forbids conduct degrading to a tribunal, to apply only in an "adjudicative capacity" — that is, in the context of an actual legal or other adjudicative proceeding. Valdez's statements were made outside this context, the majority ruled.

> **VALDEZ, 2A**

## Golf simulator business in west Lawrence is open all day, all night

The game of golf will cause you to suggest strange things — like digging up the floor of your home's basement.

Yes, Rebecca Spriggs thought that was odd — and not the least bit enticing — when her husband, Terry, mentioned the possibility a few years ago. In fairness, though, she hadn't heard the full pitch. The minor excavation — just a few feet deep, perhaps — could make Terry's golf drives straighter and longer.

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> **GOLF, 2A**