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REALITY CHECK

Autopsy reveals reason for Wyandotte County inmate's death

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An inmate at the Wyandotte County Jail died July 5 after an officer knelt on his back, according to an autopsy report

that ruled the inmate's death a homicide. Charles L. Adair, 50, was being held in the jail for failure to appear in court for misdemeanor traffic offenses. After receiving treatment for a pre-existing leg injury, Adair was

being pushed in a wheelchair back to a cell, according to an autopsy report obtained by The Star. When Adair was removed from the chair, he began yelling and physically resisting officers, authorities said. Multiple depu-

ties responded to the disturbance and handcuffed Adair. The altercation led to one of the officers "kneeling on the decedent's back," according to the autopsy report. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation said in a statement Friday that a medical examiner ruled Adair's death had been caused by mechanical asphyxia, or when an object or physical force stops someone from breathing. Other factors also contributed to Adair's death, including hypertensive cardiovascular disease, and hepatic cirrhosis due to chronic alcoholism. Adair also wore a pacemaker, according to the autopsy. The autopsy found small scrapes on Adair's skin and

hemorrhages, or bruises, on his back and shoulders. The medical examiner also observed multiple rib fractures and a sternal fracture, the autopsy shows. The autopsy was completed July 8 by Feng Li, a medical examiner with Forensic Medical of Kansas. There was nothing abnormal in the toxicology report, Li said in his report. **KBI INVESTIGATES ADAIR'S DEATH** The KBI was called on to investigate Adair's death. The agency investigates all in-custody deaths which occur in Kansas jails and prisons unless the inmate who died was being reg-

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Vehicles of investigators, right, on an access path near where Charlie Kirk was assassinated on Wednesday at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, on Friday. The authorities in Utah arrested a man they accused of assassinating Kirk, ending an intense multiagency manhunt.

From scholar to wanted man: The path of Tyler Robinson

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ST. GEORGE, UTAH In the conservative southern Utah city where Tyler Robinson grew up, neighbors and classmates described him as a reserved, intelligent young man

raised in a Republican family who was deeply interested in video games, comic books and current events. On Friday afternoon, people who knew Robinson struggled to reconcile their memories of him and his seemingly ordinary suburban upbringing with his notorious new image: the latest face of political violence, accused of fatally shooting con-

servative influencer Charlie Kirk on a Utah college campus this week in what authorities have called a political assassination. "It's really sad that someone with his mind put it to that sort of use," said Keaton Brooksby, 22, a former high school classmate of Robinson's. Robinson had recently spoken with a family member

about the fact that Kirk was going to hold an event in Utah, according to a police affidavit, and he and his relative discussed "why they didn't like him and the viewpoints he had." But as elements of the nation's political left and right scrambled for motives, the

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Johnson County takes steps toward new 3,000-acre park

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Kelly Force runs through De Soto's Kill Creek Park almost every day. And if Johnson County's new plan is successful, she may be racking up way more miles in the park in the future. An ultra runner living in Olathe, she uses the county's trail system to run 60 to 75 miles a week. "I use every single Johnson County trail there is," Force said. "All of the park employees know who I am because I'm out all the time." When Force moved with her family from Bentonville, Arkansas, three years ago, she and her husband hoped they would find ways to be outside as much as they were in that picturesque town. Throughout the county, she's found trails to run. She takes her kids mountain biking and brings the young children she nannies for to splash pads and playgrounds. The parks are part of her daily life, and she's excited about the possibility of one expanding. Just west of De Soto, Kill Creek Park is home to 950 acres of trails, open space, playgrounds, a lake and other amenities. Now, the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District has an opportunity to add about 2,000 acres from portions of the former Sunflower Ammunition Plant through a historic

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Take a look at Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce's KC steakhouse

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What's the MVP of upscale steakhouse 1587 Prime? Perhaps it's the luxurious tunnel walk entrance, with dim lighting and heavy doors. Or maybe it's the nightly smooth-

playing jazz band, martini cart or juicy A5 New York strip steaks. The true answer, of course, is ultimately up for diners to decide. The new steakhouse — a collaboration between Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce and hospitality group Noble 33 —

hopes to be as much of a hit with Chiefs fans as the franchise itself. With its opening date of Sept. 17 rapidly approaching, The Star got a preview of the space and menu Thursday evening. The restaurant is still in an invite-only, soft opening phase until its official debut.

WINDING STAIRCASE, CHANDELIER At 1500 Baltimore Ave. in the Loews Hotel, 1587 offers both scenic views and a high-end dining experience. When customers enter the double doors to the restaurant, they'll notice a light-up wine case wrapping around one side of the wall. Wooden slats hang from the ceiling, rippling across like water. On the ground floor, a horse-shoe bar with marble counter-tops and bronze chairs seats 20 patrons. Next to it, musicians

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play house music on an intricate tile stage. (A manager told The Star the male and female singers had been selected by audition. Their names were not immediately available Thursday night.) More banquet seating is scattered throughout the restaurant, which has a total of 238 seats between its two floors. Up a winding, marble staircase, visitors find panoramic windows covered by curtains, an open kitchen and star-shaped, golden light fixtures. A chande-