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Details emerge in Tepe slayings

Records: Suspect visited couple’s home weeks before Dec. 30 killings

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Ex-husband Michael McKee, accused of killing Monique Tepe and her husband Spencer, visited the couple’s Weinland Park home weeks before they were found shot to death, according to newly unsealed court records.

The affidavit from Franklin County Municipal Court

provides fresh insight into the investigation into the deaths of the couple, including information about how Columbus police identified and tracked the suspect’s SUV.

Monique, 39, and Spencer, 37, died on Dec. 30 after being found shot inside their home on the 1400 block of North 4th Street. The Tepe’s two young children were found physically unharmed inside the house.

McKee, 39, is charged with aggravated murder and

aggravated burglary. According to court records, McKee is accused of planning the killings in advance. He entered a not guilty plea through his attorney during a Jan. 23 court appearance and is being held without bond in the Franklin County jail.

Court records say McKee visited Tepe home weeks before killings

According to court records, video showed McKee going into the Tepe home on Dec. 6 and then showed

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40 YEARS LATER



Akron astronaut Judith A. Resnik is seen in her official NASA portrait in 1978. PROVIDED BY NASA

American hero

Remembering Ohio astronaut Judith A. Resnik and the fateful launch of space shuttle Challenger

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She wasn’t worried. • Newly trained astronaut Judith A. Resnik was a special guest in 1979 when the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. • The 30-year-old engineer told interviewers that she eagerly awaited the launch of space shuttles and looked forward to a time when space flights would become routine and “no longer front-page news.” • Resnik said the “gee-whiz aspect” of the NASA program was “about over,” and she didn’t foresee any unpleasant surprises. • “We know everything about everything about the shuttle,” she said. • Then she smiled and added: “Hopefully.” • This month marks the 40th anniversary of Resnik’s death aboard the space shuttle Challenger. She and six crewmates were killed Jan. 28, 1986, when the vessel exploded shortly after liftoff at Cape Canaveral, Florida. See **RESNIK**, Page 4A

INSIDE: MANY WATCHED THE CHALLENGER TRAGEDY FROM CLASSROOMS. 1B

Trump vows to ‘de-escalate’ tensions in MN

Border Patrol personnel involved in shooting in Arizona; 1 injured

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MINNEAPOLIS – President Donald Trump on Jan. 27 repeatedly said Alex Pretti, who was fatally shot by a Border Patrol agent over the weekend, should not have been carrying a gun at a protest – a sentiment that’s drawn the ire of some Republicans and gun rights groups.

“He certainly shouldn’t have been carrying a gun. I don’t like that he had a gun,” Trump told reporters, calling the shooting a “very unfortunate incident.”

Videos show Pretti holding his phone when he approached federal agents, not brandishing or reaching for his firearm, which he had a permit to carry. Footage also indicates that an agent confiscated Pretti’s gun seconds before he was shot and killed.

Trump’s comments come as his administration grapples with outrage over the shooting and his administration’s response to it. Trump said he will be

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People protest Immigration and Customs Enforcement outside the Ohio Statehouse on Jan. 8, the day after Renee Good was fatally shot by an ICE agent. SAMANTHA MADAR/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Klein joins other cities asking judge to remove ICE from Minneapolis

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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein and dozens of other cities around the country have sided with Minneapolis in a federal lawsuit seeking to have immigration officials removed from that city in the wake of the fatal shootings of a Minnesota mother and an ICU nurse.

The amicus, or friend of the court brief, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, was authored by attorneys for the city of Boston and co-signed by attorneys from 80 other cities and local governments across the country.

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