

WASHINGTON STATE COUGARS vs NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

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GAME DAY

Washington State hits the road to take on North Texas as the Cougars hope to stay unbeaten to open the season. SPORTS, 4

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Authorities nab suspect in Kirk shooting

Motive remains unclear, despite 22-year-old man revealing act to relatives, officials say

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OREM, Utah – Utah Gov. Spencer Cox on Friday announced the arrest of a 22-year-old suspect in the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk after the man confessed to family members.

“We got him!” Cox exclaimed at a morning news conference.

The suspect, identified as Tyler Robinson, was taken into custody at 10 p.m. Thursday in St. George, Utah, about 280 miles south of Orem. A court affidavit showed he was arrested on suspicion of committing three felonies: aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily harm and obstruction of justice.

Cox said investigators have extensive evidence linking Robinson to the shooting, including notes on the Discord chat app and markings on ammunition left with the bolt-action rifle that they believe was used in the shooting.

One of the engravings on the ammunition, Cox said, read: “Hey fascist! Catch!”

Another marking read “Bella Ciao” – a reference to an Italian song that pays tribute to the anti-fascist resistance during World War II. It has also been adopted, ironically, in recent years by the far right in an attempt to ridicule leftists.

Some of the more obscure and idiosyncratic engravings Cox described suggest the suspect was steeped in online and video gaming subcultures. “Notices bulges

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Spokane man gets 20 years in federal prison

Maddox distributed fentanyl pills, heroin, meth

By Garrett Cabeza
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A 44-year-old Spokane man who ran a commercial pill press operation and had enough fentanyl to make two million pills will spend 20 years in federal prison.

Timothy G. Maddox pleaded guilty June 12 to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl. Federal prosecutors said Maddox had enough fentanyl to kill everyone in Spokane County almost four times over.

Colin Jackson, acting special agent in charge of Seattle’s Homeland Security Investigations, called it one of Eastern Washington’s largest pill manufacturing cases.

“With this sentencing, Maddox is held accountable for endangering a residential neighborhood by operating a makeshift narcotics lab that housed enough fentanyl to produce over two million lethal pills,” Jackson said in a news release from Eastern Washington’s U.S. Attorney’s Office. “Clearly, Maddox had no regard for public safety and was only out to make a profit.”

The release said Maddox and co-defendant Nicholas B. Adams obtained a pill press via mail from China and set up a “pill mill” in the basement of Adams’ residence in the Hillyard Neighborhood, where they mixed powder fentanyl and other substances to make their own fentanyl pills for bulk distribution to the community, according to court documents and information presented at sentencing.

Adams is scheduled for trial in December.

Law enforcement searched multiple locations in November 2023 and found a massive amount of fentanyl powder, other substances intended to be added to the drug, pill press parts, multiple firearms and a pill press, according to the release.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, the amount

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SPOKANE COUNTY’S INTERSTATE FAIR

THE COWS HAVE COME HOME



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Dakota Cummins, 7, snuggles with her calf, Midnight, in the cow barn Friday at the Spokane County Interstate Fair. Dakota’s parents own Whitepine Flats Farms in Elk and brought their dairy cows to display at the fair.

Cummins family resurrects decadeslong legacy of showing farm animals at Spokane County Fair

By Mathew Callaghan
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It might be called the beef barn, but if you wander over to the fixture at the Spokane County Interstate Fair this year, you’ll probably see two kids taking care of six dairy cows.

Dakota Cummins, 7, and her brother, Jayce Cummins, 10, are the fourth generation of the Cummins family to show dairy cows at the fair.

If you want to pet one of their cows, you can, but it’s always polite to ask first.

Remember: don’t pet the cows on the head, because they might try to scratch you back with their head. If it’s a smaller dairy cow, like Midnight, the “toddlers” of the bunch, it could be kind of cute. But if it’s a bigger dairy cow, like Eevee,

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Constitution crosses Cascades

State’s founding document makes rare visit to Spokane on Monday

Washington State Archivist Heather Hirotaka, the first woman appointed to the role, will accompany the state constitution.



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Spokane residents have a rare opportunity Monday afternoon: the original Washington state Constitution will be on display for what is believed to be the first time east of the Cascades in the state’s 136-year history.

“It is our duty and obligation to the people of Washington to preserve and make accessible significant documents that helped shape our state and how we live our lives,” Secretary of State Steve Hobbs said in a statement Thursday. “Washingtonians will have the opportunity to connect with a formative piece of their history that they otherwise may not have had.”

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