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1 Golovin Rel

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1 Little Diomedé Rel

1 Stebbins Rel

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## Court

##### Week ending 7/17/2020

###### Civil

No current civil cases on web site; start 2NO-20-00135CI

###### Small Claims

Credit Union 1 v. Eric F. Daniels; SC More Than \$2500: 1 Deft. Cert Mail  
Credit Union 1 v. Lisa M. Lockwood; SC \$2,500 Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

###### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Torrance Westlake (1/3/95); 2NO-20-171CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 4/10/20; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTNs Dismissed: 002; 1 year, 6 months suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Initial and Sus-

pending Jail, and Police Training, Surcharges due; Probation until 7/13/22; Shall obey all state, federal and local laws and ordinances; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any driver's license or state ID is subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS) in Judgment; Any new license or ID must list the AS restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Do not directly or indirectly contact Tami Horton without her consent.

State of Alaska v. Torrance Daniel Westlake (1/3/95); 2NO-20-203CR Dismissal; Count I: Violation Of A Protective Order; Count II: Unlawful Contact 2<sup>nd</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 7/13/20.

## Seawall

##### Nome Police Department

###### Weekly press releases

Activities reported between 07/13/2020 – 07/19/2020

During this period there were 365 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 99 (27%) of these calls involved alcohol.

The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 7 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to one fire call during this period.

NPD responded to 14 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. One person were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 4 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were three citations issued for minors consuming alcohol and two open container citations issued.

###### Arrests

A total of 55 arrests made with 55 (100%) alcohol related

###### Monday, July 13, 2020

Charges: Criminal trespass in the first degree, DV. Name: John Saclamana. Location: W. 5th Ave.  
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: James Dexter. Location: W. Front St.  
Charge: Three counts of Probation Violation. Name: Moses Milligrock. Location: Bering St.  
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Shaina Annogiyyuk. Location: E. 5th Ave.  
Charge: Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Name: Robert Gilley. Location: Nathan Barron Alley.  
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Grace Olanna. Location: E. 3rd Ave.

###### Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Charge: Indecent exposure in the second degree. Name: John Smith. Location: W. E St.

###### Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Greg Kruschek

###### Thursday, July 16, 2020

Charges: Five counts Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Victoria Simpson. Location: E. 3rd Avenue.  
Charges: Harassment in the first degree, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: James Dexter. Location: Front St.  
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Briar Dickson. Location: Bering St.

###### Friday, July 17, 2020

Charges: Six counts Violating Conditions of Release, Probation Violation Name: Charlene Habros. Location: Seawall.  
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name:

Brandon Ahnangnatoguk. Location: Nome.  
Charge: Ten counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Tami Horton. Location: River St.  
Charge: False information or report, two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Leanna Apasingok. Location: W. Front St.  
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, Resisting Arrest, False Information or Report, Probation Violation, four counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Agnes Etageak. Location: W. 2nd Ave.  
Charge: Probation Violation. Name: John Luke Pete. Location: River St.  
Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Valerie Noongwook. Location: W. Front St.

###### Saturday, July 18, 2020

Charge: Assault in the third degree. Name: Debra Aningayou. Location: E. 3rd Ave.  
Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Michelle Ahnangnatoguk. Location: W. Tobuk Alley

###### Sunday, July 19, 2020

Charges: Violating Conditions of Release, Probation violation. Name: Dawn Oozeveaseuk. Location: W. Front St.

###### Traffic

A total of 17 traffic stops were conducted during this reporting period, with 6 citations issued and s12 warning issued. NPD responded to one report of motor vehicle accidents.

###### Monday, July 13, 2020

Charge: Failure to show proof of insurance, Driving without valid registration. Name: Christhofer McCully. Location: W. E and Seppala.  
Charge: Driving while license revoked. Name: Robert Sherman Jr. Location: Nome Hwy.

###### Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Charge: Fail to provide proof of registration. Name: Bethany Horton. Location: 5th and K St.  
Charge: Driving without a valid operator's license. Name: Jeffrey Tetrick. Location: E Front St.

###### Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Charge: Operating an ATV without a driver's license. Name: Harold Muktoyuk. Location: W. 5th Ave.

###### Saturday, July 18, 2020

Charge: Failure to provide proof of insurance. Name: Thomas Krell. Location: W. 5th Ave.

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## JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for multiple Temporary, Seasonal Full-Time, Non-Exempt Maintenance Technicians I & II positions to join and support the Nome School District team.

The workweek is Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm.

Interested applicants should have some experience and knowledge in one of the following: Electrical, plumbing, drywall, paint, glazer, doors, window systems, equipment operator, laborer. The rate of pay is \$20.00 to \$27.00/hr (DOE). Apply today! Visit: [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) (job ID# NOM00190).

Contact John Mortensen, Facilities Director, at (907) 244-4121 or [john.mortensen@nmsusa.com](mailto:john.mortensen@nmsusa.com).



## Trooper Beat

On July 14, 2020 AST responded to St. Michael for a report of a domestic violence assault. An investigation led to the arrest of Milton Tom for DV Assault II and DV Assault III. Milton was remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where he was held without bail.

On July 17, 2020 at approximately 5:40 a.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Shishmaref. Investigation revealed that Robbie Ningeulook assaulted a family member after entering the residence and violating conditions of release. Nearly three hours of negotiation later, Ningeulook left the residence and turned himself into VPSO Eningowuk where he was arrested, transported to AMCC, and remanded on charges for Assault in the Third Degree (DV), Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV), Burglary in the First Degree, Harassment in the First Degree, and VCOR (x4).

On July 18, 2020 at approximately 12:29 p.m., AST received a report of a disturbance in Brevig Mission. Investigation revealed Timmy Henry had assaulted a family member. Upon contact with VPSO Winfred Olanna, Timmy balled his fist, went into a fighting stance and made threats. VPSO Olanna deployed his taser to gain control of the situation. Henry was arrested, transported to NSHC for medical clearance prior to being remanded at AMCC for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV), Assault in the Fourth Degree on a peace officer, Disorderly Conduct, and Unlawful Contact.

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# •Obituaries

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everyone’s spirit by his conversation, his presence or just hanging out.

Although he wasn’t able to do all the things he wanted to do, he still managed to do them, he was very determined. He never showed his suffering, he always stayed strong for everyone. While attending Wasilla High School, Wes was in JROTC until he no longer could do so due to his health; he was also the manager for the Wasilla High School Football team.

Wesley attended Brevig Mission School, Lake Otis Elementary School, Service High and Bartlett High. In May 2017 Wesley proudly graduated from Palmer High School with his parents by his side, grandparents Leonard and Pauline Olanna, and his siblings in tow. Wes was also proud he got to be with his beautiful sister Vicky on her graduation day in 2019, and his sweet sister Grace Lyn Nicole’s 8th Grade promotion to follow.

Despite his health issues he was able to travel and loved it. His first time traveling out of state was in 2013. He went to Oregon with his uncle Simon Jack, to attend his cousin Roben’s wedding. In October 2016 he traveled to Atlanta, GA with his family on a Make A Wish trip to meet the cast of the “Walking Dead”, sending snaps and updating his FaceBook profile for all to enjoy. In 2018 he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada with a couple really close friends and made lifetime memories with tons of laughter and road tripping.

As he became a more experienced driver, he had fun driving to Soldotna with Vicky to visit aunt Christine, and Aaleahya Popeya (Wesley’s name he made for her.)

During his countless trips to Seattle one of his parents were always by his side. Wesley met some pretty cool celebrities and made some fun, wonderful memories.

Wesley Louis’ last summer, his best friend Robert came to spend time with him when he couldn’t travel back home for the summer due to his health. He had a really great time and was looking forward to this summer to have his best friend back for a visit.


Growing up Wesley enjoyed playing outside with his family and friends. He loved fishing, hunting and camping. He looked forward to going home for the summers and could not wait to have (reindeer) corral. The last corral he attended was in 2018 and wrestled his very first Olanna bull, a favorite moment he always cherished.

Even though Wesley wasn’t able to live the long life he wanted, he lived a good life and made the best of it by always being surrounded by care and love. He laughed and made others laugh naturally. Wes made loads of memories with some very good friends traveling and experiencing his life. Wesley played games online, that was his way of keeping in touch with everyone and make new friends, Wes was also known as the Reaper online in PUBG.

For the short time Wesley was on this earth he made a big impact on everyone, his family and friends and all his health care providers. He will be greatly missed. “Our loss was great, but God is greater.” May he rejoice and rest in sweet peace.

Wesley is survived by his parents Nick and Carly, siblings Carl (Audrey), Victoria, Grace, Nancy, Roger, Jada, Jamie, Bridgette (Sharosha), grandparents Leonard and Pauline Olanna, Mike and Dorothy Sherman, niece and nephews Audrey Lyn, Leon, McCade and Jade, uncles James (Maude and Taylor), and Peter Bloomstrand, JT (Myrtle), Robert (Elizabeth), Bruce (Molly), Kevin (Roberta), aunties Anna (Ernest), Barb (Danny), Peggy (Rob), Annie (Charles II), Hannah (Rick); his had so much love for his auntie Christine (Frank), and his many cousins, great aunts and uncles, not to mention his many friends.

# Legals



## NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM

### Request for Proposals

NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms to provide design development and construction phase services to support various utility projects and operations. Proposal documents are available at [WWW.NJUS.org](http://WWW.NJUS.org). A pre-proposal conference (via ZOOM, in-person or telephone) is scheduled for 2 pm, July 29 and **proposals are due by 5 pm, August 14, 2020. Contact NJUS at (907)443-6304 with any questions.**

# •Employment

## JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring a **Full-Time Custodian at the Nome School District** to support it's established, team. Competitive hourly pay and benefits available. Must have some experience or working knowledge of cleaning equipment and general cleaning processes.

Apply today! Visit [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) to get started. Contact John Mortensen at (907) 244-4121 or [john.mortensen@nms.com](mailto:john.mortensen@nms.com) with Questions.



## JOB OPENINGS

### Maintenance Foreman

The Nome School District is seeking an experienced and skilled **Maintenance Foreman** to join their team.

Must have at least at least 5-years of commercial electrical, plumbing, HVAC, or other recognized building trades experience. Computer skills with email, Google Calendar and Microsoft Suite applications a must. Competitive starting pay plus benefits.

To apply, visit: [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) (Job ID# **NOM00189**). Contact John Mortensen, Facilities Director, at (907) 244-4121 or [john.mortensen@nmsusa.com](mailto:john.mortensen@nmsusa.com).



## JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring a full-time Administrative Associate for the Nome School District Facilities Department.

Must have experience with maintaining Google calendars and scheduling. Using computers to generate reports, manage accounts and bookkeeping, purchasing, and manage payables, files, and filing.

Computer skills with email, Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Suites, Microsoft Word, and Excel required.

The rate of pay is \$18.00 to \$20.00/hr. (DOE). The workweek is Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Please apply today! Visit: [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) or Contact John Mortensen, Facilities Director, at (907) 244-4121 or [john.mortensen@nmsusa.com](mailto:john.mortensen@nmsusa.com).



# •Real Estate

## SALE BY SEALED BID

Kawerak Land Management, on behalf of the Native landowner, is offering the following tract of land for sale by sealed bid:

Tract 5, Agiapuk-Tucker Subdivision, Plat No. 2018-3, Cape Nome Recording District, Alaska. Containing 21.87 acres.

Physical access is available to the parcel by boat and snowmobile. The subject parcel is located approximately 18 miles southeasterly of the village of Teller, Alaska, on the right bank of the Agiapuk River.

Great subsistence campsite- moose, berries, birds, salmon and trout are harvested in the area.

Subject to reservation for ditches or canals.

Subject to valid existing rights, including any right of the United States to income derived, directly or indirectly, from a lease, license, permit, right-of-way or easement.

\$38,000 minimum bid, cash only. Bids will be received July 9th 2020 till August 6th at 3:00 pm. And opened on 3:00 pm local time on August 7th at Kawerak, LMS, Nome, AK.

For more information on parcel, bid procedures, and terms of sale, contact: Brian James, (LMS Specialist I) Kawerak, Inc. Land Management Services P.O. Box 948 Nome, AK 99762 Phone: (907) 443-4323 Fax: (425) 967-2027 Email: [lmsspec1@kawerak.org](mailto:lmsspec1@kawerak.org)

## SALE BY SEALED BID

Kawerak Land Management, on behalf of the Native landowner, is offering the following tract of land for sale by sealed bid:

Lots 1-8, Tucker Subdivision, Plat No. 2018-2, Cape Nome Recording District, Alaska.

Physical access is available to the parcels by vehicle, boat, and snowmobile. Located approximately 3 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.

Great subsistence campsite- berries, birds, salmon and trout are harvested in the area.

**\$24,700 minimum bid, cash only.**

**Bids will be received from 8:00 am July 9th 2020 till August 6th at 3:00 pm. And opened on 3:00 pm local time on August 7th at Kawerak, LMS, Nome, AK.**

Lot 1, containing 4.05 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 2, containing 4.37 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 3, containing 3.96 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 4, containing 3.66 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 5, containing 3.42 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 6, containing 3.82 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 7, containing 3.94 acres - \$24,700.  
 Lot 8, containing 3.83 acres - \$24,700.

Subject to reservation for ditches or canals.

Subject to valid existing rights, including any right of the United States to income derived, directly or indirectly, from a lease, license, permit, right of way or easement.

Subject to an easement for highway purposes, including appurtenant protective, scenic, and service areas, extending 100 feet on each side of the center line of the Nome-Council Highway which was transferred to the State of Alaska pursuant to the quitclaim deed dated June 30, 1959, and executed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the authority of the Alaska Omnibus Act, Pub. L. 86-70, 73 Stat. 141.

Subject to the continued right of public access along the Kaltag-Topkok Trail #156 (Kaltag-Topkok-Solomon-Nome). Overland winter mail trail between Fairbanks and Nome.

Subject to the Iditarod National Historic Trail. 11/10/78 National Trails System Act (P.L. 90-543) (As amended P.L. 95-625).

For more information on parcel, bid procedures, and terms of sale, contact: Brian James, (LMS Specialist I) Kawerak, Inc. Land Management Services P.O. Box 948 Nome, AK 99762 Phone: (907) 443-4323 Fax: (425) 967-2027 Email: [bjames@kawerak.org](mailto:bjames@kawerak.org)



## PLEASE HELP

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# Fish Factor: Seafood, Alaska's top export, omitted from federal trade data

By Laine Welch

Most Alaskans are surprised to learn that seafood is by far Alaska's top export, the source of the state's largest manufacturing base and its #1 private employer. More surprising is that those simple-to-find facts are not included in the official trade sheet for Alaska provided by the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, or USTR. The information on the USTR website, for example, incorrectly claims that petroleum and coal were Alaska's top exports in 2018. But seafood has been state's top export by far for decades.

"Seafood comprises over half of Alaska's annual export value, averaging \$3.3 billion annually over the past decade, averaging \$5.6 billion from 2017-2018," reports the Alaska Resource Development Council, RDC for short, on its fisheries page. The USTR states that "Alaska goods exports in 2016 (latest year available) supported an estimated 37 thousand jobs."

Wrong again. Alaska's seafood industry alone supports nearly 60,000 direct jobs and an additional 10,000 secondary jobs. And as the RDC points out, "seafood processing is the largest manufacturing sector in Alaska, accounting for 70 percent of Alaska's manufacturing employment." But the federal trade reps have a different take. Under the USTR category Made in America Manufacturing Exports from Alaska and Jobs, it states: "Other top manufacturing exports are transportation equipment (\$68 million), food & kindred products (\$23 million), computer & electronic products (\$23 million), and machinery, except electrical (\$23 million)."

Who knew! For the category Agriculture in Alaska Depends on Exports, the USTR claims that: "Alaska is the country's 50th largest agricultural exporting state, shipping \$17 million in domestic agricultural exports abroad in 2017." Alaska's top agricultural products listed are "other plant products" (\$14 million), "other livestock products" (\$1 million), followed by "feeds and other grains, processed grain products, and beef and veal" (\$326,000). But Alaska is not alone in the seafood snub. A review of other states' official trade pages shows contributions by the industry are not mentioned for fishing powerhouses like Maine, Massachusetts or Louisiana and more.

And Hawaii will be surprised to learn that, according to the federal trade office, its largest exports also are petroleum and coal – although it has no reserves of either! Overall, the USTR state trade data is poorly defined, loaded with incorrect statements and figures, provides no attribution, and each page looks like a sloppy cut and paste job tossed together with no expertise or interest. Hopefully, the issue will draw the attention of Robert DeHaan who on Friday was appointed to the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee that covers trade in animal products. DeHaan is the Vice President for Government Affairs at the National Fisheries Institute and has worked at the senior government level in both trade and transportation. The committee advises the government on policy matters including existing trade agreements and the negotiation of new ones. "This is a great opportunity for the seafood community to have a seat at the table where trade decisions are made," DeHaan said in a NFI press release. "I'm thrilled to be able to bring our industry's perspective and guidance to the people in charge of trade policy."

## China tariffs tank Alaska seafood

It's been two years since President Trump started a trade war with China by imposing taxes on U.S. seafood going to that country – taxes that are paid by Americans and not the Chinese, as he would have you believe. Seafood comprises well over 30 percent of Alaska's export volume and the ongoing tariffs have added up to huge losses from our biggest trading partner.

An analysis by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) shows that exports to China reached the highest level ever in 2017, at nearly \$1 billion (\$988 million). By 2018, Alaska seafood exports dropped by \$204 million, the largest year over year decrease ever. And by 2019, sales to China were at the lowest level since 2010, at \$702

million. That's a drop of more than \$250 million in two years. During the same time, China saw a 91 percent increase in seafood imports from other nations, going from \$8.1 billion to \$15.4 billion.

While the exact amount varies by species and product, ASMI said the average tax on Alaska seafood entering China is 38 percent. For comparison, it's 8 percent for Norway, Russia and Canada; Chile and New Zealand pay zero seafood tax to China.

There's been explosive growth among Chinese seafood eaters since the tariffs were enacted, ASMI said, with sales jumping from \$8.1 billion to \$15.4 billion since 2018. But that growing appetite is being filled with seafood from elsewhere than Alaska or the U.S.

Added to the trade squeeze with China, the U.S. seafood industry also continues to compete with less expensive imports from Russia. Trade data show the U.S. imported nearly \$700 million worth of Russian-caught seafood in 2019, although that country has embargoed all seafood U.S. imports since 2014. Combine U.S. trade policies that are clearly at odds with backing the seafood industry, mix in crippling and ongoing market impacts from COVID-19 and it adds up to a triple whammy for Alaska's fishermen and coastal communities.

## Don't dump your dumps

Don't be dumping your doings overboard is a message from the state of Alaska to fishing vessel operators. A letter sent out last week by the Department of Environmental Conservation reminds fishermen that it is illegal to dump sewage within three miles from shore.

"It is common practice, obviously, for folks to use a honey bucket on their boat and to just throw it overboard. There is no doubt it is an ongoing practice. So, we are working to educate folks operating in our waters about the Clean Water Act. I would encourage folks to think about the water in general, think about being good stewards, and to bring that to our proper disposal on shore," DEC Commissioner Jason Brune told KDLG in Dillingham.

Dumping sewage violates the Clean Water Act and can net you a fine up to \$2,000. Brune's letter also said the dumpings damage the nearshore environment by contaminating shellfish beds and fish habitat and can spread diseases to other people.

All boats with onboard bathrooms must use Coast Guard approved sanitation devices with storage tanks that are emptied at a pump station on shore or beyond three miles. Boats with honey buckets also can use the pump stations or bag style camp toilets that can be sealed and disposed of at approved collection areas.

Along with the dangers of contamination, Brune pointed out that dumping

sewage in nearby waters simply sends the wrong message. "We have environmental standards that we want to hold folks to," he said, "to make sure that we're being protective of our marine resources, of our fish and of the environment that we love here in Alaska."

## Fish Board find

A public records request to Governor Mike Dunleavy's office of boards and commissions produced a redacted resume for his elusive Board of Fish-

eries nominee, McKenzie Mitchell. It says since 2019 she has been a professor of economics and "recreation business leadership" at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and a "contract economist for NOAA constructing market demand models for fisheries prevalent in Alaska."

Mitchell's resume says she has been a boat captain and sport fishing guide at lodges on Kodiak Island for several years, presently at Raspberry Island Remote Lodge. She also is an assistant

big game guide at Afognak Wilderness Lodge at Kodiak and Midnight Sun Safaris and Lazy J-Bar-O Outfitters at Healy.

A hearing on the fish board nominees is set for Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Legislative Information Office in Anchorage. Public comments can be submitted now to Rep. Louise Stutes at rep.louise.stutes@akleg.gov.

