

# Stringfield orders Nelson released from county jail

Elko District Judge Thomas Stringfield ordered the release of Randall Nelson, who had been arrested and held in the county jail for the attempted murder of an Elko man.

Stringfield had Nelson released Tuesday afternoon after a district court hearing. The judge said Nelson was held in the county jail for all that morning after his sentence on an attempted misdemeanor charge of attempting a minor arrest, but was held because he had not made the \$5000 bail on the attempted murder arrest.

Nelson was arrested Jan. 31 at his residence on old U.S. Highway 49 in connection with the beating of Mark Bernhardt, 25.

Elko Justice of the Peace Molly Leedy said the arrested Nelson's case and held a bail hearing for the 19-year-old Elko man on the same day he was arrested. She explained a justice of the peace must review a case within 48 hours of an arrest and set the amount with 10 hours. The 72-hour appearance excludes holidays and weekends.

According to Leedy, a suspect can be held for seven to 10 working days before the initial appearance when a formal complaint is filed. She said that deadline had passed. Nelson was sentenced on Feb. 11 to the misdemeanor court.

Leedy added that the justice court was notified on Feb. 7 that a writ of habeas corpus was going to be filed by Andrew's attorney, Mark Tomson. She said the thought he would need to be heard by the district court.

Elko District Attorney Marshall Smith stated in court records that Nelson has not been formally charged because the matter is still being investigated. Stringfield said Nelson still was not charged.

According to Elko County Sheriff's Department officials, the beating incident occurred on the highway about five miles east of Elko. Bernhardt was struck on the left side of the head with a blunt instrument.

Bernhardt was taken to the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, where his condition has been reported from critical to "fair but stable." A hospital spokesman said Bernhardt had been transferred to the rehabilitation wing.

Nelson's father, misdemeanor sentence followed his guilty plea to engaging in sex with a 16-year-old teenager on Dec. 9 in Elko. He was on bail on the misdemeanor charge when he was arrested on Jan. 31.

His sentence expired Tuesday because he had been given credit for time served in jail prior to sentencing.

# Candidates' views on drug abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Should drug abuse be decriminalized so that government can put more emphasis on education and treatment and less on law enforcement?"

**JERRY BRUNER:** "While I do not support decriminalization of drugs, I believe the government should put more emphasis on education and treatment. The reason the drug war is failing is because of the improvement of the people, we should concentrate on bettering the economic conditions and education of our citizens."

**BOB DOL:** "I oppose drug decriminalization and believe we need to take tougher steps in the way on drugs to decrease both supply and demand. In particular, I support drug treatment on demand, as that people with drug problems can get the help they need."

**FRANK DONAHUE:** "No, I think that in putting drugs in the environment, and I'm not about to surrender when my side gets it. Legislation will not solve the problem caused by drug abuse — it will take more drug abuse — legislation will help address because it will take away an incentive to get help. We need to surrender to the drug war. We need a commander-in-chief who will fight for American kids."

**BOB KERRY:** "No, we do, however, need to focus more resources on drug education and treatment to end the demand for illicit drugs, and the only candidate with a plan to provide drug treatment to all Americans. I will also see that all American children receive quality drug education. And I will recommend several provisions to more effectively support local law enforcement efforts that they can better deploy."

# Firm donates drugs to ex-Soviet republics

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Company president Charles T. Lay accepted a certificate of appreciation from Project HOPE on Thursday.

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Ronald Spratt of Project HOPE said the drugs will be shipped by military transport to the former Soviet republics.

Former Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze said a committee of the company extending his gratitude and expressing concern about public health in the former Soviet Republics.

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News from past issues of the ELKO FREE PRESS compiled by the Northeastern Nevada Museum staff.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 27, 1992: The horse bus, next to Finch's, have been purchased by the Episcopal and a church will be erected there.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 27, 1982: Six students of Elko County High School, accompanied by Mrs. Jay Carter, journeyed to Ely, Idaho, to attend a musical performance at a special meeting of the Elko of that city students making the trip included Lara Jean Brown and Paul Carter, piano, short. Beanie Haddock, Paula Prange and Rose Sargent, vocal trio. Father Alvarado, was present.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 27, 1982: The P.W. Davidson coach at Mountain City has been purchased by Dale S. Burdette of Elko. The coach was built in 1950 and has been used for 30 years. He was first to purchase it in 1950. The coach was built by the late Coach Jack J. Davidson of Mountain City. The business is now operated by Jack Davidson and his son, Gale Davidson. The coach has had considerable experience in the Northwest business being associated with Lee Hylton at one time.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 27, 1982: The Elko Indians on and their mascot play set a winning tone by downing the Hamilton County High School football team, 60-0. High point scorer was Elko's Jimmie Lee. The Indians ended their season 10-2.

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**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 27, 1982: Corrie Urrutia and George Bailey are busy preparing their lines for "The Grapes," a delightful comedy mystery. For the whole family to be performed Friday and Saturday nights at the Elko High School auditorium by the Silver State Players. Ten members prior to the play, rehearsal music will be provided by Leah Lynn, Kathryn Stahl, Claire Morrow, Frank Ryan, Jan Dittmer, Margery Walker, Marjorie Vint, Dr. Clay Woodard, Patrick Lynn, Purita Sawyer, Betty Kaiser and Lawrence Morris — Janet Petersen, music manager.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 27, 1982: The board of county commissioners will meet a week from today, when they will come to a decision on the location of the new high school. They will also at this meeting make an item budget for the coming year.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 26, 1982: Dr. Warden, county health officer, reports that a case of meningitis and a case of diphtheria were reported from Tularosa, 18 from Montello and three from Wells. All are now free from all contagious diseases except mumps.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 26, 1982: The new furniture for the Elko County court room was being installed today by W. A. Simons Company. The room is extremely attractive now and ready for the opening of the next term of court, which has been set for March 2nd by Judge

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