

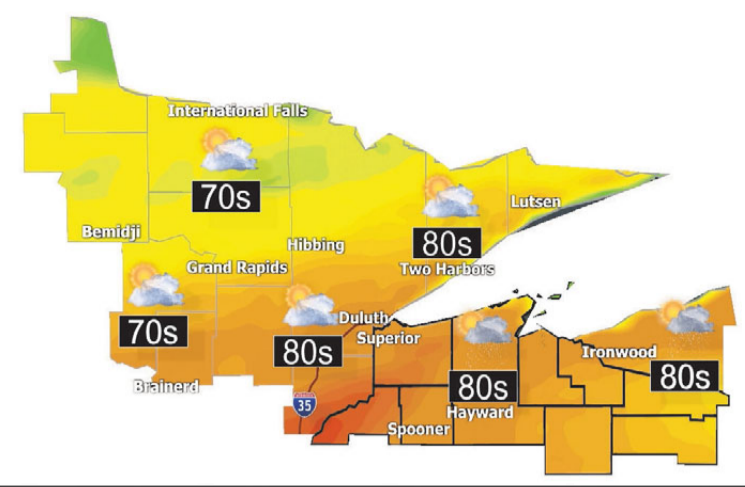
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StormTRACKER forecast



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Temperatures will warm up nicely for most of Thursday. We'll top off close to 80 degrees in Duluth with some mid-80s to our south. A breeze will start out of the southwest and eventually switch to northwest as this front passes. Wind gusts Thursday could hit the mid-20s. Friday is looking cooler with lower to mid-70s across the area and a west breeze.



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Regional Weather	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Ashland, WI	85	53	78	53
Bemidji, MN	76	49	74	52
Grand Marais, MN	72	50	70	51
Hayward, WI	84	50	78	52
International Falls, MN	75	48	72	47
St. Paul, MN	90	62	84	62

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
84/50	76/52	76/55	79/54	67/50	68/50	70/53
AM Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Thunderstorms	AM Showers	Partly Cloudy
Wind: W 16 mph	Wind: W 13 mph	Wind: W 7 mph	Wind: SW 9 mph	Wind: E 11 mph	Wind: E 13 mph	Wind: E 10 mph

*Average wind speed for each day

MATTERS OF RECORD

District Court Carlton County June 21
 ▶ Jennifer A. Leible, 44, Superior, hands-free law violation, fined \$50.
 ▶ Sommer D. Thompson, 37, Brewator Township, hands-free law violation, fined \$50.
June 22
 ▶ Jeremy G. Anderson, 45, Plymouth, Minnesota, driving after suspension, fined \$200.
 ▶ Kevin G. Brager, 64, Superior, failure to stop for a school bus arm, fined \$500 and 10 days local confinement,

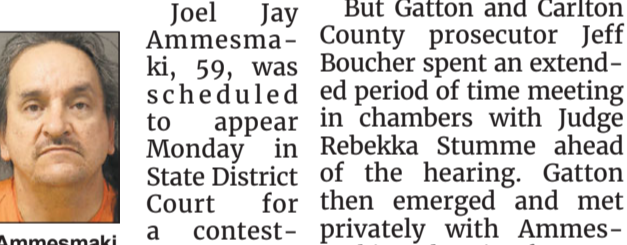
time stayed on one year probation.
 ▶ Justin A. Butkiewicz, 36, Esko, operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited blood-alcohol content, fined \$500 and one year local confinement, 335 days stayed on three years probation with conditions.
 ▶ Leicester Chapple, 58, Chisholm, possession of a controlled substance, 21 months in prison.
 ▶ Amanda M. Niemi, 36, Duluth, driving while impaired, fined \$900 and one year local confinement, 330 days stayed on two years probation with conditions.
 ▶ Nicole L. Slaviero, 43, Superior, driving while impaired, fined \$500 and one year local confinement, 335 days stayed on two years probation with conditions.
 ▶ Allen W. Straub, 58, Barnum, driving after revocation, fined \$200.
 ▶ Gisell N. Varela, 20, Excelsior, Minnesota, disorderly conduct, continued for dismissal for six months.
 ▶ Joshua S. Worgen, 36, Cloquet, hands-free law violation - second or subsequent offense, fined \$275.
June 23
 ▶ Travis A. Evers, 33, Cloquet, oper-

ating a motor vehicle with a prohibited blood-alcohol content, fined \$500 and one year local confinement, 335 days and \$405 stayed on two years probation with conditions.
 ▶ Jamie L. Peacock, 41, Cloquet, disorderly conduct, continued for dismissal for six months.
 ▶ Matthew P. Martineau, 33, Cloquet, falsely reporting a crime, adjudication stayed for one year, fined \$50.
June 24
 ▶ Jordan J. Fumas, 19, Cloquet, driving after suspension, fined \$200.
 ▶ Karl E. Wyant, 55, Duluth, hands-free law violation, fined \$50.
June 25
 ▶ Alek R. S. Roggenbuck, 20, Saint Louis Park, Minnesota, driving after revocation, fined \$200.
June 26
 ▶ Dylan M. Miller, 18, Esko, driving 117 mph in a 70 mph zone, fined \$150.
The Pine Journal publishes Matters of Record as part of its obligation to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. All items are public records submitted by the courthouse in Carlton. Most defendants are also ordered to pay court and/or surcharge fees. Individual requests for items to be withheld will not be granted.

FDL vets home case could settle Ammesmakidrops probable cause challenge

By Tom Olsen
 Duluth News Tribune

CARLTON — A Fond du Lac Band veterans home resident dropped his bid to dismiss a homicide charge and will consider a potential plea agreement in the killing of a fellow resident.



Ammesmaki

Joel Jay Ammesmaki, 59, was scheduled to appear Monday in State District Court for a contested hearing with testimony following last September's death of Clyde "Jody" Atwood, 60, during a fight at the Cloquet housing complex. Defense attorney Wil-

liam Gatton previously filed a motion to dismiss his client's first-degree manslaughter charge for a lack of probable cause, citing a claim of self-defense, and indicating he might call Ammesmaki, a medical examiner and others as witnesses.

But Gatton and Carlton County prosecutor Jeff Boucher spent an extended period of time meeting in chambers with Judge Rebekka Stumme ahead of the hearing. Gatton then emerged and met privately with Ammesmaki, who is free on bond and waited quietly in a hallway outside the courtroom.

When they finally went on the record nearly an hour after the scheduled hearing time, Gatton informed the court that his client was withdrawing the pretrial dismissal motion.

"You have decided to waive that probable cause challenge in order to go ahead with some other strategies to see if we can settle this case?" the defense attorney asked. "Yes," Ammesmaki replied.

The attorneys requested that a scheduling conference be set to discuss the next steps; the date was not immediately determined.

No details of any potential agreement were disclosed, and while Ammesmaki dropped the probable cause challenge, he retains the right to take the case to trial.

The incident occurred

Sept. 14, at the Fond du Lac Veterans Supportive Housing building, 1569 Zhimaaganishag Road, Cloquet.

A criminal complaint states that Ammesmaki reported he got into a fight with Atwood and wanted him removed from his apartment before officers arrived on the scene and found the defendant standing near a couch, with the victim lying face-up on the floor with blood around his nose.

Atwood was unresponsive and not breathing, the complaint states, and paramedics told officers he was dead.

While police and medics were tending to Atwood, Ammesmaki allegedly became distraught and

said "that it wasn't supposed to go this way," according to the complaint, and told officers that he had punched the victim in the face while they were fighting.

Ammesmaki allegedly went on to state that he was drinking with Atwood and watching a football game and a movie. He said Atwood called him the name of another resident at the complex and attempted to punch him but did not make contact.

Ammesmaki then punched the victim twice and he fell down, according to the complaint, but the defendant said he thought Atwood was sleeping.

Officers collected security footage from the complex that reportedly showed Ammesmaki and Atwood entering his apartment at 12:34 a.m. Footage showed Ammesmaki leave his apartment to visit the security desk twice and once to knock on the door of another apartment between Atwood's arrival and when police showed up at 2:11 a.m., the complaint states. No one else was seen leaving or entering the apartment during that time.

Ammesmaki has remained free under pre-trial supervision. He told Judge Stumme on Monday that he recently completed an inpatient treatment program and is now receiving outpatient services.

Atwood served in the U.S. Navy from 1981-85 and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. An obituary said he struggled with alcoholism for many years, but was "remembered for his sense of humor and generosity."

Duluth man faces drug possession charge

By Dylan Sherman
 Cloquet Pine Journal

CARLTON — A Duluth man who was arrested on June 12 was found to have more than 11 pounds of methamphetamine in his possession, according to a criminal complaint.

Tyler Lee Hautajarvi, 26, was charged with one count of first-degree drug possession



Hautajarvi

of methamphetamine, which comes with a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine

or both.

According to the criminal complaint, the Carlton County Sheriff's Office received a tip that Hautajarvi may be trafficking drugs in May and learned he was in possession of a "bulk" of U.S. currency and firearms.

Two other tipsters told authorities Hautajarvi had large quantities of methamphetamine in the Duluth area and they had purchased methamphetamine from him.

After corroborating the information, the complaint said officers

placed a trap and trace order on Hautajarvi's phone.

Officers observed his phone was in contact with a number known to be associated with drug distributing, and on the night of June 11, saw him travel south to Hinckley before returning north. Hinckley is frequented by drug dealers, the complaint said, as it is the midway

point between Duluth and the Twin Cities.

St. Louis County Sheriff's deputies pulled Hautajarvi over on the morning of June 12.

Upon executing a search warrant, the complaint said officers discovered that Hautajarvi's vehicle was being driven by a woman, with Hautajarvi as the sole passenger. During the search,

officers found a handgun and 11.61 pounds of a substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine, according to the criminal complaint.

Hautajarvi was arrested, He was transferred to the Carlton County jail on Monday, June 27.

Hautajarvi's bail was set at \$300,000, and his initial appearance was scheduled for July 11.

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