

# NEBRASKA

## Officials seek to end Kansan's comments

### Threatening of Rulo case is feared

By Bill Kroll  
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Assistant Nebraska Attorney General Terry Schaaf said Friday that he will ask Kansas Justice Department officials to try to stop a Kansas county attorney from saying anything more about the harassment of Lyle Siles, 4, of Rulo and James Thum, 14, of Beatrice.

"I doubt it would be prudent to ask them to wait with this fellow and try to get any further disclosure of that or continue or possible evidence in the Siles-Thum case," Schaaf said.

Schaaf, who lives in Beatrice, said he would ask the attorney general's law enforcement section, headed from the fact that it doesn't help the investigation.

"Norton County Attorney Doug Seibohar disagrees with the Herald's reports," Terry Schaaf said. "I will probably make it more difficult to obtain a fair jury in Richardson County — one that hasn't been educated with general publicity. It may be a little difficult to get a jury (Henry Albrecht, who is the cause of the misery of the victims).

He said that Richardson County officials are "terribly concerned about the cost of this thing anyway — these kinds of suits can be incredibly expensive. And if there's a change of venue, that cost will sky rocket."

Seibohar couldn't be reached for comment Friday morning.

Michael W. Ryan, 47, repeated leader of the group that abducted the Rulo farm on which the bodies of Siles and Thum were found, has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

Richardson County Attorney Doug Merr also has filed one count of first-degree murder against Thursday, Henry Albrecht, 31, of Rulo and Ryan's 17-year-old son, David, in the death of Thum.

More FBI agents and Nebraska State Patrol officers have been sighted about evidentiary matters in the case, which will involve a homicide case. A report of them here says they expect that they have searched for forensic evidence on the scene surrounding the death of Siles and Thum, the alleged cause of their deaths and a weapon allegedly used in the slaying.

"All of it will become public at trial, and the public has a right to know what's going on," Schaaf said. "The grand jury deliberations on the indictment are being investigated is still going on, and that we let Mr. Merr handle the case, not even one from Kansas."

## Neo-Nazi literature found on raided Rulo farmstead

By Rick Warner  
Associated Press Writer

All FBI officials say literature from two neo-Nazi groups was found at the southeast Nebraska farm where the bodies were discovered.

Assistant Director Bill Baker said the literature found at the farm near Rulo last weekend was connected with Peace Constitution a militia far protest group, and Aryan Nations, a white supremacist organization.

"Our investigative concern is that elements of the Aryan Nations and certain segments of the Peace have been involved in violent acts," Baker said Thursday from Washington, D.C.

The Rulo farm, reportedly the home for a religious movement group led by Michael W. Ryan, 47, and James Thum, 14, have been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the bodies' discovery.

**Amount not revealed**

Baker declined to discuss the amount of literature that was found or its contents. It is in the custody of the Nebraska State Patrol, he said.

Forest Superintendent Robert Tapp confirmed that the patrol has the literature found during a search in which he found Siles, 4, and James Thum, 14, were discovered in an isolated grove. He declined to provide details about the literature.

Baker refused to answer whether there is evidence that Michael Ryan or others who live at the farm are members of Peace Constitution or Aryan Nations, but he said, "When you find literature like that, it raises the question" of connections.

Baker said the FBI has been monitoring activities of the Peace, Aryan Nations and an Aryan Nations regional group called The Order. The FBI has been aware of the violent nature of some of the group members, he said since February 1983 when two U.S. marshals were killed in a gun battle with a far North Dakota farmer Gordon Gund.

**Killed in shootout**

At a Peace Constitution meeting, he indicated that year in an address, announced with Albrecht's opinion. Baker said the FBI does not have connections between the Rulo case and the Rulo investigation.

Michael Ryan and Thursday are being held in Gering County Jail without bond. The other Ryan is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Thum and Siles. Thursday and James Ryan are charged with first-degree murder in Thursday's death.

KMTV in Omaha reported Thursday that Michael Ryan had denied involvement with the Peace. Ryan was shown on the Rulo farm in a videotape interview filmed soon after authorities raided the farm in June.

Denis Ryan, who is being held in a nearby jail, plans to fight extradition to Nebraska, said Horton County Attorney Doug Seibohar.

"From all indications, Dennis doesn't want to come back to Nebraska and will do all he can so he doesn't have to," Seibohar said Thursday.

## Hearings set on extremist groups

By The Associated Press

The Legislature's Judiciary Committee will conduct hearings in November to determine the prevalence of extremist and paramilitary groups in Nebraska.

Sen. Jerry Clark of Omaha, a member of the committee, introduced a resolution last month calling for a study of radical groups believed to be a threat to lives and property in Nebraska.

The first of the hearings will be Nov. 13 in Omaha, he said. Hearings also are tentatively planned for Columbia and North Platte.

Authorities last weekend seized an arsenal of weapons and explosives at a farm near Rulo. The investigation led to the discovery of two bodies buried at the farm. An FBI official said literature found at the farm was connected to Peace Constitution, a militia far protest group, and Aryan Nations, a white supremacist organization.

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