Mpls. Council candidate says problems predated his time at nonprofit.

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The city of Minneapolis could pay $140,000 to settle a federal lawsuit against a former police officer accused of kicking a man who was trying to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

The proposed settlement was approved last month by a federal judge as part of a case in which former Minneapolis Police Officer Christopher Reiter, 36, was under investigation for a use-of-force incident involving a man in the face in similar fashion, according to a criminal complaint.

Settlement

Settlements are common, according to experts, who say they are often used as a way to avoid a trial and the uncertainty that comes with it.

The settlement agreement was brought to the attention of the Minneapolis City Council this week, but it was not discussed at length.

City officials didn’t return

The last ones out at Park Laurel

With the building’s sale, options are dwindling for city’s low-income renters

By LEAH SULLIVAN  lsullivan@startribune.com

The remaining tenants at the Park Laurel apartments, one of the last affordable spots for low-income renters in downtown Minneapolis, have been forced to leave after the city condemned the buildings last month.

The four-building, 96-unit complex was largely vacant when the city announced its intent to condemn the buildings several months ago, but many of the remaining tenants at the Park Laurel apartments, including Mike Sullivan, a former police officer, have been forced to leave.

Mike Sullivan, a former resident

Mr. Ross was an innocent bystander to this entire incident,” he said.

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Cop who shot Castile to be tried in Ramsey County

**Yanez's attorneys wanted the trial moved due to "slanted" media coverage.**

The trial of Officer Jeronimo Yanez in last year’s fatal shooting of Philando Castile will remain in Ramsey County, where the death occurred, a judge ruled Monday.

Ramsey County District Judge William Rhoades III denied the defense’s request for a change of venue after hearing arguments in court Tuesday morning.

“The Minnesota Supreme Court has held that pretrial publicity is not solely determinative of whether a change of venue should be granted,” Leary wrote in his decision. “Rather, the fundamental issue is whether jurors from the community where the alleged crime occurred are aware of and in good conscience set aside public opinion or their opinions or comments regarding the case.”

Yanez’s attorneys, Paul Barsh, Earl Grey and Thomas Kelly, argued in court filings that pretrial publicity was “slanted” and said the case would become “uninnocent.”

In Donald Blom’s trial for the 2016 killing of Katrice Pointe, Leary noted, the state Supreme Court upheld the district’s decision to deny Blom’s request for a change of venue.

“As in Blom, the death of Mr. Castile has been followed by a great deal of ongoing public comment about the case, including nationally,” Leary said.

“Although the state Supreme Court acknowledged such publicity may be less in other areas of the state, Defendant has conceded that no area of the state has been shielded from such publicity.”

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“Such was the case against Reiter, as well as Yanez who was charged last year after he shot Castile to death.”

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No drugs found in driver’s system

Drugs and alcohol both ruled out as factors in Feb. 22 crash that killed jogger in St. Paul.

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The exact cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Peter Berge, left, ran over Scott Spoo, above, on Paul on Feb. 22.


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A day for sp t and polish

Minnesota National Guard Sgt. Randi Litton, above, right, inspected cadets at the all-male St. Thomas Academy on Thursday as part of the school’s annual brigade inspection. Despite dropping its ties to the Army’s Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) in 2015, the Mendota Heights school has maintained its military focus along with the annual inspection, which evaluates cadets’ appearance, drill skills and military knowledge. The cadets are working toward a school goal of earning at least 680 points out of a possible 700 and designation as a Unit of Distinction. At right, cadets marched out of the inspection area, reflected on the gymnasium floor with a U.S. flag.

Big differences seen in Minnesota school funding plans

Likely tension negotiations set to begin soon at the State Capitol.

By Anthony Lowrey

At the state’s school districts craft their 2017-18 funding plans, negotiations are set to begin soon at the State Capitol on two-year-school-funding-package that could give some relief to districts facing cuts. But the differences between proposals put forth by DFL Gov. Mark Dayton and the Republican House and Senate are significant.

Dayton wants to spend an additional $711 million for preschool spending through grade 12 over the two years beginning July 1. Included in his proposal is a 2 percent per year increase in the state’s bedrock per-pupil fund formula, which evaluates districts’ costs and yields to the state. Dayton’s $711 million for preschool over the two years would generate about $6.4 million in funding for rural and suburban districts have until the end of June to submit their plans.

Senior ‘pranks’ class with kindness

New Prague student had a simple “prank” to give everyone a smile.

By Brielle Dugoff

Josephine Hyde prayed for New Prague High School classmates last year.

In the early morning hours Thursday, the 18-year-old student pulled a prank that would give every student a surprise. Before heading off to St. Cloud State University next month, Hyde had been planning for weeks with the help of the school principal and staff.

“I wanted everyone to smile,” the senior said. “Sometimes it’s hard to wake up in the morning.”

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Alexander, George P. 

Obituary

George P. Alexander died peacefully on April 3, 2017, at the age of 87, of natural causes. A native of Minnesota, George was a long-time resident of Eagan, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and his children, George Jr., Mary, and Jane. A celebration of life will be held on April 7 at 11am at Church of the Epiphany, 4888 Pilot Knob Road in Eagan. Contributions in memory of George P. Alexander can be made to the American Heart Association or to the Alzheimer's Association.

990 C-47 cargo planes were loaded with about 150 paratroopers each. The paratroopers were dropped behind enemy lines to help liberate Europe.

In later years, he started to open up, speaking at schools and colleges about his experiences. His story is now told in a book, “The True Story of the D-Day Invasion.”

Jim Carroll War hero, machinist, school bus driver

World War II veteran fought in three key battles

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Three people have died in crashes on Minnesota roads May 2, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

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Sylvie Tyliska and her father have been identified as the victims of the fatal crash in St. Paul, Minnesota, according to the<a href="http://www.minnesota.com/article/news/local/2017-05-02/" rel="nofollow">Minneapolis Star Tribune</a>. The incident occurred on May 2, according to the<a href="http://www.minnesota.com/article/news/local/2017-05-02/" rel="nofollow">Minneapolis Star Tribune</a>. The driver, a 22-year-old Minnesota man, has been charged with manslaughter in the death of the 9-year-old girl. The incident occurred in a school bus in the county.

**TUESDAY, APR. 7, 2017**

The death of a 2-month-old baby

A 2-month-old baby has died in Isanti County, according to the<a href="http://www.minnesota.com/article/news/local/2017-05-02/" rel="nofollow">Minneapolis Star Tribune</a>. The incident occurred on May 2, according to the<a href="http://www.minnesota.com/article/news/local/2017-05-02/" rel="nofollow">Minneapolis Star Tribune</a>. The driver, a 22-year-old Minnesota man, has been charged with manslaughter in the death of the 9-year-old girl. The incident occurred in a school bus in the county.

**FATHER OF KILLING BY GIRL**

A woman has admitted to being the driver of a pick-up truck in which a 9-year-old girl was killed by a stray bullet while in school. The incident occurred on May 2, according to the<a href="http://www.minnesota.com/article/news/local/2017-05-02/" rel="nofollow">Minneapolis Star Tribune</a>. The driver, a 22-year-old Minnesota man, has been charged with manslaughter in the death of the 9-year-old girl. The incident occurred in a school bus in the county.

**AIR CONDITIONER BLAME**

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I love Minnesota’s increasingly squat-steady summers. But there’s something about the first warm spell of April, when you can finally duck those tawny winter muscles — without the baggage of humidity, bugs and raging thunderstorms.

NASA can track the spring green-up from space, but nature provides her own phenological cues as we track the first landlocks, drops, flies and chirps. According to the Minnesota DNR, the first red-winged blackbirds of the season were heard in Maplewood on March 5, nine days earlier than average — the second earliest on record.

Enjoy the seasonal weather. Tomorrow’s our north north, sleek in the Great Lakes, scaling run on both coasts. And here we sit, meteorologically content. For now.

**TWIN CITIES TEMPS MARCH 2017**

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**Odds are that you’ll be chirping with the birds**