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Man arrested in connection to shooting, murder charges

An 18-year-old man was arrested by Saginaw police during the investigation of a shooting in Detroit.

Alex Santino Acosta was arrested about 2 p.m. Tuesday as Saginaw officers acted on tips from several sources. They conducted surveillance on two locations within the city.

The shooting occurred Friday, critically wounding a 7-year-old girl. Detroit police detectives believe the girl was the victim of a stray bullet fired during a shoot out between two rival gangs.

Acosta faces assault with the intent to murder and several unrelated misdemeanor charges.

One dead in Saginaw crash

One person died after a traffic crash Wednesday morning in Saginaw.

About 10:05 a.m., Saginaw police responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of Bay Road and Congress.

They found a vehicle headed north on Bay Road, driven by an 18-year-old woman, disregarded a traffic signal. It and a vehicle driven west on Congress collided. The driver of that vehicle was an 84-year-old man, and his passenger was an 80-year-old woman.

Two people in the crash were hurt, and were taken to Covenant HealthCare for treatment, where one of them later died. Police are not releasing names until family members are notified.

Alcohol was not a factor and seat belts were used. The accident is being investigated.

Tombstone returned to cemetery

A tombstone found in the backyard of a Saginaw home after snow melted recently was returned to the cemetery in which it belongs.

The stone was found April 6 at a Glenwood Street home. The name Ada Woodman was on the stone, with a date of death of 1929.

The age of the stone was a roadblock to locating its original resting place.

After research, Saginaw police determined the stone belonged at the Demorest Cemetery in Akron-Fairgrove, and it was returned.

Police thank the Hoyt Library, Deckerville Library and the Demorest Cemetery for their help.

Sheriff's office sponsoring marine safety class

The Midland County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a marine safety class for people between the ages of 12 and 20.

The class is necessary for anyone in the age group to operate a motor driven vessel on the waters of the state. Sign up is at the Midland County Law Enforcement Center, 2727 Rodd St.

Students will be given a workbook to study before attending the class on Saturday, May 14. Students are to meet in front of the Midland Law Enforcement Center by 8:15 a.m. The class will end at 3 p.m.

Students should bring a lunch, one black pen, one pencil and one highlighter. There is no fee for the class, which is limited to 60 students.

Call 839-4630 for more information.

Police agencies to conduct underage drinking enforcement

The Isabella County Sheriff's Office, Mount Pleasant Police and the Central Michigan University Police Department will conduct underage driving enforcement at school proms and other functions.

The agencies have made a commitment to address youth alcohol use by dedicating grant-funded overtime patrols to enforce the state's underage drinking laws.

The patrols are funded by a grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and U.S. Department of Justice's Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program.

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