Mother claims arrested daughter suffered attack by campus officer

GARETT AMMESMAK/SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

This story will be updated as more information is provided.

Melissa Menelle of Emery is alleging her daughter, a minor, was in a “violent” altercation with a university police officer Sept. 9 on the South Dakota State University campus.

According to multiple police reports, Melissa said her daughter, a senior in Biology High School, suffered dislocated shoulder, multiple abrasions and bruises when a UPD officer arrested her and her sister Lillian at 11:27 p.m. Saturday on campus. Melissa said her daughter has been charged with resisting arrest.

Lillian tweeted the morning of Sept. 10 that her sister was “physically, mentally, and emotionally assaulted and blew up in a fit of anger. According to the tweet, Lillian has a history of reacting with excessive arrest and obstructing a law-enforcement officer.

“She is still in a violent state and needs a lot of support,” the tweet said.

The university is aware of the situation and looking into what happened, said University Marketing Mike Locke.

As of Sunday afternoon, STDPRO/AJ reached out to the South Dakota College of Criminal Investigation to help with the investigation of the incident and Sara Ehlers, public information officer for the attorney general’s office.

CPD was not available for comment.

Melissa and her husband received a phone call from Lillian and her sister Saturday night. The two were walking on campus with friends when they were confronted by the officer.

“Her back and her daugh- ter’s hands were dislocated. Melissa said in a post she later deleted, she also posted photos of her daughter’s wrists and hands as well as her back.

Melissa said her family plans to pursue civil and criminal charges, but due to their attorney’s current commitments they are not releasing any more information at this time.

Many comments on Melissa’s Facebook post have agreed with the family saying they’re had run ins with the same officer in the past where he acted with excessive force.

“I have never had any of my officers make any complaints with me regarding anything they’ve witnessed,” while working with UPD, said Brooks on the Department Acting Chief Dave Erickson.

Erickson was aware of the Facebook post and said investigators are doing detective work for multiple reasons.

The investigation can be different, and there are a lot of factors that can play a role, including the level of arrest or detainment of an individual, or if the arrest was the result of a suspect being started.

“If used for assault, then it will be considered a violent arrest or detainment. Otherwise it will be determined if the officer used reasonable force when they arrested her. We will look at the documentation and video if there is any. Then at the end of the investigation, we will determine if our officer used excessive force as a result of the suspect actions?” the chief said.

“It appears to be more of a defensive action due to the officer was protecting herself. There is no evidence that there was excessive force used by the officer. The officer was aware that she was in a violent state and was in need of medical attention, the chief said.

“Then she was transported to the hospital where she was treated and released. The officer encountered the suspect again later in the day and was not able to locate her. She was then called to her residence and arrested for resisting arrest.”

In a later post, Melissa said “our family was not taught to ‘comply.’

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South Dakota State University President Barry Dunn and Dennis Daugaard attended the Sept. 7 ceremon- ies to break ground on the upgrades to ARDRL, which are slated to be completed in 2020.

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By KAYLA GULLICKSON

Students, faculty and administration at SDSU are excited about the new nonprofit major.

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“I chose this major because I saw that it could help me make an impact on the world,” Kayla said. “I just want to run a nonprofit, either that’s in D.A.C., here in Brookings or somewhere else.”

Kayla’s personal ties to nonprofit work drew her to pursue the newly added major.

Her mother, Heidi Gustafson, a consumer sciences professor, works with youth and families.

“Kayla’s been involved with volunteering from a young age, working with organizations at fourth or fifth grade and then through middle school and high school,” Heidi said.

“I think her involvement in fundamental family and community leaders of America (FCCLA) gave her a bigger view of what a nonprofit could be because it’s something you could do at any level,” Kayla said.

“Once it was officially offered as a minor, the major will now allow a minor in depth look at nonprofit work.”

“One of the trends in the nonprofit world is becoming more of a professionalized industry,” said Kim Hegland, a consumer sciences major.

“Gustafson is interested in and certainly a place in the ground up due to this,” Hegland said. “This is built based on a whole lot of materials that we use because we see that it’s becoming a non-profit world and that students might be interested in and certainly where they might work after graduating.”

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“Both personal characteristics and the specialized expertise learned at SDSU will be important to future employers, according to Gustafson.”

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The OTTC began in 2008 with the main campus and the new diagnostic tools that are being developed and the support that is being provided to the researchers to make sure that the research and the commercialization is happening. The OTTC is the umbrella organization for the entire state.

Liam Aylor, assistant vice president, William W. and Mary K. Alford Office of Technology Transfer said the lab will have a "draw" window for the public to drop off their samples, making the process simpler, as well as limiting the spread of viruses and bacteria through foot traffic.

Officials are hopeful for the new equipment, space and BSEP portion of the lab will give the ADRDL the opportunity to achieve more and have a positive economic impact on the entire state.

"When you've got a disease outbreak, every bit of time we can save in developing a rapid test and diagnosing and differentiating the virus can mean millions of dollars for our home farmers," Dunn said.
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Donald Trump has ruined our global reputation

KALYNN SLABAUGH
Columnist

This September brings an important political event for Ger-
man people—the election. It provides a platform for dif-
cult conversations concerning immigration, race, and socio-
conomics.

Since World War II, Ger-
many has intentionally become an accepting, all-inclusive country, welcoming immigrants and refu-
gees with a hearty welcome, or “Herzlich Wilkom-
men!”

The tragedy of WWII left a dark mark on history, and the
German people responded by actively ensuring nothing simi-
lar ever happened again.

To promote this inclusivity, every student in Germany vis-
to a concentration camp during their education to learn about the Holocaust and German-
ys responsibility for minority deaths during the war. Additionally, Germany’s

What we can learn from children’s perception of beauty

Columnist

Children see raw, natural

There are two distinct instances I recall where different 6-year-
old girls approached me and told me I was pretty.

The first time a child told me
I was pretty was in high school.

I was at work with no
makeup on and my hair falling
summer. I was at work with no
makeup I put on—just a part
from the clothes I wore or the
smile and my happiness, not
even doubt her.

She stepped back into her line
and freckles.

I was worried that her daugh-
ter would grow up to hate her
looks.

As she left, her mom

Thanked her and told her

The other instance was this

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Biking safely on our campus

JENNIFER MCLAUGHLIN
Guest Columnist

This past week, I sat outside at a
biking demonstration that was thrilled to see so many students out on bikes.

Biking is a wonderful means of transportation—it’s fast, easy, emits no pollution and is great for your health.

Common sense must play a role when riding bicycles, espe-
cially on a college campus where there is plenty of foot and car
traffic.

The biggest action cyclists can take to ensure safety is to
avoid overreaching in and out of po-
tholes, other cyclists, skaters, and
bicyclists.

If sidewalks are crowded, cyclists should slow down and announce when they are passing others. Pedestrians can help with this, too, by staying to the right side of the sidewalk.

It’s equally important to always be aware and alert of your surroundings when riding a bike.

Pay attention to other cyclists or pedestrians in the area or if there is a hazardous area.

When crossing intersections, it’s life-saving to stop and look both ways before crossing the street.

The future looks bright at SDSU with well over 860 cycles. As an education board and com-
mittee, I look forward to working with our students to create a safe and enjoyable bicycle

For a full brochure on bicycle safety tips, stop by Information Exchange in the Union.

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Social media in the real world

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Lifestyles Reporter

Social media platforms can be fun ways to network and connect, but some posts can lead to backlashes in a professional setting.

According to a 2015 Pew Research Center study, more than 50 percent of young adults use some form of social media. Because of this, many employers look at an applicant’s social profile when making hiring decisions to get an idea of the user’s personality.

“We all know how public our lives are due to the use of social media,” South Dakota State Social Media Coordinator Karissa Kühle said. “Anything you post is going to have a shelf life, so you want to make sure that you leave a positive digital footprint on social media.”

Post with explicit language, controversial opinions, poor grammar or references to illegal substances can cause employers to turn away potential job candidates. The same goes with pictures, especially photos showing alcohol consumption, regardless of the applicant’s age.

Career Development Coach Matthew Tollefson, South Dakota State and Boys and Girls Club, which check the social media accounts of job candidates.

“We do not interview a great applicant, but his profile picture is terrible,” Tollefson said. “That tells our team a lot about a character, so we decided to take him out of consideration.”

SDSU running back Isaac Wallace, senior biology and pre-professional design major, said the topic of social media seriously.

“There was a kid on the football team that had a Twitter handle that was viewed as offensive, so he was quickly forced to change it,” Wallace said. “We made sure to present our selves in a way that showed a positive light on our team and our school.”

Wallace uses his social media to post updates and accomplishments and avoids posting controversial topics.

Tollefson said students should keep everything on social media private as possible by reviewing privacy settings and requesting approval of tagged public posts.

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“Checking out what’s happening on social,” Chapman said. “Then, when it comes time to interact with people face-to-face it makes them feel anxious.”

A 2014 study by USA Today found that 39 percent of people say social media made them feel more serious. The subject may also be playing too personal.

Facebook and Instagram users may have noticed their feeds showing more and more photos of people looking like they didn’t know their picture was being taken, but somehow still looking cool.

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A poll of 60 female students in the women’s wing of Ben Reifel Hall found that 39 percent of people say social media made them feel more serious. The subject may also be playing too personal.

“Plandid” have become ever present on Instagram, but have been found to have negative effects on an Instagrammer’s self-esteem. According to a May article from CNN, Instagram topped the list of the worst forms of social media for mental health.

Although social media may be negative at times, “plandids” have also been found to help improve self-esteem. According to an article by HuffPo on the impact social media has on self-esteem, 60 percent of people on social media said it has impacted their self-esteem in a negative way, and 80 percent reported it is easier to be deceived about the lifestyles and happiness of others.

When your news feed is filled with models and people who only post things about leading lavish lifestyles, it’s easy to forget you’re playing too personal.

“It’s not necessary to have ancient photos on your account, so make sure to set up a timeline review in order to delete embarrassing pictures and posts from your page,” Kühle said.

Facebook photos and posts can also be set to “Only Me,” which allows the posts to stay on the profile, but can be if we use social media, “South Dakota State counselor Tracy Chapman said.

It feels good to get away from the drama,” Shanes said. “Even if it’s not drama that you’re facing
Let’s be clear here: the expectations for “IT” could not have been higher.

For one, the film is based on one of Stephen King’s most iconic and terrifying novels. It was adapted into a well-received mini-series in 1990, and was followed by Tim Curry’s portrayal of the murderous clown Pennywise. But we have to talk about the advertising campaign of this new adaptation.

When the film’s first trailer was released online, it set the record for the most-watched trailer in 24 hours with 197 million views. That release online, it set the record for the most-watched trailer in 24 hours with 197 million views. That's all thanks to the marketing campaign of this new adaptation.

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Absolutely.

“IT” is now a less a horror stakes than a cultural phenomenon for collective American audiences. This version of “IT” will do to clowns what “Jaws” did to sharks. Director Andy Muschietti and the editing team put forward great work in the scares department. The most is made of the demented villain and brilliant young leads, who are some of the best child actors working today. The film largely avoids the narrative trap of typical horror films, adapting an emotional story to accompany the scares that led audiences into the theater.

Set in 1986 in the small town of Derry, Maine, the film follows a group of middle school children as they uncover a recurring curse plagues their town every 27 years. As the team goes deeper into the history of the town, the threat against them grows larger.

This threat, an evil force that consumes the fear of its victims, takes the form of a clown named Pennywise. Bill Skarsgård turns out an absolutely brilliant performance as the iconic fiend, enough to rival Curry’s original performance.

What’s also surprising about this film is how funny it can be. The writing is excellent in crafting comedy, but also in being emotionally effective. Learning to accept loss and find identity within this film is what propels it and its characters forward.

The film could have still been improved. With such a large cast of young characters, the film often relies on clichés to distinguish the characters from one another. Also, the confrontation in the third act comes at an awkward time and ultimately disappoints when the stakes had been much higher until that point.

But the brilliant, young cast, horrifying villains, biting humor and emotionally resonant story make up for these flaws. You, too, will float for this movie, guaranteed.

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New South Dakota State soccer head coach Brock Thompson has applied wisdom from former coaches during his time on and off the field to become the type of coach and man he admires as a player.

“As a player at UC, my coaches were very good on the field, but also, they were men of good faith and character,” Thompson said. “They shaped me as a person.”

Thompson played at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, and was named head coach there in 2001. He then spent three seasons as head coach at the University of North Dakota. He moved to Brookings to become an assistant under former SDSU head coach Lang Wedemeyer.

Thompson said he is humbled by the opportunity to continue building the program he watched Wedemeyer work on.

“Thompson said Wedemeyer was a positive mentor and spoke highly of other leaders and coaches who came before him, crediting those leaders for his ever-evolving coaching style and ways of facing the program head on.

“Learning how to build solid relationships through the soccer program, community and players were important in being successful during his nine years of assisting under Wedemeyer,” Thompson said.

Thompson said he is a real team-first guy, the team is like a democracy with freedom and inclusion. It is team led and equal,” senior midfielder Julia Lam said. “We are all equal to him in making decisions.”

End of the non-conference prepares Jacks for Summit League

ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Editor

After losing against Northern Iowa (UNI) 1-0 and tying Drake 2-2, the South Dakota State soccer team is hoping to win the final two games of its non-conference schedule.

First, the Jacks will travel to Grand Forks, North Dakota, Friday to face the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks for the second time this season. The Jacks defeated the Fighting Hawks 1-0 Aug. 25 in Brookings.

The Fighting Hawks will come into the game with a 2-3-1 record, while the Jacks are 2-4-2. The Jacks will look to try to offset that, so our job will be to either respond to that or change that up, or find the same success that we had,” Thompson said.

The Jacks will return to Brookings Sunday to host the Northern Colorado Bears (6-2).

Leading the Bears are junior forwards Mariel Gutierrez and Maddie Roberts, as well as senior forward Brooke Braden. Each of them are tied for the team-lead in goals with three.

“Thay’re a great attacking team,” Thompson said. “They’ve got those really good forwards that can go one-on-one and they’ll test our back line; and that’s part of our team where we are a little bit inexperienced.”

After these two games, the Jacks will start preparing for Summit League play, but according to Poole, the rest of the team are focused on the regular season.

“We’re hoping to grow and learn as a team, get the field more [this weekend] and learn to communicate on the field more,” Poole said.

The Jacks finished fourth in the Summit League during the regular season last year, but won the Summit League Tournament to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the third straight season.

Thompson believes their non-conference schedule has helped his team prepare for Summit League play.

“We’ve played a great schedule; I love it. Every game we’ve played, we played against tough teams,” Thompson said. “They were either top teams from pow five conferences or teams like UNI, who were 5-0, 6-0, and 7-0 non-conference winners, so I feel we are better-prepared and ready to be in those environments because that’s where we’re going to grow the most.”

With conference play starting Sept. 1 against Iowa State, the Jacks feel the breaks after marked over 5-1 going on one in the attack in front of the goal, but as soon as we bust players we chose to shoot, the ball, when Tought we had good chances to get a better chance,” Thompson said.

After these two games, the Jacks will look to try to offset that, so our job will be to either respond to that or change that up, or find the same success that we had,” Thompson said.
The leading tight end for the Bulldogs, Goedert, has caught 12 receptions for 175 yards. Last weekend, the Jackrabbits secondary allowed the Montana State Bobcats to pass for 311 yards. The Bulldogs average 78.5 yards on the ground, which ranks eighth in the PFL. They have an opportunity to prove whether or not they’ve learned from their last game as they face another offense this week that can throw the ball with efficiency. After a narrow 31-27 victory over Texas State, the Jacks view their performance against Montana State as a bit of a disappointment, especially defensively, but they were happy to get the win.  

The Jacks are in the middle of a six-game road trip. They play at the University of Illinois-Chicago Wednesday.

**Jacks determined to not underestimate Drake**

**TRENTON ABREGO**

**Sports Reporter**

After a narrow 31-27 victory over the Montana State Bobcats, the South Dakota State football team is hoping to get an early lead in its last game before Missouri Valley Football Conference play. The Jacks face the Drake Bulldogs (1-0) who are coming off their first victory of the season, a 53-44 rout of Northwestern State College after falling to South Dakota in Des Moines, Iowa, 77-7.

Head coach John Stiegelmeier said the Jackrabbits (2-0) will have more experience before conference play after falling to South Dakota. The South Dakota State volleyball team is in the midst of a eight-game road trip. They play at the University of Illinois-Chicago Wednesday.

**CARSON HERBERT**

**Sports Reporter**

After losing its eighth match in a row over the weekend, the inexperienced South Dakota State volleyball team is showing. It won't get any easier for them as the Jacks have four games on the road this week and start Summit League Play afterward. (The youth) has kind of poked us in the eye, head coach Nicole Cirillo said. The Jacks are in the middle of an eight-game road trip, the longest of the season. While it was nice for the Jacks to host an invitational earlier in the month, Cirillo said, the eight road trips are still tough on the team.  

“This week especially will be by far the longest [this season], leaving on Tuesday and not coming home until early Sunday morning,” Cirillo said. “So this will be a challenge just from the travel standpoint after the weekend we just had.” SDSU will head to Chicago on Wednesday for their 6 p.m. match against University of Illinois-Chicago. UTC will hit the court with a 6-3 record, led by senior outside hitter Kyisha Hunt, who has 126 kills on the season. Their time on the road will conclude in Peoria, Illinois, after the Bulldogs in tackles, averaging 5.5 tackles per game. For the Jacks, sophomore linebacker Zac Rajewski leads the Bulldogs in tackles, averaging 5.5 tackles per game. For the Jacks, sophomore linebacker Zac Rajewski leads the Bulldogs. He has caught nine passes on the year for 182 yards. While it doesn’t seem like much, McFarlane’s statistics closely compare to Dallas Goedert’s, who has caught 12 receptions for 175 yards. Last weekend, the Jackrabbits’ secondary allowed the Montana State Bobcats to pass for 311 yards. The Bulldogs average 78.5 yards on the ground, which ranks eighth in the PFL, as they have completed 12 of 22 in red zone opportunities. SDSU field a defense that is allowing three touchdowns in five opportunities.  

**THE TEAMS**

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The South Dakota State volleyball team is in the midst of a eight-game road trip. They play at the University of Illinois-Chicago Wednesday.

Young Jackrabbits struggle with eight-game losing streak
ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Editor

The South Dakota State football team was leading Montana State in Bozeman, Montana 24-21 with 4:26 remaining in the game. That’s when sophomore kicker Chase Vinatieri came on to kick a 48-yard field goal.

Instead of kicking the field goal, the Jacks decided to fake it. Junior punter Brady Hale took the snap and pitched it to Vinatieri. He dashed to the right side where he picked up a block and ran 31 yards into the end zone putting the Jacks up 31-21. This helped the Jacks come away with a 31-27 victory and improve to 2-0 on the season. Vinatieri had a career-long 48-yard field goal as well. For this performance Vinatieri has been named The Collegian’s Athlete of the Week.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:
CHASE VINATIERI

Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Sioux Falls
Major: Pre-Nursing

The reference sign is an SDSU touchdown in the second half of the Aug. 31 game Duquesne. The student attendance was a record high 4,251, but declined after halftime.

ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Editor

As I watched the South Dakota State and Montana State football game this past Saturday, I noticed something I never see at SDSU:

It’s astonishing how many SDSU students left games at halftime or after the third quarter last year, which is sad because the students are usually the loudest fans in Dykhouse stadium. When the student section isn’t full in the fourth quarter of a close game it makes a difference.

I understand some games are way out of hand by halftime, like the home opener against Duquesne, when the Jacks were up 34-7 at the half. But there were a couple close games last year students left.

Nov. 12, 2016, the Jacks played at home against the University of South Dakota. They were tied 7-7 at halftime and winning 21-14 at the end of the third quarter. Dec. 3, 2016, the Jacks hosted Villanova in the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs. The game was tied 7-7 at the end of the third quarter. In both instances, most people left at halftime, or at the beginning of the third quarter.

I realize the temperature for both of those games was not the most ideal (56 degrees Nov. 12, 2016, and 36 degrees Dec. 3, 2016), but weather should not matter if you’re having fun and the game is competitive.

The game against Villanova was the second playoff game SDSU has ever hosted. That should make you want to come to the game and be loud, 6,154 people were in attendance that day and, from observation, I would be surprised if there were more than 500 students at the game.

Obviously, it is easy to leave when you don’t have to pay for your ticket, but football should be a social event. Even if you don’t like the sport it should be a good time to see all of your friends.

Last year, the total number of student attendance was 14,899. That averages out to 2,116 students at each game.

In the season opener against Duquesne, SDSU had a record-breaking 4,251 students attend the game. I believe this is a sign students will show up all year, and will stay if the game is close. Especially for the Hobo Day Game against Northern Iowa Oct. 14, and the rivalry game against North Dakota State Nov. 4 at Dykhouse Stadium.

Either way, you should come out and support the Jacks. This is one of the best, if not the best, football teams this school has ever had. The student section can truly make a difference with the noise it makes and the atmosphere it creates.

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