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Police: No Atchison victims so far

Lawmen have seized the federal prosecutor's home computer as part of their investigation



J.D. ROY ATCHISON

By DUSTY RICKETTS dusty@nwfailynews.com

GULF BREEZE — The FBI has seized the home computer of the federal prosecutor arrested last weekend in a Detroit child sex sting and are examining its contents.

J.D. Roy Atchison, 53, of Gulf Breeze, was arrested Sunday at Detroit Metropol-

itan Airport after traveling to Michigan on the belief he was going to have sex with a 5-year-old girl. He has pleaded not guilty to attempted enticement and coercion, aggravated sexual abuse and travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

The Detroit Free Press has reported that an application to search Atchison's home was filed Monday in federal court in Pensacola. However, the application is sealed.

Robert Randle, deputy chief for the

Gulf Breeze Police Department, said Atchison's computer was seized during the search and that police are waiting to hear if anything was found on it. If local victims are found, Randle said it is possible his department could be asked to assist in the investigation.

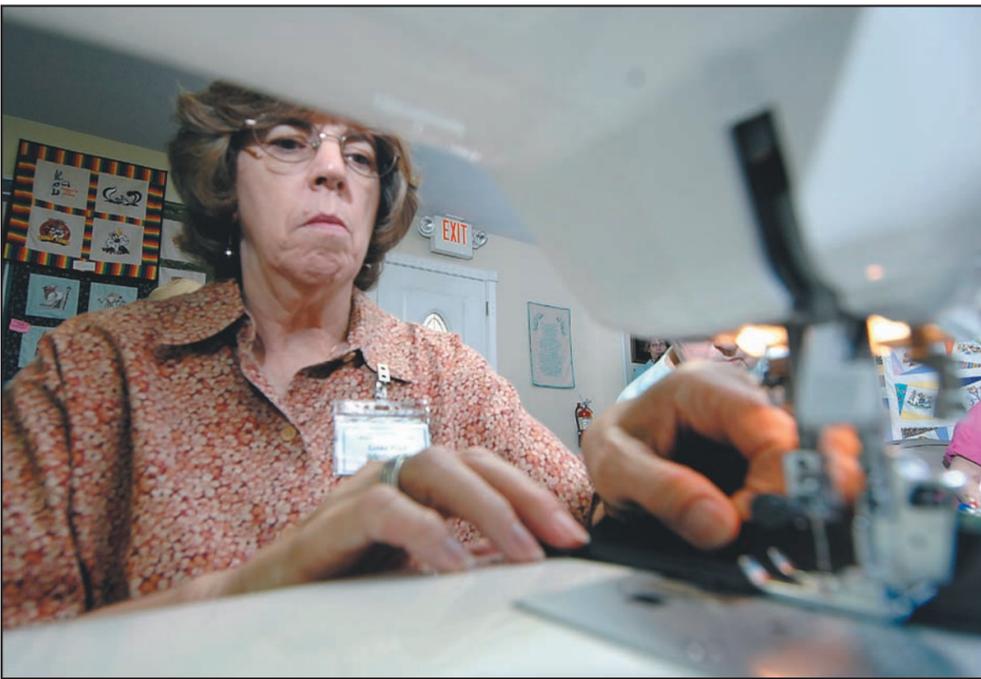
Because the FBI is the lead agency in

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A STITCH IN TIME TO HELP THE HEROES



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Fort Walton Beach resident Linda Frick modifies a pair of boxer shorts on her sewing machine Wednesday. She and other members of the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Sewing Guild provide altered clothing to Sew Much Comfort to distribute to wounded troops.

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Sew Much Comfort volunteers alter clothing for wounded U.S. troops around the world

By WENDY VICTORA wendyv@nwfailynews.com

BAKER — In a large room hung with quilts and embroidered pieces, more than a dozen women bent over humming sewing machines Wednesday morning.

They had come from as far as Niceville and Pensacola to do their part for the war effort.

If soldiers can fight and be wounded for their country, these women said they could spend their time adapting clothing so wounded troops can feel more normal.

"It's almost the least we can do," said Linda Frick of Fort Walton Beach. "When you see those poor guys and they've got those big old apparatuses (and they have to struggle

just to put on a pair of pants. "I can sew and I can do this," she added.

The Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Sewing Guild sponsored Wednesday's gathering. The women were there to support a non-profit organization called Sew Much Comfort, which coordinates the efforts of volunteer seamstresses to adapt clothing for wounded servicemen.



Joy Campbell, regional director of Sew Much Comfort, alters a pair of boxer shorts during a work party Wednesday at Ruthie's Notions near Baker.

The organization was founded four years ago by Ginger Dosedel, whose husband was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base at the time.

Their son had muscular cancer and was undergoing treatment.

After they were transferred to

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HURRICANE SEASON 2007

Soggy days ahead

A low pressure system is expected to bring rain, but no severe tropical weather

By HEATHER CIVIL heather@nwfailynews.com

A low pressure system could bring heavy rain and wind to the Panhandle today and Friday.

The system is moving generally northwest, and forecasters say it has the potential to develop into a tropical storm or hurricane after it crosses Florida's peninsula and heads over the Gulf of Mexico.

Northwest Florida should

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stay clear of the worst of the system, which is bringing thunderstorms. The area likely will not see any severe tropical weather.

However, forecasters expect

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Al's Chevron owner Al Holguin (right) and Jeff Garrett service the car of regular customer Joan Fayard on Wednesday at the full-serve station on Eglin Parkway in Fort Walton Beach.

No more fill-ups

Al's Chevron in Fort Walton Beach will stop selling gasoline Oct. 1

By PATRICK McDERMOTT patrickm@nwfailynews.com

FORT WALTON BEACH — Call it the end of an era.

Full-serve gas stations, already few and far between, will have one less of their kind when Al's Chevron shuts its pumps.

A sign hanging in the window of the Eglin Parkway station tells customers they can still get their vehicles repaired, but starting Oct. 1 the station won't sell gasoline.

"The equipment's getting a little old, and the return's not there anymore," said owner

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Al Holguin. "We're just getting out of the gas business." It was a tough decision because he's disappointed his customers, a loyal core who see his station as a bastion of full-serve in a sea of do-it-yourself.

For many drivers, it's worth

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HOW TO HELP

For information on how you can help Sew Much Comfort, go to SewMuchComfort.org.



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COMING FRIDAY IN SHOWCASE

Demetrius Fuller kicks off unique concert called "Cellphonia"

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