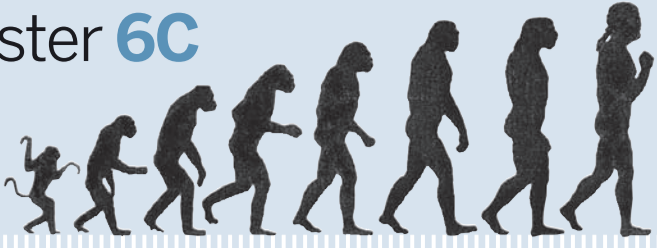


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'He didn't have to shoot him'

Man shot at a Dubuque pawnshop is released from hospital before police can arrest him on an assault charge. Meanwhile, his sister questions why the shooter is not in custody.

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He reportedly has a broken pelvic bone and a bullet lodged in his back, but the man shot at a Dubuque pawnshop Monday afternoon is out of the hospital — and police are looking for him.

Meanwhile, investigators are taking seriously a threat apparently made by the man on his Facebook wall.

Geromey Gilliland, 20, of 2651 Owen Court, was released Tuesday from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, a day after he was shot several times in the lower back at Dubuque Pawn, 2160 Central Ave.

TH sister speaks up
Video

interview with Dawnisha Murphy, the sister of the man who was shot at a Dubuque pawnshop, THonline.com

Acting Police Chief Terry Tobin said the hospital released Gilliland without the police department's knowledge, despite the fact that authorities have issued a warrant for Gilliland's arrest in connection with a separate assault charge.

"I want to make it clear this is not the fault of the hospital," Tobin said. "They were not aware at the time of our arrest warrant, but we did not expect him to be released from the hospital as quickly as he was."

Based on the reported extent of Gilliland's injuries, perhaps investigators could be forgiven for thinking the man was destined for a longer hospital stay.



Dawnisha Murphy

"His pelvic bone is broken. The bullet is still in his back, not too far from his spine," Dawnisha Murphy, Gilliland's sister, told the TH Wednesday. "The doctors told him that (the bullet) is not going to move, so he should be fine."

Murphy, 18, of Dubuque, said she didn't know her brother's whereabouts, but she didn't think he was in Dubuque as of late Wednesday afternoon.

Police want to know where Gilliland is, in part because of threats he apparently made on his Facebook wall concerning someone he is alleged to have assaulted and her father, who owns Dubuque Pawn.

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Haiti's catastrophe



RICARDO ARDUENGO • Associated Press
An injured Haitian girl lies on the side of the road Wednesday, a day after an earthquake leveled much of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

is felt all the way here



Earthquake survivors use sledgehammers and what else they can find to try to penetrate the rubble of a collapsed

building the day after Tuesday's 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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Dubuque couple left Haiti just hours before disaster struck

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Mel Harvey

Mel and Theresa Harvey spent part of Tuesday touring Port-au-Prince with Haitian friends. The Dubuque couple snapped photos of famous buildings and chatted for hours with their friends before boarding a flight for home.

Hours later, those buildings, like much of the capital city, lay in ruins. The Harveys know two of the men are safe. They have not heard whether the other two men, both priests, are alive.

In the hours after the magnitude-7.0 earthquake struck, local residents with ties to Haiti tried frantically to learn about the villages, churches, schools and orphanages they support and often have visited. Upcoming mission trips to Haiti planned by area groups are

on hold until organizers find out if they can even get into the country.

The Harveys were in Port-de-Paix, Haiti, to finalize plans for a \$125,000 project to rebuild the roof of the village's St. Monfort Catholic Church and to prepare for a medical mission trip — both planned by teams from Dubuque's St. Anthony Parish for early February. News of the quake blared from terminal television screens as they landed in Chicago Tuesday night.

"We were sick, in shock. We stood around the TV in disbelief until we had to board for Dubuque," Theresa said.

They never got to Dubuque on Tuesday night. After trying to land in heavy fog, the plane returned to Chicago for the night.

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JEREMY PORTJE • Telegraph Herald
Anna DeWitt, of Dubuque, organizes medical supplies that are headed to Mountain Top Ministries in Haiti.

Scheduled medical mission takes on added significance

Anna DeWitt still is planning to go on a medical mission to Haiti in two weeks. As a nurse practitioner, she will work with a group of Indiana nurses at the Mountain Top Ministries complex.

Anna and her husband, Dr. Andy DeWitt, have worked closely with the grassroots ministry in Gramothe, Haiti, for six years. As an oral surgeon, Andy DeWitt has volunteered for seven medical missions. The couple introduced the ministry to Hope Church, and the Dubuque congregation is actively involved with Mountain Top Ministries. They were relieved to learn that the ministry's complex was spared.

"People were knocked over, but not hurt, and the buildings are still standing," Anna said.

The DeWitts have collected boxes of medical

supplies in their home for future mission trips.

"At this point, we have no idea what they need, but they will probably need labor the most right now," Andy surmised about the situation in Port-au-Prince.

This week, Hope Church sent nearly \$10,000 to Mountain Top Ministries. The money was collected during special Christmas collections mainly to buy small solar panels for homes in Gramothe.

The panels were to be purchased in Port-au-Prince and transported to the village. The quake knocked out much of the electrical service around the capital.

"The solar panels will be a hot commodity in light of this," said Darrell Cloud, executive pastor at Hope Church.

Mary Nevans-Pederson

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