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WASH. HOMICIDE SUSPECTS IN YUBA

Officer recalls tense arrests

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As Terry Uhrich watched the two murder suspects exchange a kiss at gunpoint Wednesday, worst-case scenarios flashed through the California Highway Patrol officer's mind.

"You don't know if it's, 'We're going to jail, let's kiss each other while we can,' or 'Let's kiss because we are going to get out and do this thing,'" he said. "It could have gone way more south."



David Joseph Pedersen

What began as a quick stop to check on a stretching motorist had quickly turned into a call for backup when Uhrich realized the car matched a description of a stolen car connected to at least one homicide. Within minutes, additional officers responded and were able to end a three-state week-long manhunt.

Oregon residents David Joseph Pedersen, 31, and his girlfriend, Holly Ann Grigsby, 24, were wanted for first-degree murder in the stabbing death of a 69-year-old Washington state woman and are now suspects in the death of a 19-year-old Oregon man, whose car they were driving at the time of the arrest.

"It was really good to be able to help out other agencies," Uhrich said. "Knowing how much evidence was detained because of this, that's what I'm really happy about. And being able to give the families closure ... If these two would have gotten away, who knows how long they would have had to wait for who did it."

The couple were taken to the

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FIRE ON JAY STREET



Photos by David Bitton/Appeal-Democrat

Robert Thornberry walks through his fire-damaged Linda home Thursday. The Wednesday morning blaze killed two dogs, destroyed the kitchen, part of the living room and caused smoke damage throughout the house. The fire in the 1000 block of Jay Street appears have started in a toaster oven.

Linda family of 7 burned out

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A rainbow-studded belt on the living room floor; East Nicolaus baseball caps on a shelf near the door; and skeleton lights on the porch in anticipation of Halloween.

Most remnants of a normal life are gone for a Linda family of seven, which struggled Thursday to salvage what survived a fire that damaged their 1017 Jay St. home the day before.

HOW TO HELP

The Red Cross is accepting clothing, gift cards and monetary donations designated for the Thornberry family.

For more information, call 891-0885.

family or a car accident."

Thornberry usually leaves home for his construction job around 5 a.m. His wife, who drives a school bus, and their children, combined from a previous relationship - ages 11 through 15 - are soon headed to school.



Crystal Aldridge, from left, Robert Thornberry and Damon Jones remove salvageable items from Thornberry's Linda home.

Bob Criss, Linda Fire Protection District assistant chief, estimated the fire started sometime after they left but was not reported until around 9:50 a.m. Wednesday when someone spotted smoke coming out the turbine fan.

Two Linda fire engines responded, and firefighters had the blaze extinguished within 15 minutes. But by then the damage was pretty severe.

Insurance investigators had not provided a damage estimate as of Thursday morning, but told them everything was likely destroyed, Thornberry said.

"You can't wash the clothes, the smoke stays in them," he said, adding that he wasn't able to get the black off the lens of a

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CENSUS BUREAU ANALYSIS

Housing bust worst since Great Depression



By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The American dream of homeownership has felt its biggest drop since the Great Depression, according to new 2010 census figures released Thursday.

The analysis by the Census Bureau found the homeownership rate fell to

A house with a for sale sign is seen in Newton, Mass., last month. Home ownership during the past decade posted the biggest drop since the Great Depression.

Associated Press

65.1 percent last year. While that level remains the second highest decennial rate, analysts say the U.S. may never return to its mid-decade housing boom peak in which nearly 70 percent of occupied households were owned by their residents.

The reason: a longer-term economic reality of tighter credit, prolonged job losses and reduced government involvement.

Unemployed young adults are least likely to own, delaying first-time home purchases to live with Mom and Dad. Middle-aged adults 35-64, mostly homeowners who were hit with mort-

gage foreclosures or bankruptcy after the housing bust in 2006, are at their lowest levels of ownership in decades.

Measured by race, the homeownership gap between whites and blacks is now at its widest since 1960, wiping out more than 40 years of gains.

"The changes now taking place are mind-boggling: the housing market has completely crashed and attitudes toward housing are shifting from owning to renting," said Patrick Newport, economist with IHS Global Insight. "While 10 years ago owning a

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