

Armendarez Installed As First District County Supervisor Four Days Early

Less than two months after his victory over Luis Cetina, was sworn in as Second District Supervisor by San Bernardino County District Attorney Jason Anderson yesterday, December 29.

The 46-year-old Armendarez was surrounded by family members, political associates and supporters and longtime friends during the oath-taking ceremony, by which he replaced

former Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford, four days in advance of his assuming the Second District seat on the Board of Supervisors at noon on Monday, January 2, 2023.

“The platform I ran on to help those of you who can’t help yourself, help those of you who are struggling to have a fair wage, to have mental health, these are promises that I have not forgotten. These are things

that I plan on moving forward with, with dedication and passion,” Armendarez said shortly after being administered the oath.

Included as part of the installation was a blessing by Armendarez’s pastor, the Reverend Dan Carrol of Fontana’s Water of Life Community Church. Congresswoman Norma Torres and blessed by Pastor, where Armendarez worships.

“I thank God for giving

me the strength, endurance, passion, and desire to move forward and serve my public and for allowing me to be a public servant,” Armendarez said.

Supervisor Armendarez’s sons Christian, 13, and Nicholas, 6, assisted in their father’s ascension to County office by summoning the Sheriff’s Honor Guard to present The Colors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

“To all of the residents, I want you to know that my accountability, my transparency, and my accessibility were not just words I used on the campaign trail. They are words that I fundamentally believe,” Armendarez said.

Board members said they are eager to begin serving with Armendarez.

“I am looking forward to serving alongside Jesse Arm- See P 3

Mojave Land Trust Set 6,901 Acres Aside For Preserve In 2022

The Mojave Desert Land Trust made purchases or otherwise arranged to permanently protect or preserve 6,901 acres of California’s desert in 2022. Included in those protections were 232 acres in Death Valley National Park, a 640-acre property in Mojave Trails National Monument, and 1,440 acres in the Caliente Creek watershed.

“There is increasing urgency to this conservation work,” Cody Hanford and Kelly Herbinson, the Mojave Desert Land Trust’s joint executive directors said in a collective statement. “The California desert and its immense biodiversity are under threat from development, wildfire, and species loss. Against this backdrop, climate change is now the greatest threat to our planet and all the life it contains. We need to work together to ensure the long-term prosperity of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts, and the unique plants, animals, and people that rely on them. Protecting land is a direct and lasting way of addressing the threats of climate change, and habitat and species loss.

One of the most remote and biologically significant acquisitions of the year spans 640 acres in the Cadiz Valley at the heart of Mojave Trails National Monument. The property is at an average elevation of 1,153 feet. As there is little human disturbance, the property has ample signs of wildlife, with numerous animal tracks visible in the sandy soil. The Mojave Desert Land Trust has now See P 3

Campbell, Whose Theft Of Car Indirectly Led To Lloyd’s Death, Denied Plea Bargain

By Mark Gutglueck

The San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office will not all enter into a plea arrangement with Teala Campbell, whose action in tandem with David Krough on June 16, 2020 indirectly led to the death of Erika Lloyd, which will resolve the criminal case against her by her serving a two-month jail term.

Together with Krough, Campbell attempted to steal Lloyd’s black 2006 Honda Accord from where Lloyd had left it when she became stranded in the desert, near the intersection of Shelton and Two Mile Road in Wonder Valley. After taking Lloyd’s vehicle, Krough and Campbell managed to move it less than two miles from where they had found it

before the damage it had sustained led to them abandon it. That relocation would have deadly consequences.

When rescuers mounted a search effort for Lloyd the following day, they were unable to find her because the sheriff’s department helicopter crew engaged in that effort concentrated its search in the area around where the car

was found by authorities as did a rescue team on the ground that sought in vain to find Lloyd after it fanned out from the point where Krough and Campbell had left the car rather than the spot where Lloyd had started out on foot. The tale of how Lloyd met her sad fate at the transition of spring to summer in 2020 is a maddeningly frustrating story tinged

with irony and mystery over Lloyd’s motivation in making a frenetic 1,687-mile sojourn over the course of five days that ended with her death when she wandered into an unforgiving section of the Mojave Desert.

Shortly after Lloyd walked away from her vandalized and damaged vehicle, Krough and Campbell came upon it with its front See P 2

Ramos Appointed Chairman Of The Assembly Rules Committee

Assemblyman James Ramos (D-San Bernardino) has been appointed chairman of the Assembly Rules Committee. today announced he has appointed Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-San Bernardino) as Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee.

In announcing the statement, Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Ren-

don (D-Lakewood) said of Ramos, who now represents the 45th Assembly District: “He has an outstanding background that lends itself to the administrative functions of this key committee. The fact that he is a representative of California’s original residents has added meaningful stature to the Assembly and now he brings See P 8

Rialto City Council Approves A 45-Day Duration Truck Traffic Moratorium On Seven Street Routes

The Rialto City Council on December 13 approved a moratorium on truck traffic on seven spans of roadway throughout the city and adopted parallel restrictions on truck parking.

The intent of the truck traffic moratorium, which is to be if in effect for 45 days, is to serve as a buffer between residen-

tial neighborhoods and those areas within the city limits where industrial and logistics uses are intensifying.

According to the urgency ordinance that was adopted on December 13, “[T]he city council observes that inter-city truck traffic on Rialto streets has substantially increased, causing con-

gestion and safety concerns for residents and threatening the economic viability of recent commercial development. [T]he planning division and city council, upon review of the existing truck routes in the general plan, determined that certain segments previously approved for general truck traf- See P 8

Chance For OMSD To Lose Hammond & His \$750,000-Per-Year Compensation Slips By

The hopes of a select group of parents in the Ontario-Montclair School District and some local reformers committed to fiscal transparency and accountability that Superintendent James Hammond would depart from the district for a position as a chancellor with a community college district in Washington State were not fulfilled last month.

Hammond has over the last several years become a lightning rod for controversy in the wake of a series of further revelations about what many consider to be the overly generous terms of his contract and financial arrangement the district made for him that augmented his total annual compensation that has approached or exceeded \$400,000 for nearly a de-

cade.

It was learned earlier this year that Hammond had applied for and was vigorously competing to become the chancellor of Pierce College/the Pierce County Community College District, which has campuses in Puyallup and Lakewood in Washington state, where he was to be provided a salary and total compensation package that is

roughly one third of what the Ontario-Montclair School District is paying him. Though Hammond’s management and direction of the district is not, for the most part, widely criticized, the amount of taxpayer money shelled out for him to do so is, as are misrepresentations he has made at numerous junctures to individuals and agencies up and down the state.

In 2010, Hammond upset the community of Davis and the board of the Davis Joint Unified School District when he announced his intention of leaving the superintendent’s position there. Hammond stated publicly in that northern California city that he was professionally satisfied with the Davis Joint Unified superintendent’s position but that he was See P 3

During Her Road Trip To Joshua Tree National Park To “Unwind,” Vandalism To & Theft Of Her Car Led To Lloyd’s Perdition

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end embedded in a berm near the intersection of Shelton Road and Two Mile Road. When they did not see anyone in the vicinity of the vehicle, a black 2006 Honda Accord, Krough and Campbell sought to take the car for their own purposes.



Erika Lloyd

They used a pickup truck with either a winch or a chain and hook to separate the Accord from the berm. Campbell then sought to drive it south on Shelton Road. By the time the car was approaching Twentynine Palms Highway, roughly 1.98 miles from where Lloyd had abandoned it, it was severely overheating, and the couple left the car in the middle of Shelton Road dirt roadway, north of Highway 62, also known as Twentynine Palms Highway.

Neither Krough nor Campbell knew the circumstances that had led to the car they had attempted to steal being lodged in the berm near the Shelton Road and Two Mile Road intersection.

Five days before, on June 11, some 533 miles away, in Walnut Creek in the northern part of the state, the then-37-year-old Lloyd, a single mother who worked as a hairdresser, had left her son in the care of a friend and headed southward to the Mojave Desert generally and the Twentynine Palms National Monument, specifically. According to her sister-in-law, Lloyd was “under a lot of stress and wanted to get away and unplug.”

Statements made by her friends and family

suggest that the COVID-19 crisis, which had forced a closure of beauty salons and negatively impacted Lloyd’s cash flow, had left her in a state of depression. Early in the second week of June, Lloyd deleted the contents of her Facebook page.

One of Lloyd’s friends moved to Twentynine Palms in April 2020. In the aftermath of what befell her, there was speculation that Lloyd had perhaps made the trip to see that friend.

Lloyd covered the distance between Walnut Creek and Joshua Tree National Park in something under 12 hours. She camped at the Jumbo Rocks campground within the national park on the night of June 11 and again on the night of Friday, June 12.

At the Jumbo Rocks campground, Lloyd made the acquaintance of two people, she told friends, one named “James” and the other “Christian.” Early on the morning of Saturday, June 13, leaving her camping gear at her Jumbo Rocks campsite in the care of James and Christian, Lloyd then drove the roughly 533 miles back to Walnut Creek, arriving later that day, and spent the night there with her son and her roommate. The following day, Sunday, June 14, she departed Walnut Creek, again without her son, to return to the Jumbo Rocks campground. Credible evidence suggests Lloyd re-arrived at Jumbo Rocks Campground in the late afternoon of June 14. In her journal that was recovered, Lloyd noted that James and Christian were not at the campground when she got there.

According to Lloyd’s mother, she spoke with her daughter for the last time on June 14 or June 15. She said Erika was “talking really fast” and it sounded like she was driving. There was no known telephonic contact between Lloyd and anyone after that.

Park rangers on Monday, June 15 came across Lloyd’s vandalized black 2006 Honda Accord in the parking area for the Indian Cove

campground, some 21.9 miles from Jumbo Rocks but still within the confines of 1,234 square-mile Joshua Tree National Park. There was no camping equipment in the car or in its immediate vicinity when the rangers observed the vehicle. The windshield on the passenger’s side in the front had been broken, and the dashboard damaged. The rangers noted the vehicle’s presence in a report, and left a note on the car. That evening, the car had been removed.

The next day, Tuesday June 16, a video captured the car leaving the north entrance into/exit from Joshua Tree National Park at 1:20 p.m, and the car was later videoed passing a school in Twentynine Palms at 2:50 p.m.

On June 16, after being summoned by a report from a Wonder Valley resident, a California Highway Patrolman spotted Lloyd’s Accord parked on Shelton Road, east of Twentynine Palms, north of the intersection with Highway



Erika Lloyd’s damaged car, which was found abandoned on Shelton Road just north of the intersection with Highway 62 on June 16, 2020. By moving the Honda Accord from where Lloyd had actually left it, some 1.98 miles further north on Shelton Road near the intersection with Two Mile Road, David Krough and Teala Campbell threw those engaged in a search and rescue effort trying to find Lloyd well off her track.

62, facing south toward the highway, some 23 miles from Jumbo Rocks campground. The car was blocking the roadway such that it inhibited passage on Shelton Road, which is unpaved. The CHP summoned Twentynine Palms-based Bailey’s Auto Repair & Towing to tow the car. According to David Bailey, the proprietor of the tow company, the Ac-

cord’s rear window was broken, the front windshield was smashed on the passenger side, the airbag had deployed and the radio was damaged.

Bailey reported there was damage to the outside front of the vehicle in that the bottom of the radiator and the air conditioning condenser were pushed backwards as if the car had hit a very large object head-on. Bailey speculated that the car had run into a berm.

Indeed, that is what apparently occurred after Lloyd left the national park sometime and ended up on Shelton Road, an area with which she was thoroughly unfamiliar. Having traveled nearly two miles up Shelton Road from the beaten track of Highway 62, Lloyd sought to reverse course to head south back to Twentynine Palms Highway. With her forward vision partially obscured by the Accord’s damaged front windshield, she ran head on into the berm near Shelton Road and

Two Mile Road, severely bringing the car to an immediate halt, damaging the radiator and leaving its undercarriage hung up on the berm, such that the car could not move forward and thus stuck in place as Lloyd could not use reverse to dislodge the vehicle from the berm.

When the Accord struck the berm, the air-

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bag deployed. She may or may not have sustained some order of head injury, and most likely emerged from the car disoriented and without, at any rate, any sense of the lay of the land confronting her. As Lloyd was unfamiliar with the desert area, she could have mistakenly thought the Marine Corps base in the distance was the town of Twentynine Palms and started to walk in that direction rather than retracking south down Shelton Road to Highway

2021 as it would become in that area during July, August and early September, the temperature reached 96 degrees. Without water or shade, she likely suffered sunstroke. Her remains were found on January 29, 2021 in rough desert terrain near the intersection of Amboy Road and Danby Road, about 0.65 miles from where she had left her car.

On Wednesday, June 17, her family reported her missing, giving indication she might be in the area of Joshua Tree National Park. The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department dispatched a helicopter to scour the area. That effort was not fruitful.

Lloyd’s camping gear was located at a camping site in Jumbo Rocks Campground. An expensive Yeti cooler she was not known to have owned was found among her possessions at the campsite.

The Morongo Basin Sheriff’s Station was put on a special alert to be on the lookout for any sightings of her throughout the entirety of the more than 3,000 square mile desert area that includes Joshua Tree, Joshua Tree National Park, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley and outlying areas. Park Rangers began searching areas within the park. Sheriff’s deputies, including ones with canines, searched areas at the entrance of the park and its periphery, as well as along Highway 62.

The Joshua Tree

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preserved 8,223 acres within this national monument.

In the southwestern corner of Death Valley, a 232-acre property with steep hills and breathtaking views was protected. Located in the Crystal Hills, the land, a former mineral extraction site, is geologically significant, featuring a low mountain range area known for the Epsom Salts Monorail – a 28-mile long Lartigue Monorail system that operated in the 1920s to carry epsomite from a deposit in the Owlhead Mountains to the siding of the Trona railway.

The Mojave Desert Land Trust in coordination with other environmentalists and preservationists participates

in purchasing private land from willing sellers within national parks. The Mojave Desert Land Trust has conveyed more tracts of land to the National Park Service than any nonprofit since 2006.

The Mojave Desert Land Trust acquired 618 acres in Mojave National Preserve in 2022. This National Park Service unit is one of the Mojave Desert Land Trust's priority acquisition areas. It boasts some of the richest plant diversity in the entire California desert. A total of 24,313 acres have been conserved there since 2006. One 140-acre parcel protected in 2022 has traces of former mining activity. Wildlife ramps will be added to prospect pits there to provide an escape route should animals become trapped, and one mineshaft with wooden structures will need to be fenced.

Wilderness has the highest form of protection of any federal

wildland. Acquisitions in wilderness areas help preserve landscapes where people can experience silence and recreate, and flora and fauna can thrive undisturbed. The Mojave Desert Land Trust acquired five parcels totaling 100 acres in wilderness areas this year. A 20-acre property in the Old Woman Mountains Wilderness has traces of a homestead. Although the land is located at an elevation of 2,765 feet, it has an old car, storage tanks, and even a clothesline. Federal archaeologists will inspect this site to determine whether the items are historic.

In one of the Mojave Desert Land Trust's southernmost acquisitions to date, ten acres were protected in the Jacumba Mountains Wilderness along the California-Mexico border. The wilderness itself comprises 30,000 acres of craggy granitic mountains and pictur-

esque desert washes, and is home to mule deer, rare peninsular bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and flat-tailed horned lizards. To date, the Mojave Desert Land Trust has transferred 120-acres of the Jacumba Mountains Wilderness to the Bureau of Land Management. Such conveyances fall under conservation use restrictions.

Preserving wildlife corridors remained a focus for the Mojave Desert Land Trust in 2022. Wildlife are losing habitat to development and urban sprawl. Fragmented habitat impacts the future of species, with less space for animals to roam and mate, which in turn reduces genetic diversity. Wildlife corridors allow space for animals to migrate, and help connect populations of plants, pollinators, and other organisms so they can thrive. The Mojave Desert Land Trust protected another 20 acres in a wildlife corridor

north of Joshua Tree National Park this year.

In Kern County, the Mojave Desert Land Trust took over ownership of 1,440 acres of Caliente Creek in a donation by the Trust for Public Land. The property is bound by the Piute Mountains on the east and the Sierra Nevada and Scodie Mountains on the North. It contains an important water source for wildlife and its rolling, oak-studded hills serve as key habitat linkage between the desert and the mountains.

Together, these conserved desert lands also play an additional role in tackling climate change by sequestering carbon in the plants and soil. The California desert stores 10 percent of the state's carbon underground. Permanently protecting these lands ensures that carbon will not be released through development and disturbance of the soil.

Since its founding

in 2006, the Mojave Desert Land Trust has conserved over 110,000 acres of ecologically significant lands across the California desert. These acquisitions reflect the biodiversity and dramatic landscapes of this region.

Hammond Slickly Told School Officials In Davis He Wanted To Live At His Family Home In Ontario & He Told School Officials In Ontario He Had No Place To Live Locally To Induce Them To Buy Him A Condo In Ontario from front page

prompted to leave for the Ontario-Montclair post to replace outgoing Superintendent Virgil Barnes because he did not want to live apart from his family, who were living in the Inland Empire. Notably, however, upon taking the job

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endarez," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman, who presided over the oath of office ceremony. "He will bring a fresh perspective to the board of supervisors and a strong work ethic to the Second District. Jesse has demonstrated strong leadership in service to residents and I am confident that his experience, skills, and background will make the county even stronger."

"I want to congratulate Jesse and welcome him to the Board of Supervisors," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chairwoman Dawn Rowe. "I'm confident his background as a local leader will enable him to jump right in and help tackle the many challenges we have ahead. I look forward to working with him to represent our San Bernardino County residents and businesses."

"Since he first announced, I've known that Jesse will be an outstanding Second District supervisor," said Col.

Paul Cook (Retired), First District supervisor. "I congratulate him on his swearing-in and look forward to working with him to accomplish great things for the residents of our county."

"I want to congratulate Jesse Armendarez and wish him the best as he begins his new journey as San Bernardino County's Second District Supervisor," said Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., who provided the ceremony's invocation. "I look forward to working collaboratively and effectively with him as we put the concerns of our county residents first. Supervisor Armendarez will bring in business experience that will help make our county prosper."

"I look forward to serving with my colleagues," Armendarez said. "I think we can do amazing things here. You are going to find that I am a person who will work with you in every way I can to ensure we represent this county in the best way possible."

Supervisor Jesse Armendarez officially assumes the office on the board of supervisors at

noon on January 2, 2023.

Born and raised in San Bernardino County, Armendarez was a member of the first graduating class at A.B. Miller High School in Fontana. At 16, he had a part-time job pressure washing trucks for a local logistics company.

After graduating from A.B. Miller, he started his own small business. He became a successful real estate broker. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Inland Valley Association of Realtors, of which he was a past president.

After starting his family with his wife Delene, Armendarez decided to become more involved in the community. He served on the Board of Directors for the Fontana Rotary and Fontana Exchange Clubs. He served as a director of the Chaffey College Foundation, helping to raise money so disadvantaged youth could afford to earn their degree. The Jesse and Delene Armendarez Endowment at Chaffey College is fully funded and has helped local students attend college. He is also a member of the Fontana

Chamber of Commerce.

He cultivated his political ambition by showing a willingness to contribute money in substantial amounts to local politicians, including Fontana Mayor Acquafredda Warren. In return for his generosity, Warren rewarded him with an appointment to the Fontana Planning Commission.

In 2014 Armendarez's ambition was matched with Warren's desire to further her already extensive political reach and solidify her hold on the Fontana community. In particular, Warren at that time was intent on dislodging one of her political rivals, Shannon O'Brien from the Fontana Unified School District Board of Trustees. The mayor supported Armendarez in a run for the school board. With Warren's guidance and support and Armendarez's willingness to utilize his own personal wealth to fuel his campaign, he prevailed.

Two years later, in 2016, Warren was again determined to prevent her two rivals on the city council, Councilman Jesse Sandoval and

Councilwoman Lydia Salazar-Wibert, from establishing an effective bulwark against her domination of the council. This created another opportunity for Armendarez to advance. Again with Warren's guidance and the application his own money, Armendarez propelled himself further up the political ladder by defeating Salazar-Wibert in that year's city council election. For the next four years, Armendarez was a solid member of the ruling coalition on the Fontana City Council. In 2020, Armendarez reached for the brass ring when he ran for Fifth District Supervisor, but it eluded his grasp. He finished in second place in the March 2020 primary, qualifying for the run-off against then-Rialto City Councilman Joe Baca Jr in the November election. Thus, Armendarez was not able to run for reelection to the Fontana City Council in November 2020, as he was engaged in a political slugfest with Baca. Ultimately, Baca, a Democrat, prevailed in that contest, as

Democrats outnumber Republicans nearly 5-to-2 in the Fifth Supervisorial District, which at that time stretched from mid-San Bernardino in the east through all of Muscoy, all of Colton, all of Bloomington, all of Rialto and more than a third of Fontana in the west.

In 2021, the county's electoral map was redrawn in correspondence to the 2020 Census, and all of Fontana, including Armendarez's neighborhood, was placed into the Second Supervisorial District. This gave Armendarez a rare opportunity to run for the board of supervisors twice in two years. He did so, placing second among five candidates in the June primary and then engaging in a hard-fought campaign against Luis Cetina in the fall campaign. Though Cetina had bettered Armendarez by roughly three percentage points in June, Armendarez outthrustled and outlasted him in November, prevailing with 48,025 votes or 53.63 percent to Cetina's 41,516 or 46.37 percent.

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with the Ontario-Montclair School District, Hammond dispensed with the narrative that he had come to Southern California to move in with his family and in private remonstrated to the board, which then consisted of Steve Garcia, Maureen Mendoza, Paul Vincent Avila, Sam Crowe and David Campio had that he had nowhere to live locally, whereup-

on the school board in 2011 provided him with what was originally a \$100,000 "loan" from the district, which was not recorded properly, for him to purchase a condominium in Ontario. In action that seemingly defied state law, the school board then acceded to Hammond's request that the district forgive the loan and provide him with another \$231,000 to pay off the remaining principal on his financing arrangement for the home purchase, such that the district had provided Hammond with \$331,000

to purchase a property originally appraised at \$235,000. There were numerous examples of Hammond using his position with the district and the trust the gullible majority of the school board had placed in him to negotiate for himself deals or arrangements which were grossly in his favor and disadvantageous to the district. It was noted by some in the community that Hammond was nowhere near as cut-throat in his negotiating with vendors and service providers on behalf of the district as he was in ne-

gotiating on his own behalf with the district and the board. Upon his hiring in 2010, he was initially provided with an annual salary of \$230,000, which was to run through June 2013. That salary, however, was augmented with benefits that ran to more than \$110,000 in 2010 and had crept up to \$160,000 by 2013, which were in addition to the unrecorded and ultimately forgiven loans he had received for purchasing his residence in Ontario. In 2013, his salary was increased to \$250,737.63

and he was given pay add-ons of \$54,279.46 along with benefits of \$187,059.83, for a total annual compensation of \$492,076.92. In 2014, his salary was increased to \$263,654.56 and he was given pay add-ons of \$133,169.24, though his benefits dipped to \$40,335.58, putting his total annual compensation at \$437,159.38. In 2015, his salary was \$260,000.00 and he received pay add-ons of \$214,413.76 together with benefits of \$42,159.37, for a total annual compensa-

tion of \$516,573.13. In 2016, his salary increased to \$267,285.40 and he was given pay add-ons of \$264,850.35 along with benefits of \$44,651.90, for a total annual compensation of \$576,787.65. In 2017, his salary was boosted to \$333,632 and he was given pay add-ons of \$185,412 along with benefits of \$95,719, for a total annual compensation of \$492,076.92. In 2018, his salary was adjusted downward to \$308,013.30 but he was provided with pay add-

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Search and Rescue Team, guided by Doug Billings, a mining and cave expert who is familiar with the area and possesses global positioning, mapping and data-cataloging equipment that allows him and the team he is working with to carry out a methodical survey of vast, including desert, landscapes, engaged in an effort to find her or spot any signs that she was in the area.

On June 19, Lloyd's parents caught a flight from Maryland to California in an effort to help with and intensify the search for their daughter. They posted photos of her and posters alerting the public to her disappearance in the area within the national park as well as in and around Twentynine Palms and Wonder Valley.

Friends and family persisted in trying to reach her by calling her cell phone. On June 20, it was answered by a man who said he had found the phone on June 18

"on Cottonwood," that is on Cottonwood Drive in Twentynine Palms.

Lloyd's parents remained intent on finding Erika, and intensified their efforts, leasing space on billboards in the Morongo Valley to feature oversized and highly visible photos of their daughter and make notice of her being missing.

The search parties, advised by Billings, had carried out much of their efforts along Highway 62 and in the general area around Highway 62 and Shelton Road, as the searchers moved out in ever-widening swaths. Those searches came up empty.

Seven months later, on Sunday January 31, 2021, Lloyd's body was discovered by hikers in a field a quarter mile east of the 5200 block of Danby Road in Wonder Valley.

While it can be dismissed as speculation and conjecture, had the search for Lloyd been centered at the location where she had actually abandoned her car, given that helicopters were used in combing the area, she might have been spotted in relatively short order, perhaps as early as June 17 or 18, at which point she might

yet have been alive.

For months, it was the assumption of the search crews and authorities that Lloyd had been at the intersection of Shelton Road and Twentynine Palms Highway when she walked away from her car. The Sentinel has learned that in December 2020, the sheriff's department had come to the conclusion that someone other than Lloyd had driven the Accord to where it was found on June 16.

It was established that the damage to the front undercarriage of the car, the radiator and the air conditioning condenser resulted from the car hitting a sand berm near Shelton Road and Two Mile Road, most likely after 3 p.m. on June 16.

After Lloyd's body was found, an eyewitness came forward to relate that on June 16, 2020 at approximately 4:50 pm, a woman fitting Lloyd's description was wandering around in a disoriented state on the desert field in the area of Two Mile Road/Danby Road, near where her remains were found more than seven months later.

According to the sheriff's department, around 6:30 p.m. on June 16,

2020, Krough, then 27, and Campbell, then 33, came across the Accord, which was lodged in the berm. That evening, after Krough used a device hooked up to his truck to yank the car away from the berm, Campbell sought to drive the Accord to a property 76000 block of Raymond Drive. When it became obvious the car was undriveable, they left it, on Shelton Road not too distant from Twentynine Palms Highway.

Krough and Campbell by their action may have indirectly contributed to Lloyd's death. The displacement of the car by some two miles from where Lloyd apparently abandoned it and set out on foot before becoming disoriented and lost had the effect of drawing the search parties away from the spot where, seven months later, her skeletal remains were found.

On June 6, 2021, the sheriff's department publicly identified Campbell and Krough as the individuals who had moved Lloyd's car from where she had left it. The investigation intensified and on July 8, 2021, both Krough and Campbell were arrested. Krough who had prior convic-

tions recorded outside of San Bernardino County was charged with vehicle theft and being a felon in possession of a firearm, a charge which grew out of his having the gun when he was arrested. Campbell had prior convictions for burglary, a firearms violation, forgery, receiving stolen property and utility theft. In 2013 the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office tried and failed to shoehorn her into felony convictions for manufacturing of a controlled substance and possession of concentrated cannabis, and she instead entered a guilty plea to misdemeanor possessing marijuana for sale. She was initially being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

She has since been freed, but is awaiting trial on the vehicle theft charges.

Krough was charged on July 21, 2021 with a felony - Vehicle Code C10851(A)-F charge of taking vehicle without the owner's consent/vehicle theft relating to his action on June 15, 2020/ He entered a guilty plea on that charge on January 20, 2022 and was sentenced to a straight 100-day jail term. He was given credit for time

served, as he had already by that point been incarcerated for an actual 100 days.

He was back in court on December 22 for a hearing with regard to making restitution. That issue was not resolved and a further restitution hearing has been set for January 31, 2023 in Department M2 at the Joshua Tree Courthouse.

Campbell, who is represented by Roger Chien, Rachel Gelber, Jolina Chavez, William Sannett, Joshua Matic and David Chesley, has pursued a legal strategy of seeking a negotiated plea by which she would not be given more than two months of jail time. The prosecution, however, has refused to accept the defense offers in that regard.

On December 22, Judge Kory Mathewson set a pre-preliminary hearing for January 31, 2023, ordering her to appear at that proceeding which is to be held in Department M2 in the Joshua Tree Courthouse as well as for a preliminary hearing set for February 2, 2023, also in Department M2.

Ramos Made Assembly Rules Committee Chairman

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that important quality to this Committee.”

Rendon’s reference is to Ramos being a Native American. Ramos is the first Native American and Native Californian to be elected to the State Assembly. Prior to his 2018 election to the Assem-

bly in the 40th District, he was San Bernardino County’s Third District supervisor. Prior to that, he was the tribal chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

“Above all, the valuable diligence that Assemblyman Ramos has shown during his time in the Assembly is what we need at this time,” said Rendon. “I’m pleased to make this appointment

and thank him for stepping into this role.”

The Assembly Rules Committee’s authority extends primarily to matters relating to the protocol and business of the Assembly, including assignment of bills to committees, staffing and other procedural responsibilities in California’s lower legislative house.

Ramos expressed his gratitude at the ap-

pointment, saying, “I am honored and grateful to Speaker Rendon for entrusting me with the committee that oversees the operation of our house. In my prior roles as the Chairman of the San Manuel Tribal government and as the Chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, I oversaw and worked through a wide variety

of administrative issues at the local, state, and federal level.” He added, “In these administrative roles I worked alongside departments, and colleagues, to ensure successful outcomes. As Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee, I will work hard to utilize my experience in fulfilling the responsibilities within the committee’s jurisdiction.”

Ramos also noted the historical nature of his place in a key legislative role. “I am mindful of history and serving in this position as the first California Native American elected to the legislature; it once financed genocide against the state’s First People. My commitment is to well serve all the people of California and my colleagues.”

Rialto Truck Route & Storage Moratorium

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fic may no longer be appropriate for such use. [I]nadequate control of truck traffic on local streets causes congestion inconsistent with the best economic interests of the community, decreases the city’s ability to regulate traffic in a manner to protect the general public, and may adversely impact the environment, all of which pose a current and immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare.”

According to the reso-

lution for the ordinance, the city planning commission and the city council ... require require a reasonable period of time to study existing truck routes and truck traffic control measures to determine the potential adverse impacts on the environment, traffic, aesthetics, and visual quality of properties within the city, and to make recommendations on appropriate alternative routes.”

More than two years ago, on November 10, 2020, the city council approved entering into a professional services agreement with ADVANTEC Consulting

Engineers to conduct a citywide speed survey and truck route study. The truck route study was completed in September 2022. The city council and city management intend to use the truck route study as the formal documentation and justification upon which to base updated truck routes citywide through amendments to the Rialto General Plan.

According to the resolution for the ordinance considered and passed by the council on December 13, “[P]ursuant to Government Code Section 65858, the city council may adopt as an urgency

measure an interim ordinance prohibiting any uses that may be in conflict with a contemplated general plan, specific plan, or zoning proposal that the legislative body, the planning commission or the planning department is considering or studying or intends to study within a reasonable time.”

Consequently, according to the resolution which the council approved with a vote on December 13, “The Rialto City Council hereby adopts a moratorium pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858 on the use by inter-city commercial vehicles

with three or more axles weighing 9,000 pounds or more, of the following streets within the City of Rialto: Riverside Avenue from Locust Avenue to Ayala Drive, Ayala Drive from Casmalia Street to Riverside Avenue, Ayala Drive from I-210 freeway to Baseline Road, Baseline Road from Cedar Avenue to the east city limits, Pepper Avenue from I-210 freeway to Rialto Avenue, Slover Avenue from Cactus Avenue to Riverside Avenue, and Santa Ana Avenue between the west city limits and the east city limits.

As the 45-day moratorium went into effect as of

December 13, it is to last until January 27.

The city council has the option of extending it after the 45th day elapses.

A truck storage moratorium is also in effect for 45 days. It prohibits the creation or expansion of truck and container parking facilities in the city. It too can be extended.

In anticipation of changes in those elements of the general plan relating to truck travel throughout the city, municipal officials are in discussion with businesses using lorries and are preparing to update posted truck route signage.

Hammond Remaining As Ontario-Montclair Superintendent

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ons that exceeded his salary – an amount of \$351,877.61 – along with benefits of \$68,439.45, such that he received a total annual compensation of \$728,330.36.

In 2019, his salary zoomed to \$340,321 and he was given pay add-ons of \$268,387 along with benefits of \$74,996, for a total annual compensation of \$683,704.

In 2020, his salary jumped to \$355,285 and he was given pay add-ons of \$197,112 along with benefits of \$167,573, for a total annual compensation of \$719,970.

Last year, his salary tapered off to \$353,477.00 and he received pay add-ons of \$189,511 along with benefits of \$200,608, for a total annual compensation of \$743,596.

Hammond pushed the board for further contract adjustments and perquisites, including 110 days off per year, 25 days of

paid vacation, 30 days of sick leave, plus an additional five days of off-time for each year he was with the district and the ability to cash out that leave time if he did not take it, which he generally did not, given he was only required to actually work 255 days per year.

Former Board Member Sam Crowe, who was initially enthusiastic about hiring Hammond in 2010, became disenchanted with him relatively early on. Crowe was unable to convince his board colleagues that Hammond was abusing his position of authority. In particular, Elvia Rivas and Steve Garcia proved to be highly protective of Hammond. Rivas, who was first elected to the board in 2010 after Hammond was in place and who oriented her to her function as a board member, repeatedly in the face of criticism leveled at the superintendent publicly asserted that Hammond’s remuneration level was justified. Garcia, who had been elected to the board in 2005 and had his term extended to 2010

when the district went to even-numbered year elections and was voted off the board in the 2010 election but returned to the board in the 2012 election, was disdainful of any criticism leveled at Hammond.

Despite some limited public scrutiny of the steep increase in Hammond’s pay and benefits that came about in 2013 when his original contract was extended, he flew below the radar until late 2019 and 2020, when the issue of his pay level exceeding that of virtually every other school superintendent in the state, including in districts where the number of students and academic test scores exceeded those of Ontario-Montclair.

Examinations of the perquisites and arrangement he had made for himself, including his ability to cash out sick, leave and vacation pay in a way which boosted even further his already inflated compensation put him under the microscope. Earlier this year, a bipartisan piece of legislation authored by

California State Senators Steve Glazer, D-Contra Costa and Sen. Rosilic Ochoa Bogh, R-Yucaipa along with Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, D-Bell Gardens Senate Bill 924, closed all loopholes that allowed California school districts to avoid disclosing how much their employees are paid to the state controller every year.

After that, it dawned on Hammond that it might be a good idea to make himself scarce not only in Montclair and Ontario, but California as well.

He was familiar with the educational system in Washington State, having achieved a bachelor’s degree in political science from St. Martin’s University in Washington, a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Gonzaga University and a doctorate in education from Washington State University.

He had taught in Washington, where he had also been a dean of students, middle school assistant principal and high school principal

and superintendent of the school district in Tukwila, Washington. When the opening of the post at Pierce College, which is located in Pierce County, Washington, emerged, Hammond jumped at it. He was ready to make the transition, despite the Pierce College chancellor post paying \$174,700 in annual salary and roughly \$65,700 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$240,400, just slightly more than one-third of what he could make by remaining with the Ontario-Montclair School District, where his contract runs until 2025.

One consideration in the 51-year-old Hammond’s decision to leave California for Washington was that he stood to realize a windfall of more than \$695,000 by cashing in all of his accrued but unused vacation time and sick leave upon his departure from Ontario-Montclair. Thus, Hammond stood on the brink of making close to \$1.4 million this year.

Indeed, Hammond was anticipating getting

the Pierce College chancellor’s spot after he was informed early this fall that he was a finalist for the position. After interviewing for the post, Hammond was confident he would be soon departing California for Washington.

As it turned out, however, one of those Hammond was competing with was Julie Manley White, who was previously the senior vice president of student engagement and learning support at Onondaga Community College in New York State and the president of Pierce College’s Fort Steilacoom Campus in Lakewood, Washington. The selection committee felt White, with her familiarity with Pierce College and her involvement in education at the college level, was the best fit for the job.

Consequently, Dr. Hammond will remain superintendent with the Ontario-Montclair School District, at least for the time being.

-Mark Gutglueck