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Rankin man pleads guilty, sentenced to 39 years in prison

A 46-year-old Rankin man pleaded guilty Friday to attempted murder and was sentenced to 39 years in prison.

Vernon Scott Lee pleaded guilty in Vermilion County Circuit Court to one count of attempted murder for the November 5, 2015 shooting of his former father-in-law, Don Frazier, of rural Rankin.

Under terms of the sentence, agreed upon in a plea deal, Lee will get credit for the nearly one year he has spent in jail and must serve 85 percent of his sentence. Upon release, he will have three years of mandatory supervision.

He faced a minimum of 31 years and a maximum of natural life in prison if he went to trial and was found guilty.

Ten other charges, including a second count of attempted murder, four of aggravated battery and five counts of unlawful restraint were dropped in the plea agreement.

Lee, then married to Frazier's step-daughter, Emily Lee, went to his in-laws' home, where he shot Frazier, struck him with a pipe and bound him, then waiting for Frazier's wife, Sharon, to come home. He held

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Illinois pension crisis could hit Hoopeston Area schools as state portion largely unfunded

Hoopeston Area school district got a good report on its annual audit and a warning that the effects of Illinois' pension crisis are becoming local.

Auditor Russ Leigh praised district officials for their handling of finances, saying the district is on sound footing, has reserves which state officials like to see and is holding the line on expenses. The district has one of the lowest tax rates in Vermilion County and perhaps the lowest operating cost per pupil.

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However, he said, a black cloud hanging over Hoopeston Area and all Illinois schools, is the state's failure to pay its part of teacher retirement.

Illinois should have contributed almost \$3.94 million towards teacher retirements. Of that, \$2.2 million has not been paid in, Leigh said, adding "multiply that by 750 school districts" to see how big the problem is.

Illinois is trying to cost shift its retirement obligations back to schools. Districts less well-managed than Hoopeston will have a difficult time and few

Guilty continued from other side

her at gunpoint and used her cell phone to text Emily Lee and lure her and her boyfriend, Jeff Turner. When they arrived, Lee shot Turner, then stole a utility vehicle and drove to his home at 215 W. Second Ave., in Rankin. Before Vermilion County Sheriff's deputies confronted Lee, in his backyard, shot himself.

He was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital for treatment and was charged after being released from

districts will have an easy time if costs are shifted. "It's going to take some maneuvering to absorb that," Leigh said.

The most likely solution will be a tax increase, even though taxpayers have already paid taxes with which the state was supposed to pay teacher pensions.

After the meeting, Supt. Hank Hornbeck said that the deficit is in the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) which is different from the pension plan for non-certified staff, which is with Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).

the hospital.

Frazier and Turner were also taken to Carle for their injuries.

Emily Lee had filed for a restraining order on September 30, 2015, which was granted the next day. She and Lee were divorced in March.

From the Blotter

Correction

An incident on the November 14 blotter was reported incorrectly in the November 16 issue.

Brian S. Brougher, in a 2007 Freightliner semi, did not strike a utility pole, bringing down a power line, as reported. His truck was snagged on a low-hanging power line, which was then fixed to the proper height.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

Police are investigating an incident of counterfeit money reported by an employee at Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn. The employee reported the crime at 5:41 a.m. Thursday, saying someone used the fake money sometime overnight.

A **58-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 3:03 a.m. Saturday that someone entered his home in the 700 block of East Honeywell and stole money. An investigation into the burglary continues.

Weather

Sunny today. High 43. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, partly sunny, rain late. High 47, low 39.

Obituaries

CINTORA - Jesus "Jesse" Cintora, 35, of Milford, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. He was cremated and no service is scheduled at this time. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

FARNEY - James Edward Farney, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 11:33 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 at his son's home in Hebron, Ind. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. He was cremated. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips broccoli/cheese, applesauce, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Hotdog/bun, baked beans, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken patty or ham & cheese, salad bar, California blend/cheese, applesauce, milk, juice

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