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US, South Korea postpone joint drills

By KIM GAMEL

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SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. and South Korea will postpone a planned joint air exercise that was criticized by the North, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Sunday.

Esper said he didn't see the move as a concession to the communist state but a "goodwill gesture" that he hopes North Korea will reciprocate by returning to nuclear talks.

The surprise decision came after North Korea issued statements lashing out at the upcoming joint U.S.-South Korean military exercise and warning that it's running out of patience for Washington to soften its denuclearization demands.

Esper made the announcement at a news conference with South Korean counterpart Jeong Kyeong-doo on the sidelines of a meeting of regional defense ministers in Bangkok.

The allies had announced plans to hold later this month what they said would be a scaled-back combined flying training event in place of the previous annual drills known as Vigilant Ace.

But the North was not satisfied with the changes and warned last week that the U.S. would face "shocking punishment" if "the hostile provocation is committed."

Esper and Jeong said Sunday that the decision to postpone the drill was made after "close consultation and careful consideration." No new date was announced.

"We have made this decision as an act of goodwill to contribute to an environment conducive to diplomacy and the advancement of peace," Esper said, according to media reports from the press conference.

"We encourage [North Korea] to demonstrate the same goodwill," he added, urging the North "to return to the negotiating table without precondition or hesitation."

He stressed the decades-old U.S.-South Korean alliance remains "ironclad" and vowed the combined forces would maintain readiness to "fight tonight."

The two sides also noted the "critical role" played by some 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after their 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

"Given the current security environment, the secretary also reaffirmed the

commitment to maintain the current level of the U.S. military personnel in [South Korea] and to enhance combat readiness," they added.

The allies have canceled or reduced the scope of many of their joint military exercises after President Donald Trump announced he was "stopping the war games" after his first summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un last year.

Commanders insist the lack of massive combined drills has not harmed defense capabilities as they continue to conduct low-profile tactical training.

Talks aimed at persuading the North to give up its nuclear weapons have faltered due to sharp disagreements over the extent of sanctions relief in exchange for disarmament measures.

Kim has given the U.S. an end-of-year deadline to offer a more flexible approach to negotiations, hinting that he may resume long-range missile or nuclear tests if that doesn't happen.

The North already has conducted several missile and rocket tests this year, raising worries that it is improving its arsenal amid the deadlock.

Esper urges S. Korea to increase share of costs

By KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea is a wealthy country and should increase its share of the cost for stationing some 28,500 U.S. troops on the divided peninsula by the end-of-year deadline, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Friday.

Esper also called on Seoul to reverse its decision to cancel a military intelligence-sharing pact with Japan before the Nov. 23 expiration date. The United States fears the termination of the agreement will jeopardize security as North Korea has resumed weapons testing amid stalled nuclear talks.

Both issues have become major irritants in the long-standing alliance between the two countries, which fought together in the 1950-53 Korean War.

The South Koreans have bristled at the U.S. administration's reported demand to increase Seoul's share of the burden five-fold. The current contract, known as the Special Measures Agreement, expires at the end of the year.

CNN, citing an anonymous congressional aide and an administration official, said Thursday that it has confirmed that President Donald Trump has demanded that South Korea pay nearly \$5 billion, as other

news outlets have reported. The two sides failed to reach agreement in time for the deadline last year but eventually agreed to a retroactive stopgap measure in which South Korea increased its share by about 8.2% to some \$920 million. However, that deal was extended for only one year, unlike previous iterations that lasted five years.

"South Korea is a wealthy country and could and should pay more to help offset the cost of defense," Esper said during a joint press conference with his South Korean counterpart, Jeong Kyeong-doo, after the two sides held annual alliance talks known as the Security Consultative Meeting.

Esper also acknowledged that South Korea has provided "a fair amount of support" but said most of the funding ended up back in the local economy.

The SMA funds have been used mostly to offset the salaries of more than 9,000 local employees who provide food and administrative services and other logistical needs, as well as construction costs.

The South Koreans also point out that they funded most of the \$11 billion-plus cost of expanding Camp Humphreys, a U.S. Army post south of Seoul that has become the military's new headquarters base, as part of a separate agreement.

Milley: Pacific is top priority

BY WYATT OLSON

Stars and Stripes

The Pacific is now the top priority for the U.S. military, Gen. Mark Milley said Thursday in Tokyo while on his first overseas trip since becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in September.

Milley was addressing a group of Japanese and American reporters after concluding a meeting with Japanese leaders, the Pentagon said in a statement.

The U.S. focus on the Pacific region is a result of the emerging great-power competition among America, China and Russia.

"It is the No. 1 regional priority for the United States military," he told reporters.

Milley's weeklong trip to Japan and South Korea comes amid renewed disagreements between the two U.S. allies, disputes arising from Japan's occupation of the Korean peninsula from 1905 to 1945.

South Korea has announced it is withdrawing from an intelligence-sharing agreement signed with Japan in 2016.

Milley told reporters Nov. 11 that the agreement — which could expire as early as this

week — is key for regional stability and security.

Quarrels between Japan and South Korea only serve adversaries, he said.

"It is clearly in China's interests and North Korea's interests to separate South Korea from Japan and the United States," Milley said Monday. "It is in our interests to keep all three of us very closely aligned."

"We've got to get past some of these friction points in a way that is helpful to the alliance," he said.

The alliance needs to resolve such friction points by focusing on common values and security needs, he said.

Milley touted the size and scope of America's defense presence in the Pacific, with more than 300,000 service members and Defense Department civilians under the umbrella of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

He spoke pointedly about China with reporters Thursday.

"We need to continue to engage with China," he said. "China is a strategic competitor to be sure, [but] it doesn't necessarily mean that China becomes an adversary in the military sense of the word or

an enemy.

"But having said that, it's important that the United States, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and other friends and allies in the region remain unified."

China's extraordinary economic growth over the past 20 years has resulted in the rapid expansion of its military capabilities, he said.

China's growing military might have emboldened the nation's sweeping claims of sovereignty over most of the South China Sea, which neighboring nations contest.

U.S. military troops stationed in Japan are essential in projecting power in the region, but restrictions on the available types of training in Japan is a challenge to maintaining readiness, Milley said.

He told reporters he had discussed this topic with Japanese counterparts during the visit.

"I would also say that constraints and restraints on military training [are] not unique to Japan," he said. "It exists in Korea; it exists in Germany; it exists in the continental United States. Things like environmental issues, issues with the neighboring communities and towns of various military bases."

Deserter is suspect in Va. slaying

Associated Press

ROANOKE, Va. — The mother of a wanted Marine told investigators that she saw her son kill her boyfriend, according to a federal criminal complaint.

The criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Roanoke, Va., on Wednesday shows Vanessa Hanson told a U.S. marshal that she witnessed Michael Alexander Brown, 22, fatally shoot her boyfriend, Rodney Wilfred Brown, Nov. 9 at a home in Hardy.

According to the complaint, Hanson also identified Brown's getaway vehicle through pictures obtained from a gas station just before the shooting.

The vehicle was later found near Clarendon County, S.C., about four hours southwest of Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, where he had been stationed as a U.S. Marine until leaving his post last month.

Investigators think the Marine deserter was trying to contact his grandmother when a neighbor saw him in Roanoke on Thursday morning, Police Chief Tim Jones said at a news conference.

Smart watch data: Pilot survived 10 hours

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Smart watch data suggests a Marine Corps pilot who ejected from his F/A-18 Hornet after colliding with a KC-130J tanker last year off the coast of Japan was alive on the surface of the ocean for nearly 10 hours before he drowned.

The heart rate data is included in a command investigation report on the incident, which claimed the life of Capt. Jahmar Resilard, 28, along with five Marines in the tanker. The

group flew out of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, near Hiroshima.

Resilard — referred to as "MP2" by investigators — was wearing a Garmin Fenix 3 smart watch when he ejected from the fighter jet at 1:44 a.m. on Dec. 6, 2018, according to the command investigation report released Sept. 26.

"The data from the watch indicated that MP2's heart was beating at an average of 86 beats per minute until approximately 1130," the report states.

"MP2's Garmin smart watch indicates that MP2 was alive on

the surface of the ocean from approximately 0145 until approximately 1130 (nine hours and 45 minutes) in 68 degree Fahrenheit water."

Resilard's body was brought on board a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship, the JS Setoyuki, at 12:22 p.m., the report states.

An autopsy report showed the downed aviator had cuts and bruises, a head injury and appeared to have drowned.

Investigators noted that neither Resilard nor his weapons officer, who also ejected but was rescued from an inflatable

raft, were wearing anti-exposure suits that can prolong survival in cold water.

Marine and Navy aviators are given the option of wearing the suits based on factors such as likely rescue response time, water temperature and their body fat.

None of the witnesses interviewed from the downed Hornet's unit — Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 — had worn or observed others in the unit wearing anti-exposure suits, the investigators noted.

Judge: Mass arrest of Marines unlawful

The San Diego Union-Tribune

The July arrests of 16 Camp Pendleton Marines in front of their 800-person battalion was unlawful and a violation of their rights, a Marine Corps judge ruled Friday.

The ruling was handed down at the end of an all-day motions hearing that saw the battalion commander, a sergeant major and some Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents testify about the decision to conduct the mass arrest during a battalion formation on July 25.

On that day, 16 Marines were called to the front of their unit — 1st Battalion, 5th Marines — and they were accused of human smuggling and arrested by a swarm of 40 to 50 law enforcement agents.

Another eight Marines suspected of unspecified drug offenses were also taken out of the formation. Some of those

eight were detained by battalion personnel and taken to the Camp Pendleton brig, Lt. Col. Eric Olson, the battalion commanding officer, testified.

The arrests were captured on video by the Marine Corps.

According to court testimony, the July arrests were the culmination of two separate investigations — one by NCIS into human smuggling and one by Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division into an alleged drug ring.

Thirteen Marines were eventually charged in the smuggling case. The number charged in the drug case has not been disclosed.

Attorneys for one of the defendants, Lance Cpl. Jose Garcia, argued that the arrests amounted to “unlawful command influence” because of the effect the arrests had on those 800 battalion members who witnessed it.

Garcia was among those charged with unspecified drug

offenses. The Marine Corps did not provide a charge sheet to reporters detailing those charges.

Unlawful command influence, often called the “mortal enemy of military justice,” occurs when a commander uses his position of authority to influence court proceedings. Commanders have authority over courts-martial and, therefore, are expected to remain impartial during the process.

However, testimony from witnesses, as well as a video recorded by the 1st Marine Division, showed Olson and battalion Sgt. Maj. Matthew Dorsey ordering NCIS agents to “arrest these Marines.” It also showed them making comments to the formation after the accused were removed.

Olson testified that he made general comments that the misconduct of Marines hurts the battalion’s “lethality” and that his primary focus was making sure his unit was ready to fight

at a moment’s notice.

Some Marines in the formation that day also testified, saying their commanders called the accused Marines a “cancer” on the battalion.

Olson, Dorsey and the lead NCIS agent on the case, Katelyn Thompson, all testified that the arrests were done in front of the formation to preserve evidence and ensure safety because some Marines were suspected of weapons offenses.

However, Judge Marine Col. Stephen Keane rejected that argument, saying that if there was a concern about weapons being involved, then inviting 800 Marines to witness the arrests did not suggest safety.

Keane told prosecutors they have until this week to find a way to remedy what he said was actual and apparent unlawful command influence, or it could be devastating to their case against Garcia, whose attorneys asked that charges be dismissed.

Marine sorry for drunken rampage that hurt 3 in Tokyo

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — A Marine lance corporal who attacked three Japanese citizens while drunk and disoriented in Tokyo’s Shinjuku ward in May testified Thursday that he takes “full responsibility” for his actions.

Kahsai Tyree Hill, 21, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment of Camp Lejeune, N.C., admitted in court Thursday to choking a woman until she fainted and striking a taxi driver and a bystander the morning of May 25.

Hill is charged with two counts of bodily injury to the bystander and the woman. He pleaded guilty in July to a bodily injury charge related to the taxi driver. Defense attorneys in Tokyo District Court on Thursday said Hill and his family have paid his victims about \$16,500 in compensation.

Hill gave his account of the attacks after a psychologist testified that the behavior was

caused by “his immaturity” and “inability to control his level of intoxication.” The psychologist also said Hill could suffer from a dissociative disorder, but a diagnosis would require further testing.

Dissociative disorders are characterized by “a disconnection between thoughts, identity, consciousness and memory,” according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Symptoms include out-of-body experiences, detachment from reality and anxiety.

Hill, who said he had his first drink on his 21st birthday six months before the incident, testified that he and other Marines from Camp Fuji’s security team were in Tokyo the night of May 24 to celebrate Memorial Day. He said he had approximately 15 alcoholic drinks that night — “more than I ever drank in my life.”

After exploring bars in Golden Gai — a bar area in Shinjuku that’s popular with tourists

— Hill and his friends went to a fast-food restaurant around midnight before going to bed. Hill testified that at the restaurant he decided to walk around outside to explore.

Then, he said, he got lost.

Hill remembered having another drink with a stranger in the area before passing out. He woke up hours later in an alley and panicked because “the sun’s coming up and I have no clue where I am,” he testified.

The Marine said he felt “terrified” and confused, separated from his friends in a strange city. “My heart was racing. I shouted for help,” Hill said. “People ignored me, which made me think I was dreaming. I started to act recklessly because of that.”

That’s when he saw someone he would later learn was a taxi driver offering him a ride.

Hill said he did not know the man was a cab driver when he got in the front seat. That’s why Hill did not pay the approxi-

mately \$8 fare when the driver let him out of the car, he said.

“The man started yelling at me, something I didn’t understand,” Hill testified. “I felt in danger and felt I needed to protect myself.” Hill said he then hit the driver and ran away.

Hill later struck another man who stopped to help him find his hotel, but the Marine said he could not remember that incident or why he hit him.

“I’ve been trying for months to try to remember,” Hill said. “I know something happened; I take responsibility for it.”

He said he remembered the third attack, for which police recommended an attempted murder charge but prosecutors indicted him on the lesser charge of bodily injury.

In his panic, he said he thought a nearby woman was his sister and hugged her from behind. Unsteady in his drunken stupor, Hill said, he lost his balance and tightened his grip before she “fell away.”

Dems call for probe into border deployment

By COREY DICKSTEIN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Friday charged that President Donald Trump's decision last year to send thousands of American troops to the U.S. southern border was politically motivated and rooted in racism as they renewed a call for the Pentagon inspector general to probe its legality.

Four representatives, each from southern border states, fingered Stephen Miller, a senior White House policy adviser, as the driving force behind Trump's controversial border policies, including his calls for building a wall and his decision last October to send thousands of active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border just ahead of the November 2018 midterm elections. The House members — Arizona's Raul M. Grijalva and Californians Barbara Lee, Judy Chu and Juan Vargas — labeled Miller a white nationalist, citing emails recently leaked to and partially published by the nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center.

"We question the motivation,

the legality and the political optics that are being created by Miller through Trump," Grijalva said Friday just outside the U.S. Capitol. "Make no mistake, this decision by Trump to deploy troops to the border was not only alarming, it was unnecessary, and there are serious legal questions that the administration has refused to answer [for] almost a year since the president announced the first deployment."

The representatives said they and 30 other lawmakers sent a letter to the Pentagon IG in late September requesting an investigation. On Friday, they announced they had delivered 100,000 signatures supporting such a probe to the IG.

At issue, Grijalva said, is whether the deployment violates long-standing federal law barring U.S. troops from conducting domestic law enforcement operations. The 1878 Posse Comitatus Act forbids American military personnel from civilian law enforcement duties on U.S. soil, outside military installations.

"We feel this is an important question from the American

people that deserves to be answered," he said. "Congress deserves to know why the Trump administration is politicizing our military and whether the Trump administration is forcing them to violate federal law under these orders."

The Defense Department's IG office received the letter requesting the probe in late September and it is "considering the request," Dwrena Allen, an IG spokeswoman, said Friday.

In October 2018, Trump ordered an active-duty deployment of thousands of troops to the southern border, warning of an impending crisis as a so-called caravan of Central American migrants approached the U.S.-Mexico border. Human rights groups and journalists traveling with the group reported the caravans consisted primarily of children and families seeking asylum.

The next month, Trump said he wanted troops to treat any asylum-seekers who threw rocks the same as they would an enemy with a firearm.

"We're not going to put up with that," Trump said Nov. 1. "They want to throw rocks

at our military, our military fights back. We're going to consider — I told them, 'Consider it a rifle.'"

Chu on Friday labeled such rhetoric from Trump "phony" and "clearly a lie" designed to stoke fear of immigrants to support his demands for a border wall and the military deployments.

After initially pushing back against Trump's inclination to send large formations of armed troops to confront migrants, then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis approved a deployment of troops in support of short-handed U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents. Those troops were not authorized to conduct law enforcement duties, Mattis said, defending the order as legal.

Since then, tens of thousands of troops have cycled through deployments at border locations in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, where they have served several roles, including constructing temporary barriers, shuttling CBP agents via helicopter, conducting surveillance and providing logistical support to CBP.

Unit in S. Korea remembers soldier killed in rollover

By MATTHEW KEELER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Members of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team gathered Friday to remember Spc. Nicholas C. Panipinto, a young soldier who had promised to share his outdoor adventures one day with all his friends.

Panipinto, 20, of Bradenton, Fla., died Nov. 6 at Camp Humphreys after the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle he was driving rolled over during a road test, according to a report by the Army Combat Readiness Center. Panipinto was airlifted to a local hospital, where he later died. Four other soldiers were injured.

Not a seat inside the Warrior Chapel on Camp Humphreys, with room for 739, was empty, and soldiers of the rotational brigade from Fort Hood, Texas, lined the walls to bid Panipinto farewell.

"The loss of anyone so young is a tragedy," said Lt. Col. Edward Kennedy, com-

mander of the 2nd Battalion, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. "The loss of a soldier that was so promising sent shockwaves through the company and the battalion."

"He aspired to become more than just a good soldier," Kennedy said during his tribute. "He did his absolute best every day defending our free nation, motivating others, sharing laughter and encouraging those he faced challenges of life with."

On Wednesday, American flags and crowds had lined the roads of his hometown in Manatee County, Fla., as a hearse bearing his remains passed by, according to the Bradenton Herald newspaper.

Panipinto enlisted on Jan. 9, 2018, and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga., as an infantryman on April 27, 2018. From there, he joined Arrowhead Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry.

At Friday's memorial, a friend described Panipinto as a man of simple taste.

"He enjoyed hunting, fishing, guns, Toy-

ota Tacomas and playing games in his free time," Spc. Luis Cortes told the crowd.

"He would share his life with pictures of all his hunting and fishing trips," Cortes said. "Being a kind friend, he often told us that one day we would all go to his house and fish and hunt together in his favorite places."

The death of his friend brings a heavy weight, Cortes said. He urged his audience to truly love and care about the ones who mean the most to them, whether a co-worker, a teammate or a family member.

"Nicholas was my co-worker, my teammate and my brother, and I wish above anything else I could see him again," he said. "Pinto, if you can hear me, I miss you and I love you and I hope you are doing well."

After tributes from Cortes and the unit leaders, Sgt. 1st Class Martin Delafuente performed a last roll call, summoning Panipinto three times to no avail. The gathering concluded with a rifle salute and the playing of taps.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Officers grow beards to benefit veterans

VT ST. JOHNSBURY — Officers in a Vermont police department are growing beards to benefit military veterans and their families.

The Caledonian Record reported that the St. Johnsbury Police Department is one of more than 120 across the country participating in the “Home Base No Shave Campaign” to increase mental health awareness and to raise funds to support veterans and military families.

Five of the 11 full-time St. Johnsbury officers will be letting their beards grow throughout November to raise money for veteran clinical and support programs and promote conversation about getting care.

Participating officers have pledged \$100 while growing beards, mustaches and goatees.

2 men arrested in robbery, shootouts

AZ TUCSON — Two men are in custody following an armed robbery, a carjacking and two shootouts with police in the Tucson area.

Pima County Sheriff Mark Napier said the incident began with a robbery call at a dollar store Friday. Responding officers arrested one man while another fled.

Four minutes later, authorities say a deputy found the suspect’s vehicle and exchanged gunfire. The man drove off and later crashed, again exchanging gunfire with two deputies. He ran and carjacked a pickup truck towing a trailer.

KGUN-TV reported he was arrested following a ground and air search. Napier said nobody was injured in the incidents.

Doctor sentenced for fake breast implants

ID POCATELLO — A judge has sentenced an Idaho doctor to seven months in prison for receipt and delivery of misbranded breast implants given to patients.

Prosecutors announced Thursday that Temp Ray Patterson, 55, was also sentenced to one year of supervised release after his prison sentence.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill ordered the former Burley doctor to pay \$8,200 restitution and a \$10,000 fine.

Authorities said Patterson knowingly implanted nine pairs of misbranded breast implants shipped from China and unapproved by the Food and Drug Administration from March 2014 through April 2015.

Last survivor of the Hindenburg fire dies

NH LACONIA — The last remaining survivor of the Hindenburg disaster has died. Werner Gustav Doehner was 90.

His son said a church service was held Friday for Doehner, who died on Nov. 8 at a hospital in Laconia.

Doehner was the only person left of the 62 passengers and crew who survived the May 6, 1937, fire that killed his father, sister and 34 others. As the 80th anniversary approached in 2017, Doehner told The Associated Press he and his family were returning from a vacation in Germany on the 804-foot-long zeppelin to Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey.

As the Hindenburg arrived, flames began to flicker on top of the ship. Hydrogen, exposed to air, fueled an inferno.

Sex workers escape kidnapping attempts

NY CORAM — Federal authorities said a Long Island man with a history of violence toward sex workers twice attempted to kidnap women, but each escaped by jumping from his moving vehicle.

Andrew Frey, 54, pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of attempted kidnapping and attempted trafficking by force. The married father of two was ordered jailed pending a Nov. 22 court date.

Prosecutors said they found rope, zip ties and knot-tying manuals at his Coram home and that he kept handcuffs in his car.

Prosecutors said Frey tried to abduct one woman in October 2018, approached her again after she escaped and targeted a second woman in July.

Another sex worker obtained a restraining order after Frey allegedly rammed her vehicle with his.

Ex-police clerk gets 6 years for videos

CA LONG BEACH — A former police records clerk who secretly took videos of 69 co-workers in men’s bathrooms at the Long Beach Police Department has been sentenced to six years in jail.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram said Sergio Nieto, 29, of Downey, was sentenced Friday after pleading no contest to dozens of misdemeanor counts of invasion of privacy.

Authorities said Nieto made hundreds of videos in several police department bathrooms over a two-year span. He was arrested last year after he was seen filming in a bathroom.

Flight attendant with gun in bag charged

FL ORLANDO — Authorities said security officers found a loaded handgun in a flight attendant’s carry-on bag at a Florida airport.

The Orlando Sentinel reported that Joseph Brozyna, 28, was arrested Thursday and charged with carrying a concealed firearm and carrying a firearm in a prohibited place.

Police said the Frontier Airlines flight attendant was passing through security at Orlando International Airport when Transportation Security Administration agents found the .40 caliber pistol. An arrest report says Brozyna acknowledged that the gun was his. He told police he recently went on a road trip with his gun in the bag and forgot to remove it.

Officials said Brozyna’s concealed carry permit had been suspended. Frontier Airlines said Brozyna is also suspended.

4 allegedly planned to bring knives to school

CT GROTON — Four Connecticut high school students are facing breach of peace charges after allegedly planning to bring knives to school.

Police said the male students from Fitch High School in Groton planned to bring the knives to school Friday. Authorities received complaints from students and parents about 10:30 p.m. Thursday and immediately investigated.

The students allegedly threatened violence against one another on social media, though the threats were not directed against the school or the general student population.

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Top 25 roundup

Alabama QB Tagovailoa out for season

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Tua Tagovailoa sustained a season-ending right hip injury being dragged down late in the first half on what was likely his final series of the day in No. 4 Alabama's 38-7 victory over Mississippi State on Saturday.

Tagovailoa dislocated his right hip after a scramble when he was tackled from behind by Bulldogs linebacker Leo Lewis. The star quarterback needed help getting to his feet and was carted off the field with 3:01 left in the second quarter.

The junior had been nursing an ankle injury that needed surgery four weeks ago and caused him to miss a game and a half. Alabama coach Nick Saban said the injury Saturday was unrelated to the ankle. Saban called it a "freak injury." Saban told ESPN at halftime the plan was to remove Tagovailoa from the game before the series when the quarterback was injured. Alabama was already up 35-7, but it was decided to let Tagovailoa play one possession to get some work in the two-minute drill.

Tagovailoa was flown by helicopter to the St. Vincent's Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama, and was ruled out for the season Saturday night.

Tagovailoa was 14 of 18 for 256 yards and two touchdown passes against Mississippi State, giving him 31 TD passes on the season. He was replaced in the second half by Mac Jones, who went 7 for 11 for 94 yards.

The Crimson Tide (9-1, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) were coming off a 46-41 loss to LSU that nudged it out of College Football Playoff position to fifth in the latest selection committee rankings.

Tommy Stevens passed for 82 yards and ran for 96 for Mississippi State (4-6, 2-5).

No. 23 Iowa 23, No. 7 Minnesota 19: Nate Stanley threw for two touchdown passes and Tyler Goodson ran for a score

and Iowa handed visiting Minnesota its first loss.

The Hawkeyes (7-3, 4-3 Big Ten) struck quickly, scoring touchdowns on their first three possessions, then held off Minnesota's charge in the second half for their first victory over a ranked opponent this season.

The Gophers (9-1, 6-1, No. 8 CFP) haven't won at Kinnick Stadium since 1999, losing nine straight on the road in the series.

No. 1 LSU 58, Mississippi 37: Joe Burrow threw for 489 yards and five touchdowns and LSU built a big lead and held off host Mississippi.

Coming off an emotional 46-41 home win at Alabama last week, the Tigers (10-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) scored on four of their first five possessions jump out to a 28-0 lead over the Rebels (4-7, 2-5).

No. 2 Ohio State 56, Rutgers 21: Justin Fields threw for a career-high 305 yards and matched his best with four touchdown passes to lead visiting Ohio State.

Favored by a whopping 51 points, the Buckeyes (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten) rolled to their 16th straight win over the past two seasons. J.K. Dobbins ran for two touchdowns and cornerback Shaun Wade set up two early TDs with an interception and a forced fumble.

No. 3 Clemson 53, Wake Forest 3: Trevor Lawrence tied his career high with four touchdowns, three to Tee Higgins, and host Clemson won its 26th straight game and completed a second-straight perfect Atlantic Coast Conference regular season.

The Tigers (11-0, 8-0, No. 3 CFP) opened quickly and, after an uncomfortable stretch of four series with just a field goal, turned it on again right before halftime to win their 11th in a row over the Demon Deacons (7-3, 3-3).

No. 5 Georgia 21, No. 13 Auburn 14: Jake Fromm passed for three touchdowns and Georgia's defense had two

late stops, helping the visiting Bulldogs clinch the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title.

Georgia held on to become the first team to win three consecutive SEC East titles since Florida won five in a row from 1992-96.

No. 6 Oregon 34, Arizona 6: Justin Herbert threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns and host Oregon won its ninth straight game and secured a spot in the Pac-12 championship game.

Graduate transfer Juwan Johnson caught five passes for 93 yards and a score for the Ducks (9-1, 7-0 Pac-12). Oregon hasn't won seven straight in conference play to start a season since 2012, and no Pac-12 team has started 7-0 in league play since Stanford in 2015.

No. 8 Utah 49, UCLA 3: Zack Moss ran for 127 yards and two touchdowns and added 65 receiving yards to help host Utah rout UCLA.

The Utes (9-1, 6-1 Pac-12, No. 7 CFP) beat the Bruins for the fourth straight season. Utah totaled 536 yards on offense.

No. 9 Penn State 34, No. 24 Indiana 27: Quarterback Sean Clifford scored three touchdowns Saturday, leading Penn State past visiting Indiana.

Penn State (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 9 CFP) is at No. 2 Ohio State next week with the top spot in the Big Ten East on the line.

No. 10 Oklahoma 34, No. 12 Baylor 31: At Waco, Texas, Gabe Brkic kicked a 31-yard field goal with 1:45 left after Jalen Hurts threw four touchdown passes in a big comeback and Oklahoma kept its playoff hopes alive and ended No. 12 Baylor's bid for an undefeated season.

While the Sooners (9-1, 6-1 Big 12, No. 10 CFP) were without standout receiver CeeDee Lamb, Hurts was 30-of-42 passing for 297 yards with all of his TDs coming after Baylor took a 28-3 lead early in the second quarter. The quarterback, who had three turnovers, also ran

for 114 yards.

Baylor (9-1, 6-1, No. 13 CFP) had won 11 games in a row.

No. 11 Florida 23, Missouri 6: Kyle Trask threw two touchdown passes after a sluggish first half for visiting Florida.

No. 14 Michigan 44, Michigan State 10: Shea Patterson threw for a season-high 384 yards and four touchdowns and host Michigan handed Michigan State its fifth straight loss.

No. 15 Wisconsin 37, Nebraska 21: Jonathan Taylor ran for 204 yards and two touchdowns, Aaron Cruickshank returned a kickoff 89 yards for a score and visiting Wisconsin beat Nebraska.

No. 16 Notre Dame 52, No. 21 Navy 20: Chase Claypool caught four touchdown passes to match a school record and No. 16 Notre Dame shut down visiting Navy's triple-option.

The Midshipmen (7-2, No. 23 CFP) had won five in a row.

No. 17 Cincinnati 20, South Florida 17: Sam Crosa kicked a 37-yarder field goal as time expired to give visiting Cincinnati at least a share of the American Athletic Conference East division title.

No. 18 Memphis 45, Houston 27: Brady White threw for 341 yards and five touchdowns and ran for another score and Memphis overcame a 10-point first-quarter deficit to beat host Houston.

No. 21 Boise State 42, New Mexico 9: Jaylon Henderson threw for 292 yards and three touchdowns, Sonatane Lui had two fumble recoveries, including one for a score, and Boise State beat visiting New Mexico.

Iowa State 23, No. 22 Texas 21: Connor Assalley kicked a 36-yard field goal as time expired and host Iowa State knocked off Texas to snap a two-game losing streak.

No. 25 Oklahoma State 31, Kansas 12: Chuba Hubbard ran for 122 yards and two touchdowns and caught two passes for 42 yards for host Oklahoma State.

Kaepernick moves NFL workout to school

Associated Press

RIVERDALE, Ga. — Colin Kaepernick's saga took another surreal turn Saturday — a last-minute audible to nix an NFL-arranged workout and a quick dash 60 miles to the other side of metro Atlanta, where the exiled quarterback staged his own impromptu passing display on a high school field in dwindling light as hundreds of fans cheered him on from behind a chain-link fence.

Kaepernick threw passes for about 40 minutes at Charles Drew High School and spent nearly that long signing autographs for a crowd that steadily grew as word spread that a quarterback who led the San Francisco 49ers to the Super Bowl and sparked a wave of protests and divisive debate by kneeling during the national anthem, was in the neighborhood.

Kaepernick declared again that he's ready to play in the NFL.

"I've been ready for three

years," he said. "I've been denied for three years. We all know why. I came out here today and showed it in front of everybody. We have nothing to hide. We're waiting for the 32 owners, the 32 teams, (Commissioner) Roger Goodell, all of them to stop running, stop running from the truth, stop running from the people."

In a move no one saw coming, the league that Kaepernick claims blackballed him called Tuesday with a take-it-or-leave-it offer to hold an extraordinary workout at the Atlanta Falcons' training complex in the sprawling suburbs north of the city.

All 32 teams were invited. Former NFL head coaches Hue Jackson and Joe Philbin were set to run the drills. The league said 25 teams were sending scouts and representatives — many of whom had already arrived at the Falcons' indoor training facility in Flowery Branch when word came that Kaepernick wasn't going to

take part.

Instead, he decided to hold a workout open to the media, unlike the session at the Falcons' facility, at a high school stadium just south of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Sixty miles away.

With barely more than an hour to spare, the media that had been herded into a gated-off area in the parking lot and told that was as close as they would get to Kaepernick's workout hustled to their vehicles to set off for a high school most had never heard of.

But only eight of the original 25 team representatives followed along to the new location, including Philadelphia Eagles vice president of football operations Andrew Berry. It appeared the New York Jets, Kansas City and Washington also had scouts in attendance.

They stood along the sideline, jotting into their notepads as Kaepernick tossed passes to four free-agent receivers.

"Our biggest thing with everything today was to make sure we had transparency in what went on," Kaepernick said. "We weren't getting that elsewhere, so we came out here."

Kaepernick, who worked out in a tank top and shorts, has clearly kept himself in good shape during his near three-year layoff. His passes had plenty of zip on them, though he was a bit off target with a few of his deep throws. It was not the sort of session that would likely sway a team one way or the other.

That didn't appear to be the point.

Kaepernick has insisted all along that everyone knows he is good enough to play in the NFL. He claims this is all about his decision to kneel as a way of protesting police brutality and racial injustice, which led to a contentious national debate that stretched all the way to the White House.

Top 25 roundup

Tennessee too much for No. 20 Washington

Associated Press

TORONTO — Jordan Bowden scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half Saturday, Lamonte Turner had 16 points and Tennessee upset No. 20 Washington 75-62.

Yves Pons scored 15 points, John Fulkerson had 14 and Turner added seven rebounds and eight assists as the Volunteers improved to 3-0 and handed Washington its first loss in three games this season.

The game was the middle feature in the James Naismith Hall of Fame Classic, an NCAA triple header at Scotiabank Arena in downtown Toronto, home of the defending NBA-champion Raptors.

Washington, which began its season with a neutral-site win over ranked Baylor, didn't fare so well north of the border,

falling behind by as many as 14 against the Volunteers.

No. 7 Maryland 80 Oakland 50: Darryl Morsell led a balanced attack with 14 points and the host Terrapins used a strong defensive effort to power past visiting the Golden Grizzlies.

Anthony Cowan Jr. contributed 11 points, seven assists and six rebounds for Maryland. Aaron Wiggins scored 10 and Jalen Smith added eight points and seven rebounds.

After opening with lopsided victories at home against Holy Cross and Rhode Island, the Terrapins are off a 3-0 start for the sixth year in a row.

Xavier Hill-Mais led Oakland (3-2) with 18 points. The Golden Grizzlies shot 36.5%.

No. 9 Virginia 60, Columbia 42: Mamadi Diakite and Jay

Huff scored 13 points each to lead the host Cavaliers.

Kihei Clark added 10 points for Virginia (3-0), which led 31-17 at halftime and substituted liberally throughout the second half. Walk-on Chase Coleman and redshirt freshman Francisco Caffaro each scored the first points of their college careers late in the game.

No. 10 Villanova 78, Ohio 54: Saddiq Bey scored 19 points and Justin Moore added 18 to lead the Wildcats past the visiting Bobcats.

Villanova (2-1) broke the game open with a 27-4 run in the final 6:36 of the half, turning a one-point deficit into a 43-21 lead. Bey and Moore combined for 9-for-12 shooting and 4 of 6 from beyond the three-point line for 26 points.

No. 13 Memphis 102, Al-

corn State 56: Lester Quinones had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Precious Achiuwa added 20 points, sending the host Tigers to a romp over the Braves.

No. 23 LSU 75, Nicholls State 65: Darius Days had a career-high 17 points and 11 rebounds to help the host Tigers beat the Colonels. Emmitt Williams added 11 points and a season-best 12 boards for LSU (2-1).

No. 25 Colorado 71, San Diego 53: D'Shawn Schwartz scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half, helping the host Buffs run past the scrappy Toreros for coach Tad Boyle's 10th winner in 10 home openers. Colorado guard Tyler Bey added 14 points and two impressive blocked shots on Braun Hartfield,

NHL roundup

Coyotes' Kuemper puts out Flames

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Darcy Kuemper stopped 37 shots and slammed an opponent to the ice during a brawl in the second period, and the Arizona Coyotes beat the Calgary Flames 3-0 Saturday.

After Calgary's Johnny Gaudreau cross-checked Arizona's Jason Demers late in the second period while Demers was down on the ice, Kuemper put the Flames' Matthew Tkachuk in a headlock and flipped him off his feet. Tkachuk came up swinging and landed a few blows on Kuemper in a dustup that also included Calgary goaltender David Rittich barreling in from the other side of the rink.

Stars 5, Oilers 4 (OT): Jamie Benn scored 1:14 into overtime, and Dallas took its third consecutive victory.

Benn converted a backhand to close out the Stars' 3-0-1 trip to Canada. It was Benn's first goal since Oct. 10 and his second on the season.

Jets 4, Lightning 3: Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves and Winnipeg overcame Steven Stamkos' 400th goal and won at Tampa Bay.

The 29-year-old Stamkos is the ninth

active player and 98th overall to reach the milestone.

Kings 4, Golden Knights 3: Jeff Carter scored in his 1,000th career game and host Los Angeles beat Vegas.

Drew Doughty had a goal and an assist for the Kings, who are on their longest win streak of the season.

Nikolai Prokhorkin scored his first career goal, and Jonathan Quick made 28 saves.

Hurricanes 4, Wild 3 (OT): Andrei Svechnikov's goal 1:33 into overtime lifted Carolina to a victory at Minnesota. Joel Edmundson, Brock McGinn and Warren Foegele also scored for the Hurricanes.

Penguins 6, Maple Leafs 1: Dominik Kahun scored two goals and host Pittsburgh routed Toronto. Kahun matched a career-high with three points. Bryan Rust also had a three-point game, with a short-handed goal and two assists.

Islanders 4, Flyers 3: Anthony Beauvillier scored twice during New York's three-goal, third-period rally, and the Islanders won at Philadelphia in a shootout.

Capitals 3, Bruins 2 (SO): T.J. Oshie tied it with 59 seconds left in regulation and

Jakub Vrana scored the decisive goal in the shootout as Washington won at Boston.

Panthers 4, Rangers 3: Evgenii Dadonov scored twice to lead host Florida over New York.

Sabres 4, Senators 2: Jack Eichel scored four goals to lead host Buffalo over Ottawa.

Devils 4, Canadiens 3 (OT): Kyle Palmieri scored a power-play goal 1:30 into overtime to complete New Jersey's comeback from two goals down in a win at Montreal.

Ducks 4, Blues 1: Derek Grant recorded his first career hat trick, Ryan Getzlaf added a goal and an assist, and Anaheim won at St. Louis.

Blackhawks 7, Predators 2: Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist, and Chicago rolled to a win at Nashville for its third straight victory.

Avalanche 5, Canucks 4 (OT): Nathan MacKinnon scored his second goal of the game 27 seconds into overtime, lifting Colorado to a win at Vancouver.

Sharks 4, Red Wings 3 (SO): Kevin Labanc had a goal, two assists and the shootout winner as host San Jose beat Detroit for its sixth straight win.

NBA roundup

Harden scores 49, leads Rockets' rout of Timberwolves

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — James Harden scored 49 points on a whopping 41 shots from the field and the undermanned Houston Rockets won their seventh straight game, 125-105 over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday night.

With Russell Westbrook resting, the Rockets needed Harden to shoulder an even bigger scoring load than usual. The 41 attempts are the most in his career, and the most in the NBA this season, surpassing the 37 Golden State's D'Angelo Russell took in an overtime loss Nov. 8 in the same building in Minnesota.

Harden made 16 of the 41 shots, going 8-for-22 from three-point range. He was 9-

for-11 on free throws.

Trail Blazers 121, Spurs 116: CJ McCollum scored 32 points and Portland won at San Antonio to spoil Tim Duncan's first shot at coaching following Gregg Popovich's ejection.

Popovich was ejected after walking onto the court to berate official Jason Goldenberg over a non-call. Popovich calmly walked off the court following his first ejection of the season.

Clippers 150, Hawks 101: Paul George scored 37 points in his home debut, Lou Williams added 25, and host Los Angeles led all the way in routing Atlanta.

The anticipated first game with George and Kawhi Leonard in the lineup together didn't happen when Leonard sat out with a left knee contusion.

Bucks 102, Pacers 83: Giannis Antetokounmpo had 26 points, 13 rebounds and six assists and visiting Milwaukee forced Indiana into its worst shooting performance of the season.

Mavericks 110, Raptors 102: Luka Doncic had 26 points and 15 rebounds in host Dallas' victory. Doncic scored nine points in the fourth quarter as the Mavericks added to a one-point lead. He made all seven free throws in the quarter and finished with a career-best 15 free throws in 19 attempts.

Heat 109, Pelicans 94: Kendrick Nunn scored 22 points and Miami beat New Orleans to remain unbeaten at home.

Bam Adebayo had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Jimmy Butler added 16 points, 13 as-

sists and eight rebounds. The Heat are 5-0 at home and 9-3 overall — tying the best 12-game start in team history.

Nets 117, Bulls 111: Spencer Dinwiddie scored 24 points and Brooklyn won at Chicago without All-Star guard Kyrie Irving to snap a three-game losing streak.

Irving entered Saturday sixth in the NBA with 28.5 points per game but sat with a right shoulder injury. The shorthanded Nets are also without Caris LeVert, who's recovering from right thumb surgery.

Hornets 103, Knicks 102: Devonte' Graham made his ninth three-pointer with 2.8 seconds remaining and had 29 points to lead Charlotte to a win at New York. RJ Barrett scored 22 points for the Knicks.