

July shooting death in Hastings ruled self-defense

Incident related to case of domestic violence



The Adams County attorney ruled that a man fatally shot at this Hastings residence was killed in self-defense. (KSNB)

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HASTINGS, Neb. (KSNB) - The Adams County Attorney announced Tuesday that the July fatal shooting of a Hastings man was done in self-defense.

On July 23, 2021, [Hastings police found Santinorey Gonzalez, 28, shot to death](#) at 411 South Pine Avenue. Local law enforcement investigators have been working on the case for nearly three months.

A press release issued Tuesday from the Hastings police department indicated that Gonzalez knew the residents in the home. He entered the home that night to confront one of the men living there. Gonzalez ignored several requests to leave and threatened the man with what police called a “blunt object weapon.” Police say the man Gonzalez threatened had a gun and again warned him to leave. Gonzalez then attacked the man with the blunt object. The man with the gun then fatally shot Gonzalez.

Adams County Attorney Donna Fegler-Daiss has ruled that the man in the residence being attacked by Gonzalez acted in self-defense. Therefore, there will be no further action taken in the case.

In a separate but related case, Jacob Lewellyn, 25, whose address is listed as 411 South Pine in Hastings, is charged in Adams County Court with misdemeanor third degree domestic assault and misdemeanor criminal mischief. A court affidavit from a state patrol investigator indicates that on the night of the Gonzalez shooting, a woman at the residence accused Lewellyn of grabbing her throat and slamming her against the wall. The woman also accused Lewellyn of smashing her cell phone. A court hearing for Lewellyn is scheduled next week and a jury trial is scheduled for November.

Fegler-Daiss confirmed to Local4 that Lewellyn shot Gonzalez on the night in question.

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