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Location for new Allsup's undergoes slight change

An inactive pipeline running under property targeted for the initial site required looking at new land

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An inactive pipeline running under property east of Andrews targeted for a new Allsup's travel center has resulted in a location change for the project, according to city officials.

The city council on Thursday awarded a bid for the sale of a three-acre tract of land—just east of the previous property located at the southeast corner of Andrews Loop 1910 and State Highway 176—to BW Gas & Convenience.

Council members awarded the

original bid at its May 12 meeting, but BW Gas & Convenience discovered an inactive Centurion pipeline running under the property on which it desired to construct the new store.

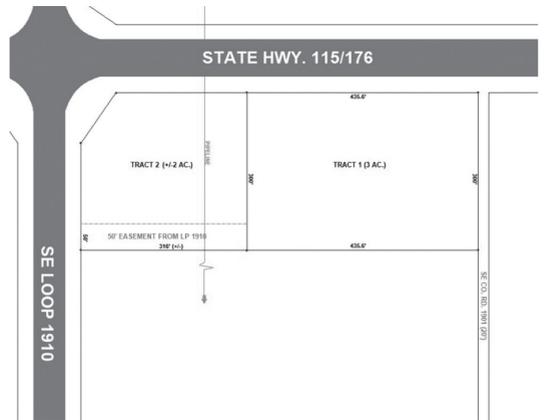
"After several unsuccessful attempts to get Centurion to abandon the pipeline, BW Gas requested the city provide three acres just east of the Centurion pipeline," city officials explained.

Because the "new" three-acre tract was not the exact tract of land described in the city's request for bids, the city was required by law to go back out for bids to specify the

new location up for sale.

The city followed required protocol with publishing public notices in the local newspaper by requesting a bid for a three-acre tract of city-owned land starting approximately 315 feet east of the southeast corner of Loop 1910 and E. SH 115/176 with a Right of First Refusal for a second tract of land located between the first tract and east Loop 1910, according to city officials.

A condition of the contract approved by the city council includes a Right of First Offer Agreement that states "BW Gas & Convenience See LAND Page 2



Man arrested in death of infant had warrant in Andrews County

He was indicted on May 19 for sexual assault of a child

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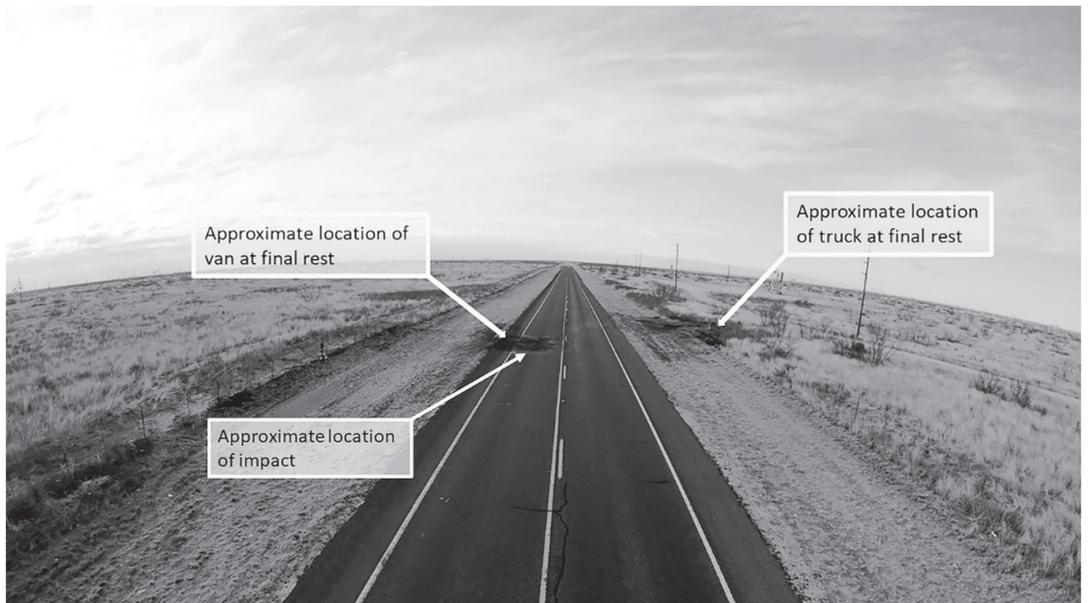
A former Andrews man who was indicted here in May on a sexual assault offense that began in 2019 was apprehended in Odessa this week for the death of his eight-month-old son on Tuesday, according to authorities.

Kameron Gammage, 23, was arrested by Odessa police Tuesday and told authorities that he "accidentally" dropped the infant after tossing the eight-month-old in the air late Saturday at their apartment in an effort to stop him from crying, the arrest affidavit states.

Gammage and the baby's mother, 18-year-old Leyla Pierson, woke up three days later on Tuesday discovering that the infant was unresponsive and not breathing.

Initially, Gammage was charged with injury to a child causing serious bodily injury, but the count was upgraded Thursday to capital murder.

Andrews police said this week Gammage also See WARRANT Page 2



A diagram reveals the location of the vehicles. BELOW: the van involved in the wreck. NTSB Photos

NTSB report reveals 13-year-old was not driving pickup in tragic crash

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pickup responsible for the crash.

A federal agency's preliminary investigation into a tragic vehicle collision in Andrews County on March 15 that killed nine revealed several changes from initial reports, including that a 13-year-old boy was not driving the

The National Transportation Safety Board on Thursday issued its preliminary report for the head-on collision on FM 1788 involving a transit van carrying members of the University of the Southwest's golf teams See REPORT Page 3



Andrews County's Community Virus Level bumped to Medium with recent case increase

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A rise in local and regional COVID-19 cases led to Andrews County's Community Level being bumped to the CDC's Medium category, according to county health department representatives.

A chart provided by the health department on the

county's social media page revealed Andrews has seen 157 new virus cases in the past three weeks.

That number includes 87 new confirmed cases since Monday, according to the health department's figures. A daily breakdown revealed 29 new confirmed cases on Monday, followed by 15 on Tuesday, 10 on

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Virus cases are picking up again, but most aren't severe.

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