Sheriff who ran LA jails faces prison time for impeding FBI

By BRIAN MELLEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Former Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca is relying on a lifetime of public service, letters of support ranging from ex-gover-nors to ex-cons, and his diagnosis of Alzheimer's in a bid Friday for probation for obstructing an FBI investigation into abuses at the jails he ran.

Baca, 74, faces up to 20 years in federal prison when he's sentenced by a judge who has shown little leniency when it comes to his role atop a depart-ment rife with corruption.

The lawman who worked his way up from guarding inmates to running the nation's largest jail system - and largest sheriff's department — was convicted in March of obstructing justice, conspiring to obstruct justice and lying to federal authorities.

Baca abruptly resigned in 2014 as

the probe netted several underlings who plotted to hide an inmate informant from his FBI handler when they learned

the jails were being investigated.

The crimes tarnished Baca's reputation as a man on a mission to promote education and rehabilitation behind bars and who preached tolerance and ferent cultures and faiths

The question is how to reconcile the mage of the soft-spoken, rail-thin, Zen-like reformer with the man who told the local FBI head and top federal prosecutor he was ready to "gun up' for battle with them and furiously stated: "I'm the goddamn sheriff, these are

my goddamn jails."

Baca, who jetted around the world to speak about his approach to law enforcement, denied any involvement in the scandal, but acknowledged he had fallen out of touch with what was happening in his department. But prosecutors said he had turned a blind eye to problems at his jails, including vicious beatings by guards who covered up the abuse by falsifying records.

Baca's "crimes showed that corrup-tion went all the way to the top," Assistant U.S. Attorney Brandon Fox wrote in sentencing papers suggesting a two-year prison term. "Instead of act ing as a leader, Baca distanced himself from the actions of his subordinates, and lied about his own conduct.'

Prosecutors also won convictions against 20 other members of the department for crimes ranging from assaults by rank-and-file deputies to the department's second-in-command, understanding between people of dif- Paul Tanaka, who oversaw efforts to impairment to mild dementia

While Tanaka, also convicted of the obstruction and conspiracy charges, was sentenced to five years in prison, prose-cutors said Baca deserves the lighter term because there was no evidence he tampered with witnesses and Tanaka fostered a culture of corruption. They

also cited Baca's degenerative disease. Baca had originally pleaded guilty to a single count of lying to federal investigators in a deal that would have required no more than six months in prison. But when Judge Percy Anderson rejected that as too lenient, Baca withdrew his plea.

Prosecutors then hit him with the two additional obstruction counts. At Baca's first trial, a jury deadlocked 11-1 for acquittal and a mistrial was declared. He was convicted three months later by a different jury at his cond trial.

Defense attorney Nathan Hochman said Baca's misdeeds over six weeks in 2011 and four false answers to 400 questions during a voluntary interview with authorities in 2013 must be weighed against an "extraordinary record of public service" over 48 years and along with his condition, which has progressed from mild cognitive

More than 200 friends and support ers wrote letters of support to the court on behalf of Baca, including former Mexican President Vicente Fox, forme California Schwarzenegger and Gray Davis, former Los Angeles Ram-turned-minister Rosey Grier, former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, Hollywood execu-tives, former jailbirds — even a public relations executive whose firm represents the deputies union that has beer critical of Baca.

They hailed his unconventional style of policing, his compassion and a lifetime of good works.

Hochman has filed papers asking the judge to allow Baca to remain free pending appeal.

He plans to challenge several of Anderson's rulings that he said were improper and showed bias toward cluding a decision not to allow medical experts to testify whethe Baca's medical condition impaired his memory when he lied to federal authorities.

"This diagnosis is a sentence of its own," Hochman wrote. "In this case, sentence of imprisonment is essentially a cognitive death sentence given the progression of Mr. Baca's Alzheimer'

Missouri inmate who died asked to see counselor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A 28-year-old inmate who died after a jail altercation had asked police to see a counselor and authorities received ental health evaluations that promp ed them to keep him in custody, Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley told reporters Thursday. Nashville, Tennessee, resident Tory

Sanders died Friday after his arrest and detention at the Mississippi County jail, located in a rural county of about 14,000 residents about 150 miles (240 kilometers) south of St. Louis. His death and the alleged involvement of the county's embattled sheriff prompted an investigation by Hawley's office and the sheriff's temporary removal from office.

"I want to make this pledge to the family of Tory Sanders and to the people of Missouri: my office will conduct a full, independent and vigorous inves-tigation into the events that happened at the Mississippi County jail," Hawley said. "We will get to the bottom of what happened there and will see that ustice is done.

Hawley said Sanders left his Nashville home May 4 before his arrest the next day and ran out of gas in southeastern Missouri. He hitchhiked and eventually ended up in the small Mississippi County town of Charleston, where Hawley said he approached police at a convenience store and appeared confused about where he was

Hawley said Sanders approached police again May 5 and told officers he had a warrant out for his arrest in Nashville related to an altercation with the mother of his children. He also told officers he was in "some sort of dis-tress" and asked to see a counselor, the

attorney general said.

Police arrested him, and Hawley said Sanders later received two mental evaluations at the county jail, the sec-ond of which led an official to recom-mend he be held for 96 hours.

Jailers then tried to move Sanders to a different holding cell, but Sanders was "apparently unwilling to move," Hawley said. The attorney general said police used pepper spray on him and ail staff deployed stun guns at least three times.

That's when Hawley said Cory Hutcheson, who has since been tem-porarily removed from office as Mississippi County sheriff in response to Sanders' death, stepped in. Hawley said Hutcheson directed

police and jail staff to force their way into Sanders' cell. Shortly after, Sanders was taken to a local hospital nd pronounced dead.

Coroner Terry Parker, who has been named acting sheriff, told the Riverfront Times that Sanders had become "agitated and uncooperative and that he collapsed while jail staff



Ohio court upholds backpack search

By ANDREW WELSH-

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) search of a high school student's back-pack that authorities say led to the dis-covery of bullets and later a gun was constitutional, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

At issue before the high court was whether the search of the backpack following an initial search violated the student's privacy rights, which are gen-erally weaker inside school walls.

A security official at Whetstone

High School in Columbus searched the backpack in 2013 after it was found on

official conducted the second search after he recalled that the student had alleged gang ties, and found 13 bullets after dumping the bag's contents, records show

That search led to police being called and the discovery of a gun in another bag the student had, according to court records. The student, Joshua Polk, has been charged with possessing a deadly weapon in a school safety zone.

Justice Sharon Kennedy, writing for the court, said the school's search poli-cy furthers the "compelling govern-mental interest" in protecting public

privacy, "we conclude that Whetstone's protocol requiring searches of unat-tended book bags to identify their owners and to ensure that their contents are not dangerous is reasonable under the Fourth Amendment," Kennedy wrote.

Prosecutors in Franklin County had appealed after two lower courts tossed out the evidence against the student because of the second search. Thursday's ruling means the evidence can now be used.

Polk's attorneys argued the school went too far when the security officer conducted a fuller search simply school students from harm. because of rumors he recalled about In light of those rules, and because Polk. Polk's public defender declined

Prosecutors argued that Polk, who was 18 at the time, gave up his privacy rights when the bag was left on a school bus.

Six school associations representing school boards, administrators, teachers and others sided with prosecutors to

argue that the search was justified.
Polk was backed by 15 youth law groups around the country who urged the Supreme Court not to overturn the lower court rulings. They say the increased presence of security officers in schools nationally is creating a cul-ture that refers thousands of students to police each year, raising concerns about their constitutional rights.

Murder charges raise questions about bounty hunters

By SHEILA BURKE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - About three weeks ago, just after midnight, a group of seven bounty hunters surrounded a car in a Wal-Mart parking lot and blocked it from leaving, according to court documents. Authorities say the bounty hunters believed an ex-convict who had skipped out on several court appearances was one of four men in the parked car.

The men in the car bolted and the bounty hunters opened fire, leading to a chaotic seven-mile chase April 23 through Clarksville, a mostly military town near

the Army's Fort Campbell. One of the three children, was killed by overly passengers in the car was killed and another man in the vehicle was wounded.

Police said none of the men in the car was armed or had an outstanding warrant. They charged the seven bounty hunters with murder.

The killing raises questions about training and licensing for bounty hunters, who are given broad powers in some cases more than police officers
— to hunt down people who skip bail.

Authorities said the slain man's Social Security card and ID listed his name as Jalen Johnson, but Jalen's father said his last name was Milan. He said his 24-year-old son, a father of son writing bonds be submitted. State

aggressive bounty hunters in a horrific case of mistaken identity.

"It's like they were just gung-ho," Bernard Milan said. "If they had showed one ounce of professionalism,

it would never have happened."

In Tennessee, bail bondsmen must be qualified by a court and go through a background check, said J.R. Henderson, president of the Tennessee Association of Professional Bail Agents. Different courts in different counties have different rules for what they have to do. Some courts ask that the results of a drug test for each per-

law requires bail bondsman to have the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation do a criminal backgrounds check on a pro fessional bondsman.

Bail bondsmen are empowered to hire bounty hunters or act as them to bring in people who violate the terms of jail bonds. Some of the seven men charged in the Clarksville case were bail bondsmen, police said; others were strictly bounty hunters.

Tennessee is not one of at least 2 states that require bounty hunters to be licensed, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The must not be convicted felons and have eight hours of community education

That's not nearly enough training said Henderson, who is chief operating officer of a large bonding company. He said his opinions are his own, not the organization he represents.

At a minimum, he said, they should be forced to meet the same requirements as bail bondsmen

"Unfortunately, a lot of these con panies use recovery agents that I would not use" he said

Bounty hunters get their extraordi-nary powers from an 1872 U.S. Supreme Court opinion, said Brian Johnson,

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BR 013391—Treasurer of Cuyahoga
County, Ohio vs. James Williams,
James Williams, As.a. James E.
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Williams Jr., whose last
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for Plaintiff. Apr29May6-13, 2017

Micaela Mannarino.
This application is set for hearing
on the 22nd day of June, 2017, at 10:15
a.m., in Room 254 of the Court House,
One Lakeside Avenue, N.W., Cleve-land, Ohio 44113.
Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge,
Laura J. Gallagher, Judge.
May13, 2017

2017 MSC 22350—In the matter of the change of name of Yosef Avigdor He change of name of Yosef Avigdor To whom it may concern: you are hereby notified that on May 8, 2017, an application was filed in the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, to change the name of Yosef Avigdor Hofer, 2646 Noble Road, #10, Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44121, to Isabella Alexis Hofer.

To the 21st day of June, 2017, at 9:15 a.m., in Room 254 of the Court House, One Lakeside Avenue, N.W., Cleveland, Ohio 44113, Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge,

Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge, Laura J. Gallagher, Judge.

Legal Notice
2017 MSC 223387—In the matter of
the change of name of Chaniya Tina
Marie Berry, a minor.
To whom it may concern: you are
hereby notified that on May 9, 2017,
an application was filed in the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County,
Ohio, to change the name of Chaniya
Tina Marie Berry, 873 East 207th
Street, Euclid, Cuyahoga County,
Ohio 44119, to Chaniya Tinaé Marie
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This application is set for hearing on the 26th day of June, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 211 of the Court House, One Lakestide Avenue, N.W., Cleveland, Ohio 41 Russo, Presiding Judge, Lura J. Gallagher, Judge.

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Legal Notice

2017 MSC 220374—In the matter of the change of name of Samuel Lamont Buchanan.

To whom it may concern: you are hereby notified that on May 9, 2017, bate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, to change the name of Samuel Lamont Buchanan, 2827 Van Aken Boulevard, #11, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 4120, to Samuel Jueda Buchanan.

on the 23rd day of June, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 254 of the Court House, one Lakeside Avenue, N.W., Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge,

land, Ohio 44113. Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge, Laura J. Gallagher, Judge. May13, 2017

Release of Assets

FIRST INSERTION

Legal Notice

2017 EST 225364—In re: Estate of Jane Ellen Tamburrino, deceased. Unknown creditors of the Estate of Jane Ellen Tamburrino, deceased. Unknown creditors of the Estate of Jane Ellen Tamburrino, deceased, the place of residence of each being May 9, 2017, the undersigned, James May 9, 2017, the undersigned, James M. Talty, flied an application in the Probate Court, One Lakeside Avenue, N.W., of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, win instration in the matter of the Estate of Jane Ellen Tamburrino, deceased, late of Richmond Heights, Ohio, who died February 5, 2017. Said application is ordered ast for the Court may hear the same.

JAMES M. TALITY, Applicant.

Ry Patriete E, Talty, Attorney.

By Patrick E. Talty, Attorney, May 13-20-27, 2017

Legal Notice
2017 EST 223379—In see Estate of Joseph T. Foster, deceased.
Unknown creditors of the Estate of Joseph T. Foster, deceased, the place of residence of each being unknown, will take notice that on May \$2.017, tilled an application in the Probate Court, One Lakeside Avenue, Nw. of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, for the release of assets without administrates of the Court, one that the county of the coun

Probate of Will

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2016 EST 220099—In re: Estate of Terrence W. Scavone, deceased.

Nathan Scavone, whose place notice that on October 7, 2016, the undersigned, Jennifer Scavone, presented to the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, a paper writing hoga County, Ohio, a paper writing Testament of Terrence W. Scavone, Presented to the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, who died September 17, 2016; that said paper writing was admitted to probate on the 11th day of Court of the Scavone, Applicant.

Ry John R. Harrison, Attorney.

Applicant. By John R. Harrison, Attorney. May 13-20-27, 2017

THIRD INSERTION

Legal Notice

2017 EST 222435—In re: Estate of
Hildegarde Boehm, deceased.
Philip Boehm, whose place of redence is unknown, will the notice dence is unknown, will the noresigned, Mary Louise Widowski, presented to the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, a paper writing
Testament of Hildegarde Boehm, deceased, late of Parma, Cuyahoga
County, Ohio, who died October 7,
2016, that said paper writing was adJanuary, 2017, attee on the 23rd day of
MARY LOUISE WIDOWSKI,
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Applicant.

By Mark R. Wagner, Attorney.

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2017 EST 225199—In re: Estate of
John Zapola, deceased.
John David Zapola, whose place of
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filed an application in the Probate
Court, One Lakeside Avenue, N.W.,
the authority to administer the Estate of John Zapola, deceased, late of
Fairview Park, Cuyahoga County,
Ohio, who died August 22, 2011.
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THIRD INSERTION

Legal Notice

2017 EST 224959—In re: Estate of
Arlene L. Vogelpohl, deceased.
Unknown next of kin of Arlene L.
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Applicant.

By Lisa J. Roth, Attorney.

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