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Nina Berry (right) and her daughter, Jasmine Banks, stand in front of their apartment as they talk about a racist note found on their front door. (Billy Helton / Enid News & Eagle)

## 3rd person charged in East Walnut murder, robbery

By Cass Rains  
Staff Writer

A third person was charged Wednesday with murder in the death of a 38-year-old Enid man earlier this month.

Courtney Renee Flowers, 25, was charged in Garfield County District Court with first-degree murder, first-degree burglary, robbery with a dangerous weapon and child neglect for the role authorities said she played in the death of Nestor Garcia Ramirez.

Dorhee Ventura Wofford, 26, of Enid, and Navaeh Emerlro Don Hill, 17, of Oklahoma City, were charged Friday in Garfield County District Court with first-degree murder, first-degree burglary and robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection to the same incident.



Courtney Renee Flowers

Flowers, also known as Courtney Sherrill, told Enid Police Department Detective James Buck on Aug. 3 she drove her then-boyfriend, Wofford, and another man she only knew as Navy, to 1921 E. Walnut with the intent to commit a robbery.

She said she parked her car down the street at an abandoned house, and Wofford and Navy got out and walked toward 1921 E. Walnut, according to an affidavit filed in Wofford and Hills' cases. Flowers said she heard them kicking the front door and later heard a gunshot. She said the two ran back to her vehicle and told her to drive away.

Flowers said the two told her this was now a murder and not a robbery and talked about Navy shooting Ramirez while Wofford got money from the others in the house, according to the affidavit. Flowers said she believed they got \$252 with an unknown amount in a wallet Navy had. She said the two talked about Navy hitting Ramirez with a hammer before shooting him.

Flowers said she drove the men to her house before driving them to a Motel 6 in Oklahoma City, according to the affidavit. She said Wofford made her take her 5-year-old son with them so the child was with her in the car during the robbery.

Flowers said Wofford pointed the gun he got from her at her and made her drive them to the robbery, according to the affidavit. Flowers said she did not want to do it, but Wofford made her.

Buck noted in the affidavit Flowers' comments are "seemingly contradicted" by a video on her phone dated Aug. 1, according to the affidavit. In the video, Flowers is holding two handguns and having a conversation with an unknown male talking about what she is going to do with the guns.

## Woman finds racist note Found taped to home's door on West Elm

By Cass Rains  
Staff Writer

A woman and her daughter still wonder what motivated someone to leave a racist note taped to the outside glass door of their home in the 400 block of West Elm.

Nina Berry and her daughter Jasmine Banks, who are Black, woke Saturday morning at about 8:30 a.m. to find the note containing a racially offensive term taped to the door.

The women contacted police, who collected the note and conducted a canvass of the neighborhood for security cameras or witnesses but found none. The case was assigned to a detective and a second canvass was performed but no video or witnesses were found.

Berry said she was confused who would put such a note on her door, seeing as how she's only lived at her current residence since late June.

"I really hope they find the person and they need to be prosecuted," Berry said. "It's being a coward, also. I'm not surprised, and it's sad that I say I'm not surprised."

Berry said she moved to Enid from Chicago in 2009 to raise her kids in a safer environment. She said she stays to herself and doesn't do much to draw too much attention from neighbors.

"I definitely think it was someone in this area," she said of the person who left the note. "I don't just think it was a random person from another neighborhood."

Berry's daughter said she sees her

mother check the screen door each morning now to see if another note has been left.

"I just really don't know how to feel. I'm still in shock somebody would do that," Jasmine said. "Who would do something like that? That was just hateful and mean."

Anyone with information can submit a tip anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at (580) 233-6233, going to the website at [www.enid.org/services/police](http://www.enid.org/services/police) or texting 847411, typing EPDTIP and then a message in the text box or using the app Enid PD.

Tipsters will not be required to testify nor identified. Those with information leading to an arrest or prosecution of a crime could earn a reward of up to \$1,000.

## Skeleton Creek project still on track for 2020 completion

By James Neal  
Staff Writer

NextEra Energy Resources' 250 megawatt Skeleton Creek wind power project is on track for completion by the end of the year, the developer said during a virtual project update meeting Wednesday.

The virtual meeting was hosted by NextEra and was attended by representatives from Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce, Enid Regional Development Alliance, Vance Air Force Base and other local stakeholders.

In his opening remarks, Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jon Blankenship said the Skeleton Creek project "is a very exciting one for Northwest Oklahoma, and it's going to benefit our region in many ways."

Elinore Beitler, project developer for NextEra Skeleton Creek, said the total Skeleton Creek project, which also involves a 250 megawatt solar panel farm and a 200 megawatt battery facility — both of which should be completed in late 2023 — will be the largest such facility in the country when completed.

Beitler said the wind farm will be completed first, with work on transmission lines

happening simultaneously, followed by construction of the solar farm and battery storage facility, which will be located southeast of Enid on approximately 2,500 acres of land.

The total footprint of the project — the wind farm, solar farm and energy storage facility — will include Garfield, Alfalfa and Major counties.

Once completed, the project will add 500 megawatts to the regional power grid, plus another 200 megawatts from the energy storage facility for up to four hours, if fully charged.

Taken together, the wind farm, solar and battery projects represent about \$600 million in new NextEra energy investments in the state, Beitler said.

Beitler said the project is forecast to pay out \$60 million to local landowners, and also will raise about \$50 million in local property tax revenue, which will mostly be in the Timberlake Public Schools district.

Construction currently is underway on the turbine structures, with 22 of 90 foundations poured. Each turbine site is a massive undertaking, including excavation of more than 2,200 cubic yards of earth per turbine — enough dirt to fill an Olympic swimming pool. Construction of each turbine and pad requires



An on-site concrete batching plant for the Skelton Creek wind power project is located near Goltry. (Billy Helton / Enid News & Eagle)

60,000 pounds of steel and 400 cubic yards of concrete, all to support the 613,000-pound turbine.

Soon, 41 miles of transmission lines will be

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