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Batchelor will be tried in Kendall County court

Despite a motion filed by her defense attorney, the daughter of a luxury auto dealer will face a jury of Kendall County residents. Louis D. Martinez, the attorney representing Kendall Batchelor, 23, sought to move the intoxicated manslaughter trial out of Kendall County.

Batchelor is facing intoxicated manslaughter charges - a second-degree felony - after she was arrested June 6 on a warrant signed by Kendall County Assis-

tant District Attorney Bob Lipo. She is accused of driving a car that claimed the life of motorist David John Beller on June 2.

Martinez claimed a Facebook page titled "Boerne Area Informed Citizens" left nearly half the county prejudiced against Batchelor.

However, when tasked with proving the posts on the social forum had tainted the potential jury pool, Kendall County Assis-

tant District Attorney Bob Lipo noted the defense failed to procure one example during the hearing.

"Martinez claims all kinds of people know about this case but failed to bring a single one of them in," Lipo said in his closing statements to 451st state District Court Judge Kirsten Cohoon.

Martinez called one witness to the stand during the charge of venue hearing. His own investigator, Stan Ramos.

Ramos testified he was the per-

son who discovered the Facebook page in question, bringing it to Martinez's attention.

However, when questioned by Lipo as to whether the investigator verified the residency of any of the roughly 10,500 members of the community forum or whether any of the users were eligible to vote in Kendall County, Ramos confirmed he had done no such investigation.



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HISTORICAL COMMISSION TRAVELS TO PRESIDIO DE SAN SABA



A group of history lovers took a trip to Menard, Texas, Saturday morning to learn the violent history of Spain's failed foray into expanding its Texas control. In the small town, nestled in a county with a population of 2,000, is the once-lust site of Mission Santa Cruz de San Sabá and its corresponding military presidio. The guided tour organized by the Kendall County Historical Commission brought the men who discovered the mission's true location, Mark Wolf, and the president of the Presidio de San Sabá Restoration Corporation, Terry Kelly. Photos by Zachary Taylor Wright

Ritchie wins mayor race

Wright to serve on Boerne City Council.

ZACHARY-TAYLOR WRIGHT

Managing Editor

BOERNE - There's a new mayor in town. Frank Ritchie, owner of Ritchie Automotive Repair, won the mayoral election by a landslide, taking nearly 76% of the 2,074 votes cast.

Ritchie opted not to take the typical campaign route, which usually involves advertising across several mediums.

However, he still took a significant lead in the polls, likely thanks to a grassroots movement which led to signs sprouting across town.

While Ritchie won't be able to cast a vote on city matters from his new seat on the dais - as the mayor only votes to break a tie - leading up to the election, he spoke a lot about retaining a sense of community in town.

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