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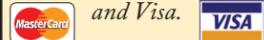
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Verdict shocks supervisors

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Jackson County supervisors this week expressed dismay over the acquittal of two all-terrain vehicle riders who had been accused of riding illegally on a county road.

Magistrate Corliss Baty on Monday, July 20, found Tyler Edward Adrian, 17, of 1309 200th Ave., Maquoketa, and Erik John Arensdorf, 17, of 309 S. Otto St., Maquoketa, not guilty of a charge of operating an ATV on a public highway following a trial.

The two were cited by sheriff's deputies at 9:30 p.m. May 30 at an unspecified location on county road E-17.

At their Tuesday, July 21, meeting, supervisors criticized the verdict and expressed concern that it could undermine their efforts to keep ATVs off county roads.

Supervisors also expressed disappointment at the acquittals in light of their recent action reclassifying a dead-end county road from Class B to Class C because adjoining landowners complained that ATV riders were damaging their farm fields.

Class C roads may be closed to public traffic with a locked gate installed across the road.

County Engineer Clark Schloz said the Adrian and Arensdorf were seen riding near 145th Avenue, the road that was reclassified.

The verdict "was a surprising result to everybody," Schloz said.

Supervisor Steve Flynn called the verdict "very bizarre."

"What's to prevent these guys from continuing to do this without any recourse from the court or the county?" asked Supervisor Steve Flynn.

"It doesn't send the right message," added Supervisor Larry "Buck" Koos.

"I hate to see this establish a precedent where everybody thinks it's OK (to ride an ATV on county roads) now, and it's not."

Supervisors were upset over an apparent misunderstanding of a question and answer during the trial.

Sara Davenport, assistant county attorney, said she asked the deputies involved whether the youths were riding on an approved ATV trail. She said the deputies replied that they were not.

Davenport said Baty afterward said he didn't recall hearing that question and answer.

Koos said the supervisors aren't "educating" the county attorney and magistrates as to the ATV rules. Supervisors said they wanted to discuss the issue with county Attorney Chris Raker.

Baty declined to comment when contacted on Thursday, July 23.

Schloz told the supervisors he drafted a letter stating that none of Jackson County's roads have been designated as ATV trails and delivered the letter to the county attorney's office. He said the county prosecutors could use the letter as evidence at future trials.

Davenport said she received the letter, but said she will rely on testimony from witnesses rather than the letter. She said she may call Schloz to testify in court cases involving illegal ATV riding.

State law prohibits ATVs from being driven on county roads, essentially with two exceptions. One exception is that farmers may drive the off-road vehicles on a county road if necessary to go from farm to farm or from one location to another on their farm for farming purposes.

The other exception is that state law allows counties to establish ATV trails on county roads if they choose.

Schloz noted that that supervisors have discussed that option at length and have declined to designate an ATV route.

Supervisors also noted that there is at least one privately-owned off-road ATV trail in Jackson County, which riders may use for a fee.

Raker downplayed the significance of the issue, saying that Baty "just misheard something, and that happens. It's probably not the first time somebody misheard something."

He added that he won't appeal the verdict, explaining, "We'll move on. I don't want to spend taxpayer dollars to chase after a \$65 ticket."



MSP photos by Mike Earles

Water tower receives a face lift

Workers from Central Tank Coatings of Elgin blast old paint off the top and the base of Maquoketa's west water tower on South Vermont Street on Thursday, July 23. The new coat of fluoropolymer paint they will be adding will have a 20-year lifespan. The word "Maquoketa" and a Cardinal mascot will be painted on the tower as part of the renovation. The City Council in June awarded a \$175,140 contract for painting the 500,000-gallon water tower.

