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Sen. Larry Craig: 'At the time of this incident, I complained to the police that they were misconstruing my actions. I was not involved in any inappropriate conduct.'

Men's room arrest reopens questions about Craig

Idaho senator pleads guilty to disorderly conduct after incident at Minnesota airport that echoes previous allegation of homosexual conduct.

BY DAN POPKEY
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Sen. Larry Craig, who in May told the Idaho Statesman he had never engaged in homosexual acts, was arrested less than a month later by an undercover police officer who said Craig made a sexual advance toward him in an airport men's room.

The arrest at a Minnesota airport prompted Craig to plead guilty to disorderly conduct earlier this month. His June 11 encounter with the officer was similar to an incident in a men's room in a Washington, D.C., rail station described by a Washington-area man to the Idaho Statesman. In that case, the man said he and Craig had sexual contact.

The Minnesota arrest was first reported Monday by Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper.

In an interview on May 14, Craig told the Idaho Statesman he'd never engaged in sex with a man or solicited sex with a man. The Craig interview was the culmination of a Statesman investigation that began after a blogger accused Craig of homosexual sex in October. Over five months, the Statesman examined rumors about Craig dating to his college days and his 1982 pre-emptive denial that he had sex with underage congressional pages.

The most serious finding by the Statesman was the report by a professional man with close ties to Republican officials. The 40-year-old man reported having oral sex with Craig at Washington's Union Station, probably in 2004. The Statesman also spoke with a man who said Craig made a sexual advance toward him at the University of Idaho in 1967 and a man who said Craig "cruised" him for sex in 1994 at the REI store in Boise. The Statesman also explored dozens of allegations that proved untrue, unclear or unverifiable.



U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, who spoke with the Statesman at length in May, denies ever engaging in or soliciting sex with a man.

Craig, 62, was elected to Congress in 1980. Should he win reelection in 2008 and complete his term, he would be the longest-serving Idahoan ever in Congress. His record includes a series of votes against gay rights and his support of a 2006 amendment to the Idaho Constitution that bars gay marriage and civil unions.

News about the June 11 arrest at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport was reported on Roll Call's Web site Monday. According

to the Statesman, Craig was arrested in an airport men's room. **MAIN 4**

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DNA links suspect to 1982 rape and slaying

Sheriff says genetic evidence may not be enough to convict the Utah inmate of the murder of Lisa Chambers.

BY PATRICK ORR
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After nearly 25 frustrating years, a DNA match with a convicted killer may have solved the 1982 Ada County murder of 14-year-old Lisa Chambers.

But the case isn't closed, and the Ada County sheriff hopes local residents will come forward with more evidence.

Just finding a DNA match between Utah inmate Wesley Allen Tuttle and Chambers — a developmentally disabled girl found sexually assaulted and strangled in a cornfield near Lake Hazel and Five Mile roads on Thanksgiving day 1982 — might not be enough to convict Tuttle of her murder, Sheriff Gary Raney said Monday.

With only one other piece of evidence — a girl fitting Chambers' description was seen near the Ada County Fairgrounds next to a white truck registered to Tuttle the day after she went missing — detectives hope to find more evidence to charge Tuttle and resolve a case that has vexed deputies for decades.

"There are always a few criminal cases that haunt a law enforcement organization," Raney said. "The case of Lisa Chambers is one that haunts the Ada County Sheriff's Office. Detectives would pull (the case file) out and say, 'What have we missed? Who could we interview?'"

Detectives say Lisa's mother, Nancy — the girl's only remaining local relative — was thrilled to hear the news, but she was not available for comment Monday. Detectives say



Wesley Allen Tuttle in 1984



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Idaho lawmakers sad to see Gonzales go

Delegation also expresses some relief. The U.S. attorney for Idaho calls departing attorney general a 'true patriot.'

BY ERIKA BOLSTAD
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WASHINGTON — Idaho's all-Republican congressional delegation offered reactions to the resignation of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Monday ranging from relief to disappointment.

Gonzales had become a distraction to President Bush, largely because of his firing of eight U.S. attorneys around the nation, and his decision to step down "takes some heat off the president, on the domestic issues," said 2nd District Rep. Mike Simpson.

"I think it was probably a good thing, and not because I don't think that Gonzales has been, from my view, a decent attorney general," Simpson said. "He was the albatross around the neck of the administration."

Sen. Mike Crapo said that nothing suggested Gonzales had interfered with any federal investigations or perjured himself.

"I'm disappointed to see him make the decision," Crapo said.

First District Rep. Bill Sali has always felt that Gonzales "had the statutory authority to hire and fire the U.S. attorneys who

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RESIGNATION MAY MAKE BUSH'S JOB EASIER. MAIN 11



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS / The Associated Press
U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announces his resignation at a press conference Monday at the Department of Justice in Washington.

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Obesity rates continued to climb in 31 states, including Idaho, last year, and no state showed a decrease. **MAIN 11**

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A federal grant could extend Boise's geothermal system, giving Boise State University a chance to tap into the affordable heat source. **MAIN 3**

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