Busta testifies against Resh and Gondor

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Troy Busta, who has spent more than two decades in prison for the 1988 murder of a Randolph woman, returned to the stand Tuesday to once again testify against the men he said carried out the crime with him. Randy Resh and Bob Gondor, who were convicted in 1990 of murdering Connie Nardi, are suing to stop a ruling of “actual innocence” from Visa-jay Carson Shapiro in Portage County Common Pleas Court.

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deadly weather. Tornadoes usually strike in the late afternoon and evening.

One of the hardest-hit areas in Monday evening's barrage of twisters was Tupelo, Miss., where a gas station looked as if it had been steppled on by a giant.

Francis Gonzalez, who also owns a convenience store and Mexican restaurant attached to the service station, took cover with her three children and two employees in the store's cooler as the roof over the gas pumps was reduced to aluminum shards.

"My Lord, how can all this happen in just one second?" she said.

On Tuesday, the growl of chain saws cut through the otherwise still, hazy morning in Tupelo. Massive oak trees, knocked over, blocked roads. Neighbors helped one another cut away limbs.

By the government's preliminary count, 11 tornadoes — including one that killed 15 people in Arkansas — struck the nation's midsection on Sunday, and at least 25 ravaged the South on Monday, the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center said.

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"I'm very happy with it," he said. "I was surprised because it had a much bigger impact than I had imagined."

Heather Malarek, executive director of Main Street Kent, said the city is hoping to install other murals around town following van't Hooff's successful project that transformed an otherwise unremarkable Kent alley into a work of art.

"We can't tell him how much we appreciate him doing that," Malarek said.

The Ronald Burbick Award — whose namesake entrepreneur and philanthropist invested in Acorn Alley, restored the old Kent Hotel and helped spark downtown Kent's revival — is awarded to those who have made significant contributions to the city's reinvigoration.