Coed Kills Herself to Spare Pet Dog Doomed By Father

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 6 (AP) — Linda Marie Ault killed herself, policemen said today, rather than make her dog Beauty pay for her night with a married man.

“I killed her. I killed her. It’s just like I killed her myself,” a detective quoted her grief-stricken father as saying.

“I handed her the gun. I didn’t think she would do anything like that.”

The 21-year-old Arizona State University coed died in a hospital yesterday of a gunshot wound in the head. The police quoted her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ault, as giving this account:

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The Aults decided on a punishment that would “wake Linda up.” They ordered her to shoot the dog she had owned about two years.

On Saturday, the Aults and Linda took the dog into the desert near their home. They had the girl dig a shallow grave. Then Mrs. Ault grasped the dog between her hands, and Mr. Ault gave his daughter a .22-caliber pistol and told her to shoot the dog.

Instead, the girl put the pistol to her right temple and shot herself.

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Nonliterary Prose: Sample Poem

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- Julius Lester
Nonliterary Prose: Directions

Objective: Transform a short magazine or newspaper article into poetry

Do:
1. Read the example of a newspaper article turned into poetry.
2. Individually, select an article from the newspapers and/or magazines provided.
3. Transform your article into poetry

Reflection Questions:
1. Why did you choose the article you did? Did knowing that you would have to transform the article into poetry effect your selection? If so, how? What qualities did you look for in the article?
2. What details from the article did you omit from your poem? Which were you sure to include? Give at least one example of each and explain why.
3. How is the poem you developed similar to and different from the article you selected? Did you intentionally create these differences and similarities?

Save for your Poetry Booklet:
1. The article from which you developed the poem. Ask Ms. Martinez or Ms. Fay to photocopy this article for you.
2. The poem you developed from the newspaper article.
3. Answers to the reflection questions.