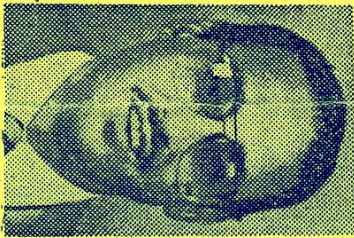


MARK GIETZEN

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Sen. Paul Feleciano, right, and his opponent, Republican Mark Gietzen, have pointed out each other's problems: a debt owed by Feleciano's company, and a misdemeanor battery conviction against Gietzen.

His opponent for the 28th District seat, Republican Mark Gietzen, was convicted in 1987 of misdemeanor battery for hitting his wife; after pleading no contest to the charge, he was sentenced to a year's probation. Gietzen and his wife have divorced, and he has custody of two children.

Gietzen told the Eagle-Beacon about Feleciano's financial problems on Friday. Feleciano, D-Wichita, previously had raised the issue of Gietzen's battery conviction.

Gietzen had pleaded no contest in Sedgwick County District Court in February 1987 to misdemeanor battery. His wife, Lisa R. Gietzen, had accused him of punching her in her face and head on July 6, 1986, at his house at 5575 S. Mosley.

She suffered cuts, bruises and abrasions, she said in a misdemeanor complaint she filed five months later.

Gietzen said the fight started when his wife came home after being gone for three days. They argued, and Lisa Gietzen hit him with a curling iron, he said. He said he hit her in the face and gave her a bloody nose.

Feleciano said that Gietzen's conviction was significant because he was campaigning on a strong pro-life, pro-family platform.

"Somebody should ask him how he is going to vote on battered and abused women," said Feleciano. "There's a record against him on that."

Mark Gietzen, twice divorced but "pro-family" 522-8866

EX-GOP official charged in abuse

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"There was no domestic violence," says Mark Gietzen, who is accused of beating his 8-year-old son.

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Mark Gietzen, a former Sedgwick County Republican Party chairman, has been arrested on suspicion of child abuse, Wichita police records show.

Gietzen, 49, said he is innocent. He has been accused of beating his 8-year-old son, who was not hospitalized, according to police. A police report said Gietzen had been accused of "beating the victim's head against the wall numerous times and slapping him repeatedly in the face, causing visible injuries." The incident

allegedly occurred Tuesday at Gietzen's home. Gietzen said he slapped his son three times but with a minimum of force, and he denies there was any visible injury. "There was no domestic violence," he said.

Wichita police Lt. Roy Mitchell, with Sedgwick County's Exploited and Missing Child Unit, said authorities are investigating a case involving a 49-year-old father and his 8-year-

old son. Mitchell would not name the suspect but said he had been arrested and booked on suspicion of child abuse.

Gietzen said he had been released from jail Wednesday night, and he maintained that any case against him had been dropped.

But Mitchell said investigators expect to present the case to prosecutors later this week. Prosecutors will decide whether to file charges.

Gietzen is president of Kansas Republican Coalition for Life, which he says has about 3,000 members.

He also is owner and director of a private, nonprofit service called Christian Singles Information Exchange, which calls itself an information network for marriage-minded Christian singles.

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