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Mark Hayes, 58, of Harwood, N.D., also pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a solicitation of prostitution charge. Hayes is the information technology director at Forum Communications Co., which owns The Daily Republic.

Skoglund and Hayes have the same attorney, Daniel Edward Hopper, who appeared on their behalf to enter the not guilty pleas. A July jury trial was set in each case.