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Rapist charged in rock throwing

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WALNUT HILLS – A 41-year-old man with a history of criminal convictions, including one for rape, was arrested and charged Wednesday with four rock-throwing attacks on female motorists since August, injuring two women.

Rodney Maxwell of Avondale is held at the Hamilton County jail in lieu of \$250,000 bond. He faces four counts of felonious assault with a deadly weapon.

He threw large rocks through car windows on Aug. 18, Aug. 20 and twice on Sept. 14, court records show.

All but one of the attacks occurred while the women were sitting at a red light [http://data.cincinnati.com/navigator/Default.aspx?ll=39.12866204430338,-84.50313448905946&ppt=Ex-rapist charged in rock throwing&ppd=A 41-year-old convicted rapist was arrested and charged Wednesday with four rock-throwing attacks at female motorists since August, injuring two women.](http://data.cincinnati.com/navigator/Default.aspx?ll=39.12866204430338,-84.50313448905946&ppt=Ex-rapist%20charged%20in%20rock%20throwing&ppd=A%2041-year-old%20convicted%20rapist%20was%20arrested%20and%20charged%20Wednesday%20with%20four%20rock-throwing%20attacks%20at%20female%20motorists%20since%20August,%20injuring%20two%20women.) in the 600 block of William Howard Taft Road, according to Cincinnati police. One of the Sept. 14 incidents occurred nearby, in the 2500 block of Highland Avenue.

In two of the cases, the drivers were slightly injured. On Aug. 18, a woman was struck on the chin, and on Sept. 14 another woman was hit on the back of the head, records show.

Amanda McGinnis, 19, of Lebanon, was one of those attacked. She was struck in the chin with a rock.

A rock smashed through her driver's side window as she sat in her Jeep Liberty at a red light on William Howard Taft Road just before 5 a.m. on Sept. 18. She was on her way to work as a nurse's aide at Christ Hospital.

"I saw a guy come up from the White Castle on Taft," she recalled today. "He crossed the street and then he went over to the median and he kind of went behind my car. I thought he left but then he came back again around toward the driver's side of my window. He bent down and picked something up. I saw something coming toward my car. I thought it was him. The next thing I knew it was a rock and it shattered my window and hit me on the chin."

Stunned, it took her a few moments to realize what happened. Then, fearing for her life, she sped off. "I gunned it," she said. "I put my foot on the gas pedal and ran to the hospital."

It took three stitches to close the gash on her chin. The attack frightened her so much, her boyfriend drove her to work for the next three weeks. She just started driving herself to work again on Wednesday. She keeps her car doors locked now at all times.

Her sense of security remains badly shaken, she said, especially upon hearing of Maxwell's lengthy criminal record.

"It gives me the chills," she said. "I think the thing that scared me the most was I didn't know what he

wanted. I didn't know if he just wanted to scare me or just hurt me. I didn't know what was going to happen. I didn't know what he was going to do to me, or if he even wanted to do anything to me."

She said she hopes he remains behind bars for a long time now.

"I hope he realizes that he can't do this to people and that it affects people long term more than just having their window shattered."

Maxwell is scheduled to appear today in Hamilton County Municipal Court. When he does, he also will face a judge on an unrelated charge of sexual imposition.

He is accused of following a woman into an elevator on May 26, standing directly behind her and grabbing her buttocks, court records show. He also allegedly exposed himself.

Maxwell has a prior rape conviction, according to court records, as well convictions for kidnapping, public indecency and aggravated menacing.

Maxwell was convicted of exposing himself to a staff member at the Volunteers of America halfway house in Over-the-Rhine in June 2007, court records show. He also was convicted of telling another staff member he was going to rape and kill someone.

Earlier this year, in July, he was convicted of a second public indecency charge after he approached stopped vehicles on a public street and exposed himself, according to court records.

Maxwell was convicted of a Oct. 2004 assault charge in which he punched a Hamilton County Sheriff's deputy at the county jail. He has been in and out of state prisons and the Hamilton County jail several times over the past 20 years, according to court records.

This is latest case in Cincinnati in which someone riding in a vehicle was struck by a thrown rock.

In another rock-throwing attack this month, Doreen Allen, 35, of Walnut Hills, was charged with felonious assault for allegedly hurling a rock at a moving car in the 6500 block of Kirkland Drive. The Sept. 16 incident damaged a man's vehicle.

In June, a Clermont County woman was critically injured when a rock thrown at the taxicab she was riding in on Columbia Parkway struck her head. She is recovering, and a 16-year-old East End teen recently pleaded guilty to the offense.



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Death row inmate no longer wants to die

By Joe Biesk
The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Kentucky Supreme Court justices are considering the appeal of a death row inmate who no longer wants to be executed for killing his estranged wife and their son.

Shawn Windsor was sentenced to death nearly three years ago for the 2003 slayings of Betty Jean Windsor and 8-year-old Corey. Windsor's attorney, David Niehaus, told justices on Wednesday that Windsor requested the death penalty just days after attempting to kill himself with a drug overdose.

Windsor no longer wants to be executed, Niehaus added.

Among the reasons Windsor should not be executed, Niehaus argued, the trial judge should have ordered a more thorough mental evaluation following Windsor's suicide attempt.

"It's like selling a car, 'We got them, they're ready. Put the keys in their hands and they can drive it off the lot,'" Niehaus said. "That's what this guilty plea ended up being."

Windsor was sentenced to death in November 2006 for killing his estranged wife and son. The victims were found beaten and stabbed to death in their apartment.

At the time of his arrest, Windsor told police that he had killed his wife and son as part of a suicide pact.

Federal authorities found Windsor working at a Shelby, N.C., junk yard seven months later.

On Wednesday, justices focused much of their attention on the narrow timeline of 10 days between Windsor's attempted suicide with a drug overdose and the day he pleaded "guilty" and asked for a death sentence.

That span between the suicide attempt and request for the death penalty may have indicated Windsor's mental state and a desire to have the court system "finish the job," Niehaus told the court.

A hospital physician who treated Windsor after the attempted suicide had scribbled notes in the inmate's chart that said he was feeling hopeless, was wishing for death and may have been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, Niehaus said.

"We're talking about the death penalty here and we better be real sure," Niehaus said.

But Justice Will T. Scott asked whether Windsor's actions simply may have been his recognition that he "needed to die" for what he had done.

"Can't that be sane conduct?" Scott asked.

Niehaus, however, said that because of the recent suicide attempt Windsor's trial judge should have ordered a subsequent evaluation.

"The fact that there has been a suicide attempt, it raises such a flag that there has to be a real work-up," Niehaus said.

Assistant Attorney General Hays Lawson said there was no evidence Windsor was incompetent at the time of his plea or sentencing. And before the suicide attempt there was "no question" that Windsor was competent to stand trial and knew what he was doing by requesting the death penalty, Lawson said.

"He was doing this of his own free will," Lawson said.

Family members of Betty Jean Windsor who were present at the courtroom on Wednesday declined to comment.

Kentucky has executed three inmates since 1976 when the death penalty was reinstated.

Windsor was the second Kentucky inmate in a three-year span to request execution by the state. Marco Allen Chapman did not fight his execution for the December 2004 murders of two children and their mother in a northern Kentucky attack. Chapman was executed in November 2008.

It could take months for the court to come to a decision on Windsor.

Ohio saluted for work to track sex offenders

Database links 88 counties, prisons

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BY **JAMES NASH**

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Ohio is the first state in the country to reach "substantial implementation" of the provisions of a federal law cracking down on sex offenders, the state and federal attorneys general said yesterday.

The state is largely in compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, which is part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, according to Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

Cordray's office oversees Ohio's Electronic Sex Offender Registration and Notification database, which links to all 88 of Ohio's sheriff's offices and all 32 state prisons. The public can search the database for registered sex offenders.

"Effective tracking and monitoring of sex offenders equips parents with the information they need to keep their children safe," Cordray said in a news release. "Taking deliberate steps to provide a common foundation for all the registration systems throughout the United States allows our families to make the most effective use of the information those systems provide."

States, tribes and territories must "substantially implement" the sex-offender law by July 26, 2010, or face a 10 percent reduction in federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding.

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Death row inmate killed Madison graduate

Staff Report

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HUNTSVILLE, Tex. — After nearly 12 years in prison, a man convicted of killing a Madison High School graduate working as a police officer in Texas will be put to death today, Sept. 24.

Kenneth Mosley, 51, is scheduled to be executed in the killing of Officer Michael Moore, a 1982 Madison graduate.

Moore had been working with the Garland, Texas, police force for 10 years when he was shot four times by Mosley during an attempted bank robbery in February 1997.

Moore was the first person to respond to a call of a suspicious man inside a bank. When Moore confronted Mosley, the two scuffled before crashing through a window. Mosley pulled a gun and shot the officer four times. When Mosley attempted to re-enter the bank, he was shot in the wrist by another police officer and apprehended.

Mosley was wanted at the time for another holdup. He had a criminal background that included sexual assault, possession of marijuana and illegal knives and several thefts, according to reports.

Moore was a highly commended officer and had served two tours of duty as a U.S. Marine.

He and his wife, Sheila, a 1980 Madison High School graduate, had three young children at the time of his death at the age of 32.

Thousand attended a vigil in Texas for Moore. He also was remembered with a funeral service in Middletown and was buried in Kentucky, where his family lives.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Prison inmates caring for new SR 57 landscaping

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ELYRIA — Inmates at the Northcoast Correctional Treatment Facility will maintain the new landscaping along SR 57 at no cost to Elyria, according to Mayor William Grace.

Due to a lack of funds, Grace searched for ways to save money, but still maintain the landscaping that was added this year along the recently repaved SR 57 between Chestnut Ridge Road and Lorain Boulevard.

The city invested about \$42,000 on the landscaping that cost \$505,000, according to the city. The majority of the landscaping costs were paid through state and federal funds. The prison's authorities and the city signed a contract that starts early next year, Grace said.

"We're thrilled it's worked out," he said.

Six inmates will be assigned to cut grass, trim weeds and care for the plants, shrubs and trees that were planted, Grace said.

Under the contract of the landscaper, any plants that don't last for at least one year will be replaced at no cost to the city, Grace said.

Another grant for approximately \$50,000, obtained through the Solid Waste District, will pay for industrial lawn mowers, weed trimmers and other equipment that the inmates will use exclusively to care for the property, Grace said.

The correctional facility has provided similar services to the city in the past, which has always proven a benefit to the city, Grace said. "They've done an excellent job. We very much appreciate their service," Grace said.

The city studied its union contracts with city workers to ensure there were no conflicts concerning utilizing free services, he added.

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Fugitive found in Big Easy after 4 years

News Journal staff report

MANSFIELD -- A sex offender who walked away from a local halfway house and was on the run for four years was arrested Wednesday in a suburb of New Orleans.

Eddie Spillman, 47, was considered one of Richland County's most wanted fugitives. He had warrants for failure to register as a sex offender, escape and violation of parole.

In 1991, he was convicted of sexual battery and burglary and sentenced to 10 to 15 years in prison. Spillman failed to appear for his subsequent court hearing, resulting in an arrest warrant.

His case was featured on the Fox show "America's Most Wanted" in 1991. Within days, he was arrested in Texas. Spillman served 12 years and was released to the local Volunteers of America halfway house in May 2004. He escaped in July 2005 and had been on the run ever since.

In the last four years, the Richland County division of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, Richland County sheriff, Shelby police and the Ohio Adult Parole Authority followed leads from across the country.

In 2007, Spillman was again featured on "America's Most Wanted." His profile has remained on the show's Web site, but there were no solid leads until Monday.

An Ohio resident recognized Spillman's photo and contacted the task force to report he was working construction in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and going by the alias Robert E. Spillman. He had apparently assumed his brother's identity.

Task force officers set up surveillance throughout the city and saw a man matching Spillman's description leaving an apartment in Metairie, La. He identified himself as Robert Spillman and refused to answer questions. He was subsequently booked as a fugitive from justice and is awaiting extradition to Ohio.

"If it wasn't for our partnership with the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, this violent sex offender would have never been captured. The task force never rests on these violent offenders that threaten our community," Richland County Sheriff Steve Sheldon said.

U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott said, "The hands of the U.S. Marshal Service reach farther than most people realize. This arrest would not have been possible if the deputies and task force officers had not had such open lines of communication. It is a credit to them and the vigilance that they put forth to bring this man to justice."



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Mansfield larcenist in prison after violating probation

By *LOU WHITMIRE*
News Journal

MANSFIELD -- Dawn Jessop avoided prison last spring despite her involvement in an extortion scheme involving Stephen Dent, a DuPont heir in Greenwich, Conn.

However, the 29-year-old Brae Burn Road woman is behind bars today after violating her probation. Last week, Jessop was sentenced in Richland County Common Pleas Court to 18 months at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville in an unrelated case, having violated probation on seven counts before completing her second week on supervision.

Jessop's attorney, Allen D. Werstiuk, did not return calls seeking comment.

Her husband, Christopher Jessop, 30, is serving an 18-month sentence at Bridgeport Correctional Facility in Connecticut, where he has been since March 18.

Dawn Jessop also pleaded guilty to first-degree larceny and received a five-year suspended prison sentence in the Connecticut case, which drew nationwide attention. The Madison Comprehensive High School graduate received three years probation.

Greenwich police reported the couple used a Web site where wealthy men and women pay for companionship. The Jessops, who resided in Mansfield, were arrested in Greenwich in a sting after trying to extort money from Dent.

Having returned to Mansfield in May, Dawn Jessop faced a charge of illegal processing of drug documents, stemming from a Nov. 17 arrest on a fourth-degree felony drug possession charge.

On July 15, Richland County Common Pleas Judge James Henson ordered Dawn Jessop, who pleaded guilty, be placed on three years community control. Less than two weeks later, on July 28, Mansfield police stopped her. Richland County Adult Probation Officer Dan George told the court Aug. 3 that Jessop was stopped July 29 for driving under suspension and subsequently arrested.

"The subject was followed in her vehicle to Davis Street," George wrote. "... officers located an oxycodone on the driver's seat and a cellular phone. The cellular phone revealed pornography of the subject and communication with the subject's husband and (another subject). It was also learned that (Jessop) went to (the other subject's) home during restricted curfew hours and spent the night.

"Further, (she) tested positive for oxycodone and refused to name the person she received the narcotics from when ordered to do so by this officer. (Jessop) was granted great leniency in sentencing given her recent legal issues, and yet managed to break no less than nine of her conditions prior to completing her second week on ISP supervision."

Probation violations cited in court records show driving under suspension, possession of oxycodone, testing positive for oxycodone, in possession of a cellular phone, in possession of pornography, disobeying a direct order from a supervising officer and communicating with her husband via cellular phone in violation of a supervising officer's order.

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Web site reported Dawn Jessop was admitted to the Marysville prison Sept. 17, and will remain there through March 6, 2011.

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Safety Day at the Career Center

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There were plenty of instructors at the Washington County Career Center's Youth Safety Day Wednesday, from local professionals to law enforcement, but there was one presenter whose words - and attire - really caught the attention of the high school students.

Dylan Ogle, dressed in his orange jumpsuit from the Belmont Correctional Institution, headed to the front of a Career Center classroom several times throughout the day, telling the students where he ended up after driving drunk and high on prescription pills.

"It kind of scared me," said junior Adam Baker, 17. "At first I thought he was, like, an actor. Then I come to find out he's a real inmate."

Ogle, 28, who is more than four years into a six-year sentence for vehicular homicide, told the groups about prison life and the mistake he made to get there.

Battling a drug problem since age 14, Ogle said that at 23 he finally had a good job, a good girlfriend and friends and was attending meetings for his addiction.

But after drinking and taking "a lot of pills," for which he had a legitimate prescription, Ogle, of Cambridge, caused a head-on collision which instantly killed an 18-year-old girl and left him in a coma for months.

"It makes you think twice," said senior Lori Burns, 17. "You don't want to end up in the same situation."

About a month after Ogle emerged from the coma, as he began to again recognize his friends and family, he was told the details of the accident.

"They told me I killed a girl," Ogle said. "It crushed me. I just remember thinking my life was over."

Before even heading to prison, Ogle had to face hard days. While recovering from the accident and out on bond before sentencing, he had to have his girlfriend bathe him, clothe him and even help him go to the bathroom.

Later, he had to face the family of the girl he killed. Her mother told him in court that her daughter would be waiting for him after his death and would slam the doors to hell behind him.

"I still remember her exact words," Ogle said.

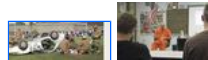
Ogle's presentation was just one of many during the Safety Day that the organizers and school officials hoped made an impact.

"We just want to open their eyes a little bit," said Jim Harris, on the board of directors for the Mid-Ohio Valley Safety Council, which sponsored the event. "We may not touch all the students, but even if we can get half, that's an accomplishment."

The day began in a big way, with a mock crash scene in front of the school. Several area fire departments responded, and a MedFlight helicopter landed at the school to assist the victim as the students watched.

"We wanted to drive the point home that if you drink and drive or drive and text, or other unsafe behavior, this could be the result," said Harris.

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Firefighters work on a "victim" of a mock crash, as students look on Wednesday morning as part of a Youth Safety Day at the Washington County Career Center.

Fact Box

Topics covered

Some of the topics covered at Youth Safety Day:

- Internet safety.
- First aid training.
- Electrical safety.
- Trenching and excavating.
- Working in confined spaces.
- Job application and interview skills.

More of the 14 classes offered during the daylong event included a course on Internet safety, first aid training and some lessons that pertained directly to the students' studies at the Career Center, including electrical safety, trenching and excavating and a study of how to use equipment when working in confined spaces.

"That one helped me," said junior Dean Miller, 16, an industrial mechanics student. "It helps to know what we'll have to go down into and the different gases to watch out for."

The career-oriented lessons were mostly a way to reinforce what the Career Center instructors teach the students already, said Miller.

"We go over safety every day," he said. "But it's a lot better to hear it from different people."

Along with life safety and career safety, a few sessions simply focused on helping students get a job and stay employed. Dave Fleming, general manager of Greenleaf Landscapes, guided the students through filling out an application and gave them tips on how to appear ready to hire.

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