

E Block member gets 6 years in prison

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YOUNGSTOWN

The attorney for a man being sentenced in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court for being part of a West Side street gang Wednesday said his client is not a typical gang member.

Michael Kivlighan, the lawyer for 20-year-old Tyrone Gordon of North Broadway Avenue, said his client is soft-spoken and plans to get his general equivalency diploma while he is in prison. He said his client fell in with the wrong people due to a lack of education and a poor economy.

"He does not fit the stereotypical gangbanger type person," Kivlighan said. "He

made some poor choices and he made some poor decisions."

Gordon was sentenced to six years in prison by Judge Lou A D'Apolito on charges of trafficking in cocaine, trafficking in a counterfeit controlled substance, two counts of felonious assault, two counts of aggravated robbery, possession of heroin and participation in criminal gang activity with gang specifications to all the counts.

The sentence was jointly recommended by Assistant Prosecutor Martin Desmond and Kivlighan. Gordon entered guilty pleas to those charges Dec. 22.

Prosecutors say Gordon was a member of the E Block Gang, which got its name

from Evanston Avenue on the lower West Side, and the gang also operated in the Portland and Maryland avenues in that part of the city.

Kivlighan disagreed with Desmond's characterization of the group as an "organized" criminal gang, but he did say his client was complicit in taking part in illegal activities.

The felonious-assault and aggravated-robbery charges come from an attack on two men who were leaving a Mahoning Avenue bar, Desmond said. Desmond said they were beaten and their

watches and keys were taken. Both suffered significant injuries and one of the men was hospitalized, Desmond said.

Judge D'Apolito said he will consider judicial release when Gordon is eligible, but that Gordon must behave himself in prison. He said he wants Gordon to present him with a plan for his future.

The judge said Gordon could still live a long and happy life if he stays out of trouble. He said keeping up the same activity can lead to only two outcomes in the future: death or prison.

"At some point, you have to remove yourself from the equation," Judge D'Apolito said.



Gordon

Indicted in murder case, man gets max on probation violation

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

The suspect in the November killing of a South Side store owner received a maximum sentence on a probation violation Wednesday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court.

Larry McDonald, 19, who has an address on Truman Avenue, according to court records, received an 18-month sentence from Judge R. Scott Krichbaum after he was found to have violated his probation on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

McDonald was indicted on the charge in November 2013 after it was bound over from municipal court. He pleaded guilty in December 2013 and received a sentence of probation on Feb. 28, 2014, according to court records.

Later, McDonald was indicted by a grand jury on charges of aggravated murder and murder in the Nov. 19 shooting of 29-year-old Abdullah Nagi Mahdi at Mahdi's 2608 South Avenue, Reemas Fashion store.

A pretrial hearing in the case is set for March 5 and a jury trial is scheduled for March 9.

McDonald also was in-



McDonald

dicted on a separate charge of aggravated robbery in the robbery of a Reemas Fashion store on Belmont Avenue

the before the South Avenue shooting, and two counts of carrying a concealed weapon. All of the counts have firearms specifications attached to them.

Police say McDonald walked into the South Avenue store about 4:30 p.m., and employees were suspicious because he was acting like the person who had robbed the Belmont Avenue store the day before. They alerted Mahdi, who grabbed a gun he kept in the store, and at some point, the two shot at each other.

Mahdi was shot in the head and killed, and McDonald was hit twice in the stomach. He was hospitalized for several days before being transferred to the county jail from St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.

McDonald has no other adult criminal record and a court spokesman said he has no juvenile criminal record.



KATIE RICKMAN | THE VINDICATOR

Donation brings happy feet

Angela Saunders and her husband, Clinton, of Youngstown look over a pair of shoes at the Salvation Army's headquarters on Glenwood Avenue. Ankle & Foot Care Centers donated more than 500 pairs of shoes to the SA, and the distribution to needy families took place Wednesday. The business, which has 19 offices in Northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania, collected the shoes during its annual holiday shoe drive.

COURTS

MAHONING COUNTY

MARRIAGE LICENSES

David A. Harris, 28, of 188 Johnson Road, West Middlesex, Pa., and Mary Lou Boots, 29, of same.
Anthony J. Hodge, 30, of 240 S. Bon Air Ave., Youngstown, and Shanice A.L. Bell, 26, of same.
Jazzman V. Blackmon, 30, of 2771 Robinwood Ave., Youngstown, and Lisa D. Robinson, 40, of 2729 Tampa Ave., Youngstown.
Gerald E. Murray, 69, of 6866 E. Wood St., Lowellville, and Cathy J. Lipinski, 64, of same.
Miguel A. Ramirez, 31, of 1485 Woodcrest Drive, Youngstown, and Rebecca L. Cortez, 18, of same.

DIVORCES ASKED

Richard C. Cooper, 421 S. Edgehill Ave., Youngstown, v. Debra A. Cooper, 173 Brookpark Drive, Canfield.
Namon Carter III, 1884 Cordova Ave., Youngstown, v. Samantha J. Carter, Wytheville, Va.
Carolyn Love, 113 N. Bruce St., Youngstown, v. Keith A. Love, 1442 Forestview Drive, Youngstown.
Michele L. Buggs, 1055 W. Woodland Ave., Youngstown, v. Jonathan D. Buggs, 1364 Scioto St., Youngstown.
Hector Pagan, 110 E. Wood St., Youngstown, v. Zoraida Gonzalez-Pagan, 33 Monette St., Campbell.
Dianna M. Jackson, 26 Katherine St., Struthers, v. Nijonjo K. Jackson Sr., c/o Su-Jon Enterprises, 3170 Highland Ave. SW, Warren.
Demetrios Combis, 6054 Tam O Shanter Drive, Poland, v. Elise Combis, 13438 Cusick Road, Lisbon.

DISSOLUTIONS ASKED

Banan Imshat, 127 Indianola Road, Boardman, and Ihab Abdelrahman, 7145 Locust Ave., Boardman.
Jacqueline Ferguson, 100 E. Washington St., Struthers, and Mark Fergu-

son, 3015 Spittler Road, Poland.

NEW COMPLAINTS

Syncretic Financial Inc. v. Rachel A. Little et al, foreclosure.
County Treasurer v. Gerald J. Diorio et al, foreclosure.
Crescentia A. Lind v. Ronald Havalo, other torts.
County Treasurer v. Josephine Tolbert et al, foreclosure.
County Treasurer v. Milliard Turner et al, foreclosure.
County Treasurer v. St. Mark Lodge #3, foreclosure.
County Treasurer v. Net Relations Inc. et al, foreclosure.
County Treasurer v. Vera Mays et al, foreclosure.
County Treasurer v. Josie M. Anderson et al, foreclosure.
Eleanor Dutton v. Joseph M. Crum Jr. et al, other torts.
Revolutions in Nutrition LLC v. Youngstown Academy of Excellence et al, money.
Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. v. Ike J. Henry Sr. et al, foreclosure.
PNC Bank NA v. Charles B. Muth et al, money.
Carla Stoffel et al v. Cameron C. McIntyre et al, other torts.
Judith A. Cerimele et al v. Walmart Supercenter, money.
Juanita Walters v. Quest Diagnostics Inc. et al, other torts.
Leila Kirkwood et al v. Ronald G. Bicklerstaff, other torts.
Cathy Welsh v. William Dorman et al, other torts.
Matthew Lucas v. Modern Builders Supply Inc. et al, workers' compensation.

DOCKET

State v. Mike Fiscus, sentenced to eight months with Ohio Department of Rehab and Corrections.
State v. Donald K. Loveless, sentenced to three years' probation through APA.
State v. Joe Poole, sentenced to 18 months on counts one and two, served concurrently to each other

BIRTHS

ST. ELIZABETH BOARDMAN HOSPITAL

Brittney Brown and Daniel Eavers, New Springfield, boy, Feb. 10.
Vincent and Bethann Gallo, Youngstown, boy, Feb. 10.
Marissa Fusco and Aaron Baker Jr., Struthers, girl, Feb. 10.

ST. JOSEPH WARREN HOSPITAL

Amanda Marek and Jonte Stroud, Warren, girl, Feb. 11.
Dessie Kelson and Marcus McConnell, Warren, girl, Feb. 11.
Editor's Note: ValleyCare Health System of Ohio, which operates Northside Medical Center and Trumbull Memorial Hospital, no longer provides birth announcements for publication in The Vindicator.

and two other cases.
State v. Capricia B. Williams, sentenced to one year's probation through APA and license suspended for one year.
State v. Alphonso West, pleads guilty.
State v. Havert Minor, sentenced to one year on counts one and two, served concurrently, and consecutive to one year on a firearm specification.
CitiMortgage Inc. et al v. James H. Johnston et al, confirmation of sale and distribution.
CitiMortgage Inc. v. Eric L. Wegendt et al, confirmation of sale, ordering deed and distribution.
Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. v. Leonard W. McClendon et al, sheriff's sale withdrawn.
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA v. Michael D. Swain et al, order of magistrate.
Bank of America NA v. Kimberly A. Cameron et al, confirmation of sale and distribution.
Bank of America NA v. Deborah Bundy et al, sheriff's sale cancelled.
Danny Hendricks v. Philip Rogers et

al, settled.
Fed Home Loan Mtg. Corp. v. Michael J. Felt et al, confirmation of sale and distribution.
Cynthia J. Amedia v. Danny Boys Italian Eatery, decision of magistrate.
RBS Citizens NA v. Larry Feicht et al, order of magistrate.
National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2006-2 v. Timothy Ellis, dismissed.
SKW Prep LLC v. Thomas M. Fabry et al, order of magistrate.
Lauren Russell v. Ronald Campbell, order of magistrate.
Jolita Baker v. Justin Glover, order of magistrate.
Krista Lawson v. Laura Mitchell, order of magistrate.
Krista Lawson v. Donna Mitchell, order of magistrate.
Krista Lawson v. Shawn Mitchell, order of magistrate.
Krista Lawson v. Bradford Mitchell, order of magistrate.
Joe Finocchi v. Thomas Tedesco, order of magistrate.
Annette W. Mitchell v. Shawn Gore, order of magistrate.

REAL ESTATE

David C. Lu et al to Joseph B. Nuzzi et al, Hunters Cove, Boardman, \$205,000.
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA to Premier Land Management Ltd., Tenny Ave., Campbell, \$9,000.
Karen L. Holisky et al to Jaks Homes LLC, W. South Range Road, North Lima, \$90,000.
Big League Capital III LLC to WLG Commercial Properties LLC, North Pamyra Road, North Jackson, \$102,956.
Farmers National Bank to Ellis Moody Jr., Wesley Ave., Youngstown, \$23,000.
YPS Realty LLC to Decarratt LLC, Lake Park Road, Boardman, \$400,000.
Cee Ree 09 LLC to Lauren M. Hoffmaster, Edenridge Drive, Boardman, \$98,000.
Jose Echevestre to Steven Cappitte, Brooklyn Ave., Youngstown, \$2,500.
Regina Maszcak to Janet E. Jahnke et al, Lemont Drive, Poland, \$58,500.

WARREN 911

Official: Don't transfer police dispatching yet

Staff report

WARREN

A Warren councilman told Trumbull County commissioners it's too soon for county and city officials to take final steps to transfer Warren's police dispatching to the county 911 center.

The commissioners nonetheless approved a resolution at their regular meeting Wednesday, setting a 4 p.m. next Thursday hearing date to consider expanding the territory of the county 911 center into Warren.

Warren City Council also is setting a meeting date of 5 p.m. Monday to discuss the proposal at a council Police and Fire Committee meeting in council chambers.

Councilman Al Novak said there have discussions about moving Warren's dispatching to the county, but no one has brought facts and figures to Warren City Council to consider.

He said the appropriate thing will be for Ernie

Cook, director of the county 911 center, and Warren Safety-Service Director Enzo Cantalamessa to give a full explanation to council members.

"Many people in the public are asking, 'What's going on?'" and some are questioning whether it's the right move, Novak said.

"A lot of people are saying, 'Why are we giving up our dispatchers? They are the lifeblood of the police department.'"

He added that there have been "a lot of questions about the county 911 center" and how effectively it operates, and there are questions about what agency will be the backup to the county if the city's dispatching operation goes away.

"I want a financial impact statement — what we have to pay per call," he said. "What is the cost to our citizens?"

Officials have said the city will save about \$500,000 per year if the city turns over police dispatching duties to the county.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids

Pursuant to Ordinance #14-325 passed in City Council on the 12th day of November 2014, the City of Youngstown will be receiving sealed bids for:

3000 feet of Clarifier Drive Chain for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, the Director of Finance will receive sealed bids for the above mentioned item until 12:00 Noon, Local Time on the 19th day of February, 2015 at the office of the Director of Finance, Third Floor, City Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Council Chambers, Sixth Floor, City Hall, Youngstown, Ohio.

Specifications and bidding forms are on file at the Cashier's Office located on the third floor of City Hall, where they may be obtained.

Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Cashier's Check in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), drawn on a solvent bank and made payable to the City of Youngstown, Ohio, in accordance with the conditions of the invitation to bid.

The Board of Control reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Bids of corporations not chartered in Ohio must be accompanied by proper certification that such corporation is authorized to do business in the State of Ohio.

No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
David Bozanich, Director of Finance

LEGAL NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids

Pursuant to Ordinance #14-394 passed in City Council on the 17th day of December 2014, the City of Youngstown will be receiving sealed bids for the purchase of:

Water Utility Meters for the Youngstown Water Department

The City of Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, the Director of Finance will receive sealed bids for the above mentioned materials until 12:00 Noon, Local Time on the 26th day of February, 2015 at the office of the Director of Finance, Cashier's Office, Third Floor, City Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Council Chambers, Sixth Floor, City Hall, Youngstown, Ohio.

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For the convenience of all prospective bidders, a Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Youngstown Water Department located at 160 N. West Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

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THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN
David Bozanich, Director of Finance

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Canfield Local School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Nancy Hulea, Mary Lou Thacker and Sherry Creighton, currently employed by the Board in the positions of Middle School Art Teacher, 6th grade teacher and High School Business Teacher respectively, whose appointments were effective on 7/1/15, are seeking re-employment with the Board in those positions.

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of Nancy Hulea, Mary Lou Thacker and Sherry Creighton being re-employed by the Board on March 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Canfield Local Schools Board Meeting Room.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

On Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM, North Jackson Storage, 41 Rosemont, North Jackson, OH 44451, will sell by the unit to the highest bidder for CASH all rights, title and interest to the following property now in the possession of:

Unit 22: Harold Fronck P.O. Box 522 North Jackson, OH 44451 (#22: Pressure washer, miscellaneous items, miscellaneous household items), Unit #10: Heather Johnson 61 Lexington Pl. Austintown, OH 44451 (#10: Household, miscellaneous items), Unit #20: Jerry Wells 2888 S. Canfield - Lakes Rd. Austintown, OH 44451 (#20: Door, miscellaneous items).

Terms are CASH only. All items bought must be removed within 24 hours. North Jackson Storage reserves the right to withdraw a unit from Public Sale at any time. The terms and conditions of sale will be made available at North Jackson Storage, 41 Rosemont, North Jackson 44451 on sale day. For information all interested parties call: 330-772-6466 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Man pleads guilty in bodily fluids case

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A man who was accused last summer of inserting his bodily fluids into the soup of his boss entered guilty pleas to two charges Wednesday in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court.

John Cutlip, 27, of Maplewood Drive in Liberty, entered guilty pleas to a count of telecommunications harassment, a first-degree misdemeanor and criminal mischief, a fifth-degree felony.

Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer

McLaughlin told Judge Maureen Sweeney the state is recommending probation with some county jail time included as part of the plea agreement. A sentencing date has not been set yet.

A charge of intimidation of a victim was dismissed. McLaughlin said it would have been difficult to prove that charge because in an email to the boss, Cutlip mentions legal strategies but never threatened her.

Cutlip was indicted by a grand jury in June after an investigation by Struthers police, where the business Cutlip worked at is based.

Police said Cutlip videotaped himself putting his bodily fluids into the soup, which the boss said she consumed. Police said Cutlip did it as a joke to impress his girlfriend.

McLaughlin said she had lengthy discussions with the victim before the plea was offered and that she is in agreement with it. McLaughlin said the victim and Cutlip once had a close relationship as friends and coworkers, and once she calmed down, the victim did not want Cutlip to go to prison.

"This agreement has her support," McLaughlin said.