

CASE NO. _____

CAPITAL CASE

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

JAMES MAMMONE III,

Petitioner,

v.

CHARLOTTE JENKINS,


Respondent.

**APPENDIX TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
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Jeff Gauger: How, why we decided to publish letter from James Mammone III

Jeff Gauger
Executive editor

I was publisher of a small-town weekly newspaper for a few years in the 1990s. The paper had about 10 full- and part-time employees, and we were a tight little group, almost like family.

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One morning, one of the paper's full-time employees didn't arrive at her usual time. We started to worry. Then we got terrible news.

Our colleague, a normally bubbly woman in her late 20s, had stopped by her mom's house to pick up her teen-age sister for a ride to school. There, she found both mom and sis dead, the victims of a brutal double murder.

Our friend was utterly broken with grief, understandably. As were we, her work family. We grieved for her and raged at the monster who had brought this tragedy into our lives.

I share this story because of the reaction last week to publication of a letter sent to The Repository by James Mammon III. Mammon is charged in the June slayings of his two children, ages 3 and 5, and of his former mother-in-law.

The letter arrived in our office Monday. Reporter Shane Hoover opened it late that afternoon. Mammon's message, handwritten on the fronts and backs of three pieces of yellow legal paper, was articulate and chillingly clear.

A fair paraphrase: I killed my children as an act of mercy to spare them from my recent divorce. I killed my mother-in-law in a fit of rage; it was wrong to kill her, but I hope you understand.

We published the entire letter Tuesday along with a story summarizing its contents and sharing reaction from prosecutors and defense lawyers in the Mammon case.

Publication of the letter prompted many of you to react in disgust. You shared that disgust in telephone calls to me and other editors, in letters to the editor and in comments at CantonRep.com.

Many of you threatened to cancel your subscriptions. A few of you did.

TRYING TO SELL NEWSPAPERS

Some readers offered that worn-out cliché of a criticism that newspaper people hear all the time: "You're just trying to sell newspapers."

Well, yes. That's what we do.

Other readers expressed concern that publication of the letter would impede the legal proceedings, that Mammon now would have a better chance of asserting insanity or of getting off on a technicality because some lawyer will say he now can't get a fair trial.

I trust our legal system to get the right result while balancing the equally important, sometimes contradictory constitutional rights of the accused to a fair trial and of the public to a free press and free speech.

Besides, publication of one letter on one day hardly places the Mammon case in the category of a Sam Sheppard, an O.J. Simpson or even a Bobby Cutts.

Then there was this criticism: You insensitive louts. How could you subject Mammon's ex-wife and her family to this crap from her monster of an ex-husband?

My explanation cannot trump the power of the tragic emotion that has accompanied Marcia Eakin, her family and her friends since June. If you think I'm an insensitive lout now, I doubt I'll change your opinion in the next few column inches of type.

Nevertheless, the criticism deserves an answer. A homicide usually involves private individuals, but it is a public event nonetheless. We acknowledge as much by turning the law-enforcement and legal work over to public employees rather than relying on private vengeance.

When the letter arrived, we immediately knew it would become part of the public administration of justice. Prosecutors would want it. Defense lawyers would expect to see it.

And, so, we worked through our ethical decision tree.

LOOK AT CONSEQUENCES

Our impulse is to publish. Our ethical obligation is to think of consequences first. We did that Monday evening, asking ourselves:

◆ Will publishing interfere with the legal case?

Not likely, though it may create some inconvenience.

◆ What will happen if we don't publish?

We don't work for government, for judges, for prosecutors, for defense lawyers or cops. By professional ethic, we normally will not turn over information we dig up or receive to law-enforcement authorities unless required to by court order. That independence is key.

If we turn over the letter without publishing it, its existence almost certainly will become public at trial. Then the independence that is key to our credibility will be compromised. Some people may come to believe that we work for government rather than watch it.

We also could file the letter away, say nothing and publish nothing. That seems a chicken's way out - don't invite uncomfortable attention to ourselves.

◆ Most important, what are the human costs of publishing the letter?

No question, it would add hurt to an already grievous emotional injury. But doesn't almost anything we publish about the case do that? We can't possibly publish nothing as the judge and lawyers wind to a conclusion.

Plus, there may be benefit to the public getting further insight into the mind of the accused killer, insight that will help them judge the court's performance and will almost certainly build sympathy for the Eakin family.

As you know, we published the letter. We sought to mitigate the human cost by telling the Eakins through a family friend that it was coming.

Judgment calls such as these are never easy. My experience back at that weekly paper was a tangible reference point for me last week.

In that earlier case, I was both journalist and friend. It's easier being just the journalist, but I'm a better one today because I once was the friend.

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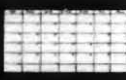
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000g

2 months ago

Report Abuse

the killer could have sent the letter to anyone telling them to forward the letter. He wants attention he wants the public to be outraged and he knows that some dumb bleeding heart will say he is insane and get off. The Repository should have printed the letter it would have come out at trial. You can't hide your head in the sand this is what this killer did and he admits to doing the killing therefore he just nailed his own coffin. He is just playing the system in hopes of getting away from the true sentence he deserves, death. It is a shocking letter but it is what he did and the Rep did the right thing to publish the letter. Now people know what a cold heartless person he is and he deserves no mercy but he also made it harder to pick a jury

goodnews today

2 months ago

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Ok, everyone has now had their say...ad nauseum; drop it or he attains his goal: attention.

SHADOW

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The only thing the REP did wrong was how they reported it. Under FREEDOM of the PRESS they had the right to publish the letter. But FREEDOM of the PRESS was not intended to report without a conscience. 'PERSON KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT' (Not a bad headline but it does not sell newspapers.) 'CANCER PATIENT KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT' (headline might sell a few more newspapers) 'ABUSED CHILD KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT' (no doubt this would sell a lot more newspapers). 'PRESIDENT'S BEST FRIEND KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT'. (Wow, that might sell a lot of newspapers). Reporters need to report the news and avoid as many adverbs and adjectives as possible and stay away from personal pronouns as possible. CANCER PATIENT???? PERSON would suffice). 'ABUSED CHILD'???? (CHILD would suffice). 'PRESIDENT'S BEST FRIEND'????? (Drop the word BEST).

We are too loose in our headline reporting. It feeds the imagination when it should just convey the facts. The facts (real facts as stated by those involved can be reported in the body of an article). The facts and events need not be overly embellished so as to create a false or suspicious impression of the events.

Of course, this concept does not sell newspapers does it?

ishGuy

months ago

Report Abuse

Yes, for all of you who are complaining and saying they shouldn't have printed it, it may be so, that they shouldn't of, but the fact is, they DID print it. Sitting here arguing about it is doing nothing constructive. It happened, get over it, you can't change anything. Just make it worse.

Jeff Gauger: How, why we decided to publish letter from James Mammone III

Posted Aug 30, 2009 @ 12:01 AM

Latest update Aug 30, 2009 @ 10:11 AM

Comments (99)

Thank you for the abuse report. We will review the report and take appropriate action.

Adding comments...

by Gilligan

months ago

Report Abuse

I applaud the Rep for publishing the letter and taking the time to explain the process in making that decision. Concerning if a defense attorney would use the publication, in part or whole, as evidence that the client could not get a fair trial locally cause of the letter, let me ask two questions: Did anyone from the Rep solicit Mammone to write that letter? and, Doesn't the Rep usually publish Letters To The Editor (which is how this communication should be viewed)? If the first answer is 'no' and the second is 'yes', then I see no undo bias to the prospective jurors. And if counsel wants to attempt insanity, the letter read like from a very sane person who knew exactly what he was doing at the time of the murders and even now as he sits in jail awaiting his trial. I would be more than happy to sit on that jury and listen to all the evidence before rendering a verdict. And I know that I could put media coverage out of the consideration of the evidence presented in court, as I would trust most people in Stark County could do.

dasigler

months ago

Report Abuse

Thank you Jeff, for your candid response. I think that what most of the negative responders are missing is that by publishing the letter, we may gain insight into Mammone's thought process. If we, as a community, can avoid the knee jerk reaction of condemnation to the Repository for publishing his letter, we can possibly learn the tell tale signs of a murderer. And isn't that a most important lesson?

WiseGuy

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Thankyou Jeff.

wendue

2 months ago

Report Abuse

This is the first thing I learned in journalism class: the newspaper's job is to make money. Informing the public, discovering the truth, etc are secondary to the first goal. If a paper doesn't make money, it can't do any of its secondary goals.

I have more of a problem with incorrect, incomplete, and biased reporting than I do with the decision to publish that letter.

Mary v Parker

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I can't understand why people just can't make up their own mind; to read, or not to read. I haven't read it yet, and I don't care too. That's my choice. I really can't say why I haven't read it, but I think non-interest is the main reason. I'm just not interested in what he has to say. The act itself was gory, so I have to assume the letter would be too. Why would I want to subject myself to it, unless of course, I get off on gory things. I don't.

By the same token, because I choose not to read it, doesn't mean that I think it shouldn't be available to those that want to read it.

I think the Rep did the right thing by printing it. It was a letter to the editor. It was part of a very big news story, and like Mr. Gauger said, it would have come out during the trial anyway. He couldn't just tuck it away in a file. That's as much a piece of evidence as the murder weapon would be. I really don't think the Repository could ethically withhold the letter from the prosecution. That would be withholding evidence, maybe not legally, but ethically.

I think the Rep made the right call on this one, however, I do wish he had told us what the Eakin family's opinion was about the decision to print the letter was..

MissOhio2Much

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Exactly Mary. It makes you wonder if they even took a moment from their cha-ching this will sell papers meeting to at least make a phone call to the family, their lawyers, spokesperson etc? To warn them that they had indeed gotten the letter and in the interest of the almighty dollar (even if it ain't worth a dollar anymore) they were indeed publishing it.

The bottom line in my opinion and yes it's mine disagree if you will but I am entitled to mine...

While it wasn't legally wrong to print it.

While it wasn't doing any favors to the prosecutor that's for sure!

It certainly will help the defense team.

It was morally wrong to print it.

Because it only caused more pain for the family.

Because it gives the ***** defense lawyers just one more back door to sneak in and get this guy off.

BUT by your own admission - IT WAS DONE PURELY FOR THE MONEY!

If you see a \$20 on the ground and pick it up it's your lucky day.

If you see it fall from a young mother's hand while she wrestles 3 bags of groceries and a toddler to the car. And you pick it up and walk away. Then, it's morally wrong.

And printing that letter for the sole purpose of your bottom line is unmistakably IMMORAL!

I hope those that cancelled their papers outnumber those that choose to buy the paper that day just to read the letter. If not I hope the powers that be sleep comfy at night on the mattress of money that decision made them.

STEVE-O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

A very well written and informative explanation Mr. Gauger. We salute your decision to print the letter from Mammone.

AND I truly believe most of these readers didn't even have a subscription to cancel because they've read AND commented

about the Mammone letter on line! None the less Jeff, The Repository is a great newspaper. We really appreciate your

professionalism and taking the time to explain to others your decision. You have my continued support.

Drummer1

2 months ago

Report Abuse

This is just a legal form of prostitution! If the legal system would have been contacted this letter never would have been published. The Canton Rep did this for no one but themselves. The only time you will hear a newspaper apologize is if they

spell a name wrong.

badlarry

2 months ago

Report Abuse

job well done jeff keep up the good work thank

recon

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I can tell you with certainty that the family was very upset the rep posted the letter. It gives this monster a stage to explain to the world his sick rationale for killing his own kids. It gives him a reason to express that pathetic smirk again. I have been asking why why why since day one because Mammone was a friend of mine that I thought couldn't kill a fly. I wanted to get inside his head to find the answer. That letter did that for me-it helped me gain insight as to the why. So what it comes down to is does the Rep have a morale obligation to the family to NOT publish the letter. Ethically, Jeff Gauger should have contacted the family DIRECTLY-not through a mutual friend-and explained to them his reasons for wanting to publish the letter and the decision should have been up to the family. Maybe they would have understood-maybe not. What the Rep allowed this monster to do was twist the blade in this poor girls heart even more and that disgusts me. Yes it would have come out in the trial-maybe not because I think there will be a plea. Then-and only then should they have published it.

an_icon

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The Rep didn't have a problem posting that 'CRAZY' looking pic of him either, I personally don't care about his thought process. Knowing Marcie and watching her having to run from her afterschool job due to the actions of this animal, yes animal because, they kill there young if they don't feel they will survive. Where were the courts and the public, which you want to inform so much, when she could get no help to subdue this animal. Come on Rep, we didn't need to know his thought process now, we could of waited til this animals trial, when it would come out. You just tainted anyone who reads your paper as a juror. I'm glad I can see this online for free because I would never pay to read your paper. Jeff when it was your friend did you print everything in your paper or did you think of her feelings?

TimJeffries

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Who cares, you should have sent it to the Beacon. They could have printed it the day before. That way this story could have been like every other news story you print. You are just trying to keep this story alive. Next week why not run a series on the political views of the patients of Heatland Behavioral.

bb4snoopy

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Anytime you have to explain your decision, you probably made the wrong decision. Correct decisions rarely take a lengthy explanation.

There is a business reference to two circles. The outer circle is the laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, and standards. The inner circle is the individuals or organizations values, morals, and beliefs. People that often tread between these circles find their inner circle expanding beyond the outer circle. The Repository needs to take a look within itself and decide if this has happened.

rancosarto

months ago

Report Abuse

Vow. An article about that nut case that doesn't have his picture. You're slipping Rep. And you didn't address the question about said picture. Is it a current mug shot or one that was taken over a year ago? If so, why not use the current one and not that smirking one?

edeemyourselfnow

months ago

Report Abuse

Why nobody would want to step on the rep's toes now would they, it's a reporters job to kick people when they are down, not the commenters. Kick em when they're up, kick em when they're down, kick all around, they love dirty laundry.

fn447

months ago

Report Abuse

This will empower the claims that the local jury pool is contaminated and biased.

z4success

months ago

Report Abuse

Are you kidding me? This is your explanation for being so unethical? Canton Rep, you are a joke. You've always been a joke far as I can remember and now you have fallen to a new low. As far as the letter possibly having an effect on the trial, you are WRONG, it definitely may. There was a murder in a Pennsylvania town several years ago and guess what, the local press for a paper, like yourselves, published a letter from the killer. Immediately, the defense made a motion for a change venue because it was not believed the Court would find an unbiased jury in that town. You screwed up Repository and

your lame excuse for trying to wiggle your way out of it sucks! I'm all for freedom of press and freedom of speech. It's one of our great freedoms. However, not at the expense of human emotion and our justice system. Today, I am not proud to say I am a Canton native. You have embarrassed those of us who have morals and ethics. It's a good thing crime scene photos weren't sent to you as well.....we may have seen those on the front page! Don't deny it.....it would have been your 'right' to do so. Hopefully you will never have the opportunity to do the wrong thing again in a criminal case. However, if you should, there are many, many of us that hope you make a more honorable, moral, and ethical decision!!!!!!!!!!!!

bbg7600

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Although probably the main reason for Mr Gauger to publish an explanation is to save readership of the newspaper, it still was honorable of him to do so. Other than that, I still think they made the wrong decision. Especially the quote from the article: ' By professional ethic, we normally will not turn over information we dig up or receive to law-enforcement authorities unless required to by court order.'

You didn't dig this up. It fell, unsolicited, in your lap. I believe this would have been considered withholding information important to the case, if you would have filed it away in a drawer. If you had not published it and instead turned it over to the police you would not have been breaking your professional ethics. It only became part of your profession when you decided to use it.

I am one of the people who said they were going to cancel my subscription, but haven't actually gotten around to doing it. I still plan on it. Although I might wait until after football season so i can clip the coupons for my daughters high school booster club.

Margaret

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I have to wonder if Jeff would have published a letter from the person who murdered his friend and her mother. This tells me that the letter was published ONLY as a money-maker. I really wish the Rep would not put the monsters' picture on every article they publish about these murders.

tscorpion

2 months ago

Report Abuse

TWO Days....that's how long Jeff Gauger has spent trying to justify he actions on printing that letter. If you have to spend that much time justifying your actions; YOU WERE WRONG! I am one person who did cancel his subscription to this rag of a newspaper. There was absolutely nothing news worthy about publishing that letter. Against the wishes of the victims' family, he published it anyway. I whole heartily agree with the comment by RECON, all it did was twist the blade in more for this poor family

basilcat

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Sorry folks, but the CantonRep is a NEWSPAPER (hence NEWS)! IT IS their job to sell papers. If they sugar-coated all their stories you would be complaining about that too. If Lee Harvey Oswald had sent a letter to the Rep explaining why he killed Kennedy it would have been front page news and you all would have gobbled it up. But because this is a local story you are all up in arms. Any other newspaper would have done the same.

It is what it is: NEWS

silverone

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The risk that jury members could be 'contaminated' with a particular viewpoint is greater the smaller the community.

In a criminal trial it is the jury's duty to decide the truth, or otherwise, of evidence, therefore juries must be impartial. When the hearing is over, the jury leaves the courtroom to consider its verdict. The verdict is the jury's decision about whether the accused is guilty or not guilty. Jurors cannot discuss the case with anyone other than fellow members of the jury as the deliberations are confidential. If the jury finds the accused guilty, the judge then passes sentence. If the accused is found not guilty he or she is released.

The success of a case depends on the aggressiveness of the prosecution, not a newspaper. If the authorities want to obtain a conviction at all costs, in any manner possible they will show their aggressiveness and win.

Yes, the picture they printed of James Mammone III did make him look like a crazy person, but it caught your eye. It made you stop and think and wonder how, why?

redeemyourselfnow

1 months ago

Report Abuse

This murderer could write a hundred page book, it doesn't mean anything, that is why there is a jury to impartially sort it all out. Just the facts maaaaam.

al2410

2 months ago

Report Abuse

If you do what you think is right then you shouldn't feel that you have to explain (again and again) why you did it. Sounds to me like someone is trying to convince themselves that they did the right thing. Printing that letter was wrong and you can spin it any way you like, but you know it.

IheartBrowns

2 months ago

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Well for those of you who says its awful and terrible and your not subscribing or reading Canton Rep any longer... LOL we can't tell since your doing nothing but bashing on Canton Reps website... It's news folks do you watch your morning or nightly news? Everytime they publish terrible stories or unfolding details will you stop watching them as well? Sure it was hard to read and even more difficult to see it on the news when it first happened, but it was my choice to read it. Those bashers out there don't point fingers if they didn't give any details you would be the same group out there bashing cause they dont give you enough information?? Take your pick either you want news or you don't? It was Mammons choice to make that public and your choice to read it!

mary v parker

2 months ago

Report Abuse

basilcat, You're right about that. If Oswald wrote a 'tell all letter', I'd read it in a heartbeat.. This letter just didn't grab my interest. Maybe because it's about these poor little innocent children, and I don't want to know the details. That's a personal decision, and other could just as easily do as I do. I get the Rep hardcopy, and read it on line, but I didn't feel compelled to read that letter or the story surrounding it.

tsorpion

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Couldn't have said it better....cal2410! Way to go.

mary v parker

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Why do people cancel their subscriptions, and still read the Rep on line. Doesn't make sense to me. If I ever got mad enough to cancel my subscription, I'd be mad enough to not read it at all. Everytime you log on to the Rep you help them make money.

bettyr47

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Mammone was ordered not to contact the Eakin family, he was still able to do this by writing a letter that the Rep. published so he can still get to Marcia. He can no longer text her 400 times a night. Yes, I read the newspaper and listen to the news on TV, like everyone else I am interested in what is going on; even murder cases like this one. Did I need to read this letter to know that Mammone is a out of his mind? No, not at the Eakin families expense and it was a fact I already figured out on my own, the man is certifiably nuts. The facts are enough for any family living through this kind of tragic event and my heart goes out to them. They should not have to see or hear about the ramblings of the madman on the front page of the paper who murdered their love ones. In my opinion this put the Rep. in the same category as OJ when he wrote If I Did It, sensational journalism that should be left to the rag news not our hometown paper. I prefer the facts in a case; not a letter that just continues to sent domestic violence in the verbal form.

basilcat

2 months ago

Report Abuse

mary, I was wondering that same exact thing.

urns2

2 months ago

Report Abuse

for one ,found the letter fascinating. I was impressed with Mr. Mammone's intelligence, honesty, and articulation. I am always interested in the machination of the criminal mind anyway. The photo always bothers me though. For one thing it n't a recent photo and it's certainly haughty.

in the same sense, I appreciate Mr. Gauger's honesty in his own letter. I respect his reasoning. It's a daily moral/ethical call the newspaper business. And he has to think of sales. He IS a business man, not a psychotherapist.

nobody wins in this tragedy. But the Repository is a local entity. It reports home news, good or bad. The murder of Jesse Davis was not pretty either, but the Rep. reported the whole story from all sides. As in everything else in the newspaper, if u don't like it, don't read it. If there are hurt feelings on the part of the families in this story, that should be between

em, Mr. Gauger, and the Constitution.

stood beside Mr. Gauger's decision then and I stand beside his decision with his explanations.

ivida Carter-Burns

2 months ago

Report Abuse

ave went both ways on this. At first I thought it was fine to print the letter, but after sitting back and thinking about the ps decision the Rep took the easy way out. How many investigative journalism stories does the Rep do? There are so

many things happening right here in Stark County, corrupt, shady deals and many things just get swept under the rug. People know about these things occurring, some even have gone to the Rep with info, does the Rep investigate and write a story on these occurrences...NO.
My question to the Editor is, 'Now that the Mammone letter has been printed does this mean that the Rep wants to be a news source that will tackle the tough subjects and do some investigative journalism?'. Or will the Rep continue to be a news source that only prints stories that are handed to them, ie police reports, public service reports, letters sent unsolicited from nutjobs?'

See Mr Gauger you cant have it both ways, your comments want us to believe you printed this letter for a few different reasons 1 being to sell papers. Well now that a letter was printed to sell papers are we now going to see the Rep do some investigative reporting? Guess what that sells papers to and there are ALOT of things occurring in Stark County that could sell papers more often than printing 1 letter from a nutcase.

emmasdad

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I am glad the Rep posted that letter. I have sat and wondered since day one why Mammone would do this sickful thing. Why blame the Repository? They are a business looking to make money. If anyone of you on here would have the opportunity to make a profit by doing something that some people may judge as not right, you would do it in a heartbeat. Get off the Rep, Jeff made a smart choice.

LilChicago

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Who cares why they published the letter, it's published. The people calling the rep low and how they are horrible. Apparently not bad enough cause you still read it and comment on it and you will continue to read it, if not the paper but definately online. The writers have a job to do. You guys applaud when you think they do their job right and scoff when you think they don't. This writer did his job, if anything it helped the prosecution, he can't claim temporary insanity because in the letter he explained he knew what he was doing and that he killed his former mother in law in rage not in a fit of insanity. This man will still get the chair, even though he is in jail he has the freedom of speech, and the rep has freedom of the press to publish anything at anytime

SuQ

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I agree with bb4snoopy...why do they need to explain something they feel so strong about? I I DO think this give Mammone the spotlight, and that makes it even sicker that he is becoming a 'newspaper celebrity'...he knew they would print this mess and he's been waiting for his fame. Twisted Whack Job. Are we supposed to understand him or feel his pain? Does he think his letter will sway anyone when his trial comes up? He doesn't deserve the right to be heard through the newspaper.

Superpuppie

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Margaret, as far as the pic goes, I too am disgusted with his ugly smirk and would really prefer not to see it.

However the Rep, has an obligation as well as a public sevice to print all news in an unabaised method as possible.

Superpuppie

2 months ago

Report Abuse

service,,, sorry

tscorpion

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Ms Mary Parker...I have read many of your comments on here and have agreed with most. I have even defended you when you got beat up on here. But here is my reason for canceling my subscription, The Rep is no longer going to receive a monthly payment from me. My point made! I don't believe that The Rep makes money every time I log on, BUT if they do, they are not receiving 1 red cent from me. This was all about Morals and Ethics to me and I felt that The Rep showed neither in this instance. Although I have respect for you and your opinions, I don't like feeling as though, like Jeff Gauger, I have to explain my actions.

MissOhio2Much

2 months ago

Report Abuse

If the murderer that cut the head from his victim in North Canton a few months ago wrote you a letter. In it he detailed every gruesome moment of that murder. Including pictures from his digital camera would you also print the letter and the pictures? You see once you've stepped over the line as you have done printing this letter from this murderer, you erase the line. Now, there is no line. Now you are no better than the tabloids the cut and paste heads on other bodies. Who use actors on stage pictures. And who lie in every article they write. You've slid down the septic tank pipe. Enjoy your swim because it's impossible to climb back out without a rope. And I doubt they'll let him out of jail to throw you one. Maybe his lawyer will be so grateful he'll throw you one.

heame19

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I think Mr. Gauger was under no obligation whatsoever to explain why he chose to publish the letters written by James Mammone, instead he is offering his reasons as a courtesy to his readers out of a sense of a responsibility to the truth. This is the action of a true professional who believes his position owes the public a response to decisions resulting from the aftereffects of difficult situations.

In other words, for you idiots out there who are posting your mindless dribble spewing your ignorant tirades, the man has integrity.

big

2 months ago

Report Abuse

You're doing a fine job, Rep! While these people are complaining, they are still reading the paper. If you don't choose to read a certain article, don't read it! It's that simple! There is no one with a gun to your head telling you that you have to read. This is nothing but a whiners forum, and I wouldn't be surprised if they shut it down for good.

kdillard

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Would you object to the Repository discerning which letters to print that any of you send to the editor?

I agree with you all that this guy is a vile human being, but the newspaper is not a court of law. They just did what they do. They print stories. I don't know about you, but I am glad for the insight I was able to get. Don't we all yearn for some resolve, some kind of answer when something like this happens? The Rep gave us something to try to make sense of this as a community. They are not the bad guy here. The bad guy is sitting in a jail cell somewhere attempting to get his story out to earn sympathy. Did it work on any of you? Probably not, but you did take up qualms with the messenger of the note.

Mammone wrote that note to us. The Rep delivered it. Do what you will the information.

daton0412

2 months ago

Report Abuse

First off i would like to say that it was very nice of Jeff to take time out to explain the story why the letter was in the paper .. Then i would like to say how childish people sound saying that they are not gonna read the news paper any more they are gonna cancell there paper ect... no one made anyone read it if u did it was becouse u wanted to not becouse some one made u ... The rep is tryin to make a living just like everyone else in this world if one story will make u stop reading the rep then something is wrong justice will be serviced and he will get evrything that he has coming and i really dont hope that he thinks he is gonna be standing at the golden gates on judgement day

SuQ

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Hey theame19, who are you calling an idiot? Before you call someone ignorant, learn how to spell it.

Bette Iden

2 months ago

Report Abuse

A newspaper & a TV are a lot alike.....TV..if you don't like a program, you change channel or turn it off. If you don't want to read something in the paper, you turn the page or throw it away. You still have that freedom here. Do not blame the Rep for something you do not want to read. There may be stories you want to read that someone else finds offensive. The people buying the paper do not pick and choose those stories because we would never all agree and no news would be published! I, for one, am delighted to live in a country where the newspapers still have the freedom to print what they choose!

MAMADOYLE

2 months ago

Report Abuse

MS. MARY PARKER, I AGREE WITH YOU 100%. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE YOU & YOUR VIEWS ON THIS & MANY OTHER STORIES.

THANK YOU MARY,

THANK YOU REP,

THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! I WANT MY CHOICE, THE CHOICE TO READ, OR NOT TO READ!

TMelvill

2 months ago

Report Abuse

To have not published it would have put you in the same league as your predecessors at the Repository. I don't understand how anyone would expect or condone you doing otherwise than printing said letter, certainly after notification of family.

nary spear

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Actually, the letter ..and I read it with pure objectivity not knowing any of these people...made me realize that Mammone is a completely out-of-touch with reality, mentally unstable criminal who should be taken out of society for the rest of his life. I don't think that the jury will have much to think about here even if the trial is moved. Mammone is mentally unstable but he clearly premeditated this crime and knew its consequences. I feel nothing but sympathy for the Eakins family and even more since reading the letter. I understand better now how it could have been very difficult for the mother of the children to leave this man. It's such a tragedy but that letter made so many things clearer and made me appreciate what that family was up against dealing with Mammone. I do have to wonder, however, how this man had unsupervised visitation with the

kids and hope that Children's Services continues to learn from these tragedies. I do not expect them to be mind-readers but certainly this man gave some signals of his lack of mental stability. I see no problem that the Rep published the letter...read or not read. As for making money, I don't think any newspaper is making a whole lot these days anyway, so that argument seems a bit weak. Jeff knows, I'm sure, that in his business there will always be a fair amount of people upset with them and they live with it. As a former public school teacher I learned that lesson well. Now, let's concentrate on Mammone getting put away for life so no one else has to go through such a tragedy at his hands again.

STEVE-O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The readers are saying their comments about canceling their subscriptions to the Rep. all the while reading the Rep. on line. We are all laughing over their 'Need to Read'. They are contradicting their own pride in themselves. Keep up the great work Jeff. I look at updates several times daily throughout the Repository. It takes days for the INDEPENDENT to catch up on updating the news.

mary v parker

2 months ago

Report Abuse

MAMADOYLE. Thank you for your kind words, not because you agree with me, it's just always nice and refreshing to see a comment that's civil.

I really don't understand what's so hard to exercise a choice that we all have when it comes to 'read, or not to read'.

bradswife

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Jeff, I posted this comment before I read the others because I wanted to tell you that I think the Repository and staff that I believe you did the right thing. I bet it was a hard decision to make. I for one don't receive the paper, but I check the top stories on the local news yahoo page. Thank you for your dedication to memory of a friend, and God Bless you. I apologize for some of the knuckleheads that comment on stories. Seems like all some of them have time to do is to criticize... anyone... Keep up the good work.

bradswife

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Oh and I don't think this letter will contaminate the jury pool.....these things would have come out anyway at the trial. The letter proves to me that he is a sane competent murderer. I hope I get jury duty for this trial.

john durkin

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Perhaps waiting till after the trial would have been best....now there is this letter's publication hanging over the case.

topton

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Good decision.

bettyr47

2 months ago

Report Abuse

With all due respect, I am not here to belittle or call anyone an idiot for their opinion or say they should not post on this site.. I do not want to have to justify tomorrow what I did today. I can give you the answer to the question, why do people cancel their subscription and still read on line. My cancellation was not out of anger but a stand on domestic violence. It was not that I could not stand to read the letter, I thought it was immoral and unethical. I believe people need to stand up for what they believe in and let someone know when they think what they are doing is wrong. That is exactly what I did. As long as they are not taking the monthly cost for the newspaper out of my checking account I think I made my point. Once they require me to let them back in my checking account for reading or commenting on here, you will no longer see my name. I canceled the Rep. I did not stop having opinions. Really, is that not what these comments are, nothing more than an someone's opinion. For over 36 years I contributed to the profits of the Rep., I doubt that I am the only one who comes to rep.com that does not subscribe to it. After all many have declared the right to freedom of speech, then that would apply to me also, or anyone with an opinion.

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2 months ago

Report Abuse

appreciate the explanation.

be happy

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I agree with the comments of Read the letter or do not read the letter... I have decided not to read it myself... The Rep is only going to be around as long as they sell papers... I think the right decision was made... I feel sorry for the family and unfortunately nothing is going to take the pain away... God bless them...

tyhawk_in_OH

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I still don't know how I felt about reading it, but appreciate the explanation here Jeff...

Kamikaze

2 months ago

Report Abuse

You say that you 'watch' the government not 'work for' it. Yet the Rep publishes any think dreamed up by the mayor's PR guy. With a little investigation you can see through his silly falsehoods, but you don't. Is it safe to say that Mammone's letter was an example of not having to check facts, so it is as easy as cut and paste? As for that little family style paper where was that exactly or was that just creative license to humanize your story?

What you are doing now is trying to sell papers. If you truly believed that it was for the greater good, or it was your constitutional right to print anything, that would be the end of it. Now you are keeping the debate alive, and in turn looking silly. You printed the letters, the same day every local news station was running the story. They are not justifying their actions.

jenny p

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Good comment, Mary. Indeed Mammone calculatingly played everyone like a fiddle. He threatened his ex-wife which did allow a protection order and limited unsupervised visits with his children with a stipulation that they must be in car seats when in his vehicle and that he was not to be under the influence of alcohol when with his children. He was to pick them up and drop them off at his mother's house so Marcia would not have to be confronted. He had everyone believing that he was a danger only to his ex-wife.

My heart goes out to the Eakin family. I regret that the article caused them further pain.

In the midst of anguish, whether or not you agree with the publication of this story, no good can come of the demise of our local newspaper in part by cancelling subscriptions. The Repository has been reporting through thick and thin, in our community since 1815. Speak your mind by commenting and writing letters, but please do not cancel subscriptions over this. I really do believe that the publishers down to the photographers at The Repository really do feel immense sadness over this most tragic case.

Wilda

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I read some of the comments here, and now I'll give my viewpoint.

I CHOSE to not read the letter. My choice. I applaud the Rep for doing so. It's a newspaper for gosh sake. Just like you put a caption in the title line saying 'reader beware' you know it will not be what you want to read. SO DON'T READ IT!!!

I will continue to get the Rep. I don't always like some of the stuff in the paper but it will not cause me to cancel. The only way I would cancel is if they were one sided and did not print the other side. You need to be well rounded.

I would hope they did pick a jury that cared about the law. We all are entitled to a fair trial. I hope this letter doesn't taint the jury pool. I have chosen not to read any story about this sick tale.

What are we coming to be????

Wilda

2 months ago

Report Abuse

betty, don't you realize you are still reading the Rep????

LookingInsideMyself

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Although I still read the repository and probably always will, I would have preferred that they not print the letter. I feel it was a poor and tasteless decision to do so. And I say that because of the family that is still out there suffering and this letter was to be a slap in her face after losing her children and her mother.

Although I appreciate this article explaining the reasoning as to why it was published I don't see the point, we already knew they published it for the ratings this is what they do.

bettyr47

1 months ago

Report Abuse

Wilda, yes I do realize I read the Rep., I believe my comment here is evidence that I read at least this article. I just refuse to pay for it again, and that is my prerogative.

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1 months ago

Report Abuse

K,,,I take Jeff's explanation as how he feels his job REQUIRES him to print what he did...HOWEVER,FOR ME TO BELIEVE IT AS GOSPLE,AGAIN I ASK IN THE USING ALL JEFF'S WORDS HE USED TO JUSTIFY HIS DECISION,,,,on the front page of sunday,dec 14/08 a pie chart was printed concerning the sales tax issue,,,IT IS FALSE,,,If Jeff is a man of journalism the WHY TO DATE HAS A FRONT PAGE CORRECTION NOT BEEN PRINTED ????,you can not have it both

ways and be beleived...i will add,i chose not to read the letter as it is meaningless to me...as for the tax issue,that too is meaning less to me..HOWEVER,THE COUNTY DOES DESERVE A CONSISTENT EXECUTIVE EDITOR,DON'T WE??? Jeff,i e-mailed you on this topic,and called you on this topic,i merely feel to you have a journalist obligation to correct that error...THAT WILL MAKE YOU A TRUE MAN OF JOURNALISM...otherwise,how are we to beleive your words in the above article

gruvhard

2 months ago

Report Abuse

you published the letter but yet you still put the old pic of him from a previous arrest... classic...

Don Edward

2 months ago

Report Abuse

It was news. The man did his job. So be it.

craftygal40

2 months ago

Report Abuse

In your situation, you did the right thing. I believe more readers would have been highly upset had you not printed it and they found out about it. In essence, you're damned if you do, and damned if you don't.

Personally, I think the man is very sick, so I'm not listening to what he has to say. I send my condolences to the family, and wish with all my heart that it hadn't happened. My prayers are with them.

recon

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Mary parker, you wrote; Why do people cancel their subscriptions, and still read the Rep on line?

Mary did you know Rosa Parks protested too but she still rode the bus?!?

chefmike56

2 months ago

Report Abuse

If you don't like the Rep, why buy it ? Grow up people

mary v parker

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Gee recon, where'd you buy your logic? Try to get a refund. Comparing Rosa Parks to this story... , it's apples and oranges. She didn't continue to ride the bus until AFTER they changed their policy on Blacks. She didn't get back on the bus, nor did she get up and give a White man her seat the next day. Geeze, try a little harder recon, even you can do better than that.

mrch54

2 months ago

Report Abuse

You know if you have to defend yourself for putting in an article in the newspaper, you probably shouldn't have put it in in the firstplace. The letter should never have been put in the paper, it's just yellow journalism pure and simple, admit it Mr. EDITOR you screwed up so you could make at few more pennies for your rag.

francosarto

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I'm sure there are lots of people who read online but don't pay for a subscription. We canceled ours years ago, in part because of horrible delivery service, but also because of the poor quality of the paper. The Rep doesn't receive a dime from those of us who read online, they get money from all of those flashing ads that make reading here so difficult.

The day they start making us pay to read online will be the day I delete the bookmark from my browser.

recon

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Thank you for further proving my point Mary, Rosa Parks protested and they changed the busing policy BECAUSE she protested. That is the point people are trying to deliver here. If enough people cancel thier subscriptions, perhaps the Repository will decide it is better to be ethical than money hungry. Sorry you did not get it.

fennlangford

2 months ago

Report Abuse

My heart goes out to his ex-wife, the mother of those innocent children and the daughter of a loving mother tragically lost, who has to endure this - torture- all over again day after day. You dear, sweet lady are in my prayers.

But, if he has publicly admitted guilt - why are they wasting taxpayer funds on a trial? Seems whether he is in touch with reality or not, we could skip straight to the penalty phase.

ocalPerson

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The Rep should NEVER have given this dirtbag a platform.

Funny thing... They are more concerned about censoring the readers comments than those of a raving lunatic.

I ask you: Had this sewage been placed in the comments section, do you think the rep would have kept it? I doubt it. There has been MANY instances of the Repository pulling stories and deleting comments when they feel it was just. (no money in free online comments apparently)

Just recently they removed the story about the judge who gave the robber a 'second chance' because they felt the comments were hurting the felons feelings as well as criticizing the judge.

Or how about the Kennedy comments that were shut down? Too hard on the family there egh?

Rep face it... You have stooped to a NEW LOW! You have earned a reputation in this town, and now you are supporting that reputation.

Your excuse is lame. You built this poor excuse for a human being a platform complete with a red carpet and a limo ride. You should be ASHAMED of yourselves. This freak should NEVER EVER have the chance to spew his vitrol to the public yet you hand him a microphone. SHAME ON YOU!

LocalPerson

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I am not finished.

The editor ADMITS that publishing this letter 'would add hurt to an already grievous emotional injury' yet justifies it by saying 'But doesn't almost anything we publish about the case do that?'

Are you serious? That statement alone PROVES that they knew going in that this was not the right thing to do, yet the editor goes on to make another incredibly stupid statement:

'will almost certainly build sympathy for the Eakin family.'

Ohh yes, lets kick the family a few more times to increase the pain, thus build sympathy for the family. I cannot believe this statement. Since when is it OK to continue to CONTINUE TO HURT THE VICTIM TO INCREASE SYMPATHY?

Is this how you justify your actions? Smack the victim for their own benefit? Sick! Absolutely down right SICK!

Denise O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I initially defended the Rep for publishing the letter, with the caveat that I assumed they had checked with legal council to make sure that publishing the letter would not jeopardize the trial. Based on Jeff's article here, I am now believing this did not happen. I am a little taken back on the flippant attitude displayed here regarding this point ('Will publishing interfere with the legal case? Not likely, though it may create some inconvenience.'). I still support the decision, though not as strongly as before.

If a paper like the Enquirer or the New York Times did this we would not think twice... but we expect more from our little hometown paper. We have been spoiled with a single paper in this town, meaning that there has never been a need to bring sensationalism into the picture in order to sell papers. We are all naive if we think things will never change.

I firmly stand behind the Rep's right to publish the letter, based upon rights afforded to all of us through the 1st Amendment. But that doesn't mean that I am a little disappointed on a personal level (sue to their lack of ensuring their publishing the letter would not jeopardize the trial) at the Rep for doing so. Still, that didn't stop me from reading the letter so I can hardly complain, now can I?

On a different point, I find it a little hypocritical that the Rep professes to 'protect' the family by limiting the type of comments that can be published about them (despite the same facts being published in prior Rep stories) yet they did not even offer the family the courtesy of direct contact prior to going to print. But again, this is just a silly case of me expecting better from our little hometown paper. I can hardly blame the Rep or Gatehouse Media for my naivete.

Denise O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

For those who think canceling their subscriptions would have any effect on the paper, think again. The Rep likely loses money on each paper subscription once you calculate in printing costs, delivery costs, salaries, and other expenses. The real money in the publishing world is in advertising dollars. Oh, and each time you come to Cantonrep.com you are helping the Rep earn ad dollars by upping their page hit count. More hits to their site means they can not only attract bigger advertisers, but they can also charge more for their online ad space.

redeemyourselfnow

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The bottom line is, does the victims' family want this letter removed from all media .

Superpuppie

2 months ago

Report Abuse

You don't have to explain anything Jeff.

Those with the proper intellect do not need an explanation and those without it, would not understand it.

Good try though!

bbg7600

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The reason I'm going to cancel my subscription but still read on-line is this. My piddly \$4 a month for the week-end issues (I got a good deal!) will not hurt the rep, I know that. However, they are able to charge the advertisers based on how many subscriptions they have. That's called their circulation. That's why they give the paper away for next to nothing if you subscribe. It's not a matter of reading the letter or not, I didn't. It's the principal and the morals behind the reasons they printed it. And for all those saying this is news, no it's not, it's to satisfy your craving for gossip. There IS a difference

bbg7600

2 months ago

Report Abuse

oops principle

MissOhio2Much

2 months ago

Report Abuse

kdiillard20 hours ago

Report Abuse

Would you object to the Repository discerning which letters to print that any of you send to the editor?

Are you for real?

Pool Rules

Keep it clean.

Stay on topic.

Be honest and accurate.

No personal attacks. Don't bash anyone based on their race, creed, heritage, or orientation.

Don't say anything here you wouldn't say in front of your mother at the dinner table.

Use the 'Report Abuse' button when you spot a rule violation. (Don't report comments just because you disagree.)

They censor us for commenting on the fact that they printed the letter. Yet in your mind they shouldn't use common sense and morality before they print something.

NO PERSONAL ATTACKS - who in their right mind doesn't think that letter attacked abused and sickened the family of those children. You didn't have to read the whole letter to be sickened. I know I just read the headline!

DON'T SAY ANYTHING YOU WOULDN'T SAY IN FRONT OF YOUR MOTHER AT THE DINNER TABLE.

Mr. Editor would you have called that family on the phone invited them to dinner and read that letter to them while they ate? I think not. I think you knew it was wrong all along, and your attempts to sugar coat your decision were less than effective.

Do as I say, not as I do. Is a horrible way to raise your children and a horrible way to run a business.

[by the way don't pay for the REP because it would take a week to even get here. I read it online to see if any of my friends here are in the news. I read it to see if others have gone on to a better place. I also don't pay for a subscription to the supposed local paper up here that is locally 75 miles away lol !! Why? Because I can read it online for free. Because it's outrageously priced. Doesn't even print on weekends? Oh and they have a reporter that can't get a story right if you typed it or him! Oh yea and they have comment section and believe me there is a lot less editing of our comments!

Wilda

3 months ago

Report Abuse

go online to read other papers. Cal, Ill, Fla, NY, and so on. Some of the papers I try to read I would have to pay for, so I don't read them. There are plenty of papers out there if you want to read them. Yes they also print things you don't want to read.

Me, I don't want to read anything that slammmmmmms our fantastic country. There are tons of article out there doing this,

guess what??? NO COMPLAINTS. As I said before this is a News Paper. Read what you want and DON'T read what you don't want to.

I don't want any newsmedia shut down, and told what to print or not to print. This would be a violation of Freedom of Speech. We have a few government leaders that would love to shut down the newsmedia.

There is a lot of bad along with the good.

Know what, this article woke a lot of you up! How many of you cared enough to defend any woman or child that had a husband, boyfriend, father, uncle, neighbor that abused them. The only thing I get angry about is the law. The law left this happen. When a protective order is ordered how much is it worth??? How much is the victim protected??? There is a lot of this going on nationwide.

My heart goes out to this family, but they knew what he was capable of. Just didn't think he would do it. How many of us would think he would do a thing like this. I didn't read anything concerning this man and I don't care to read it.

There is a lot of bad that goes along with the good.

MickeyT
2 months ago
Report Abuse
Jeff -

I admire you and the job that you do. Your regular online detractors and their motley diatribes notwithstanding, I remain convinced you are a decent man and efficient. And when I disagree with your position or your papers, you usually make clear the process and rationale behind the decision making. So at least I can see your point.

This time, however, it feels a little disingenuous. Except the, well yes. Thats what we do.

This story clearly had legs. And you let it run.

I havent read Mammone's letter for a couple reasons, of choice. Still, I noticed quite a lot of column inches devoted to relating an alleged murderers manifesto which could be fairly and succinctly be paraphrased:

I killed my children as an act of mercy to spare them from my recent divorce. I killed my mother-in-law in a fit of rage; it was wrong to kill her, but I hope you understand.

Plus, you've got to admit, the click here! to see the chilling letter itself, scrawled in the accused killers own hand! was a little sensational.

I wonder, in a comparable situation with your friend, would you have published? If Marcia were your sister or your wife, or even a friend rather than a relative, would you still have?

Or would you have paraphrased and said, we turned the letter over to the authorities?

Even if you printed nothing, and eventually the existence of the letter and your decision were revealed at trial, I assure you, the Fourth Estates independence and credibility would not be questioned anymore than it is anyway. Those who would suggest The Rep is an instrument of the government, do already with as little cause.

Those who do not, surely would be persuaded by the transparent truth in your decision not to be an instrument of Mammone.

I admit, my judgement is clouded by my compassion for this woman and I'm not burdened with your responsibilities. But so what? Additional human cost, however mitigated, at the expense of Marcia and her family, is too high! She suffers an agony far beyond grief and it's far deeper than most of us will ever know.

Marcia was notified ahead of time, that you were going to run the letter. Was she warned, too, of the follow-up stories, letters to the editor and letter from the editor, and inane commentary that she also should anticipate?

Instead of mitigating the cost, you might have sought to avoid it Jeff. You're a good man first.

koreavetJRM
2 months ago
Report Abuse
Good job Rep of putting the letter in the paper. As for the ones that cancelled the paper, pull their names and don't let them read or comment on this site. We don't want to hear what they have to say.
icon
2 months ago
Report Abuse

Uhh....they published the letters to sell papers. Period.

JamieMichelle777

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Way to go Jeff... right decision.

SuQ

2 months ago

Report Abuse

icon..how true. I would like to know what the Eakin Family thought of this. If they were okay with it, that is one thing, but if they had reservations about it, that is another. Anyone??

I cannot help but to think that Mammone is pure evil, just as Charles Manson. I would also have a hard time believing the family would think it's in good taste to publish the letter. This gives this creep the spotlight, and some people will actually have sympathy for him. I won't be one of them.

hotpep2706

2 months ago

Report Abuse

MissOhio2much - just an FYI - the Repository DOES NOT print all letters to the editor it receives - it does chose and pick which ones it will print. As far as those of who you feel that the Rep prints both sides - again, you're wrong....several years ago, the Rep printed only one side of a story over a span of several months - when some of us wrote letters to the editor giving the other side to the story (the letters were all with clean language, etc.), the Rep refused to print those. Hmmm, makes one think now, doesn't it???

Wilda

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Like I said I didn't read it nor the stories about it.

This is still a newspaper, and along with that you get stories you don't want to read.

What about the little girl that got shot by robbers after a male in the family. She was innocent.

What about the elderly man that got killed by stupid robbers.

What about Bobby Cutts. I don't read his stories either.

You could go on and on. Newspapers are going to write about these stories. You can read them or not.

Remember Sharon Tate. All the sordid stories printed about her murder by Charles Manson. You still read stories on him.

That man was nuts as well, but that being said he was news.

If you want news good or bad it goes together.

I feel for this family, but what will they do when the trial comes up, if there is a trial. I'm hoping he pleads guilty to eliminate a trial. If not, then he will be all over the newspaper. I think he will relish it. He will think they havn't suffered enough. Maybe make national news. He'll really like that.

Nope I hope he pleads guilty as charged, and get it over with.

It will still be in the Newspapers.

G 1

2 months ago

Report Abuse

HEY MR. GAUGER,,,,when do you intend on righting a journalistic wrong ???? my gut says you WILL NOT,YET YOU ARE A MAN OF JOURNALISM?????,it is your call....AGAIN I SIMPLY CHALLENGE YOU TO RIGHT A WRONG...bad timing for the rep to come clean...as i try to support your reasoning,it is you that DEVALUES YOUR OWN ETHICS....respectfully prove me wrong and we shall see a ACCURATE RESPONSE ON THIS SUNDAY'S FRONT PAGE.....A ACCURATE PIE CHART BESIDE A WRONGFULY ONE PRINTED ON DEC. 14, 08,,,I WILL PERSONALY SUPPLY YOU WITH THE PROPER CHART ALONG WITH THE IMPROPER CHART...you have the ways and means to contact me....CORRECT IT OR RESIGN.....AGAIN,either you will respond via sundays paper,or you simply you need to resign...REP VS. RAG,,,,,do the right thing.....LIVE UP TO 'YOUR' SPOKEN ETHICS....

JbigDummy

1 months ago

Report Abuse

Mammone is an animal, not worth the air he breathes. The motive for his despicable acts was to inflict emotional pain on his ex wife. By his acts, he did so in a horrendous way. The writing of his letter was his attempt to continue his crime, and to inflict the emotional pain, therefore, Mr. Gauger made himself into an accessory, aiding and abetting the original crime, by furthering it's motive, and he should resign, and never show his face again. Mr. Gauger, apologize, and then resign. Your judgement is shown to be fatally flawed, and your credibility gone.

Mammone's letter should have been shredded, and burnt and the ashes sent back to him with a note: 'This is what should happen to your body, but our justice system is too merciful to animals, and too cruel to victims, for it to happen, and we will not be party to your foul and disgusting play'

Jbigdummy

1 month

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Earlier I commented that ethically, the Rep should have contacted the family directly. Now I find out that had they done so they would have discovered that the letter was published on Marcys' birthday. The Rep allowed Mammone to use them as his Puppet to further inflict pain on this poor girl. How sad.

SuQ

2 months ago

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ubigdumy...you had me until you voiced your wish for Gauger...Come on....isn't that a bit much?

recon...that is so sad this letter was published on Marcy's Birthday. I don't think good judgment was used in publishing this. News SHOULD be reported, but Mammone's letter to explain himself should not have been considered. Were the lives of his children or ex-mother in law considered? What about he feelings of his ex-wife and her family? The abuse continues..

bbg7600

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Mr Gauger, as you are paddling up -stream very quickly because you thought you were being fair. The man who used you (yes, used you) I'm sure is laughing and smirking. He got to hurt his ex-wife once again (apparently timed exactly to coincide with her birthday and the beginning of school) and YOU are taking the heat from it. The more you justify yourself the more he is laughing. Mistakes happen, you obviously didn't think the public would react this strongly. However, not owning up to the fact it was a mistake is not very advantageous to your position. Again I will repeat what I said before, this was not news it was gossip. Big difference.

bettyr47

2 months ago

Report Abuse

For those of you that are interested in the workings of the criminal mind, read No Daddy, Don't. It is a father who murders his 2 small daughters, very similar to the Mammone case. After reading it you will have more insight into the workings of Mammone's mind than you will ever get from reading his letter to the Rep. It may also give you the perception to see the letter to the Rep. was nothing more than domestic violence. His main objective in this letter was to let Marcia know the murders were her fault because she divorced him; plus he wanted people to stop talking about his crazy picture. Had Mammone tried to hang himself or gotten in a fight with one of the deputies, that might have been news. The lies of a master manipulator should never become news. Domestic violence is always about power and control, with the belief that Mammone's letter was legitimate news; is how we permit this abuse to continue. Abusers should have no rights, these rights are how Mammone was able to carry out this horrendous crime. If a man is a threat to the Mother of his children, he should be considered a threat to the children. Children's safety should come before any parents rights. We need to stand up and change the laws to protect the innocent victims, everything that could be done to stop this from happening again, should be done.

G 1

2 months ago

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PERSONALLY,i do not know why his first move was not to blow his own head off....to take his childrens lives and then his x mother-laws life,,,he deserves a firing squad with low caliber rounds 30 minutes apart,,,not a forum to justify his f@#\$%^ up actions.

Why give Mammone a soapbox?

Posted Aug 29, 2009 @ 12:01 AM

Last update Aug 30, 2009 @ 11:13 AM

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Mammone gave his life views to the local newspaper, I read them and chose not to believe a single word he wrote.

mlzzo

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Oh believe me, I 'bark' and risk being labeled the lunitic. But it doesn't stop me not even for one split second !

piggy121

2 months ago

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Amen brother...ruff ruff

taxedtoomuch

2 months ago

Report Abuse

This letter should NOT have been published. It only serves to give the Repository something sensational to print and its publication does not serve justice. The Repository should have directly turned the letter over to the prosecutor.

MichaelD

2 months ago

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August 31, 2009
Section: letters

Rep wasn't wrong to print letter

I don't blame The Rep for publishing James Mammone III's letter ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing'; letter from jail explains that he killed his children to spare them from divorce," Aug. 25).

It would have been made public by someone else.

And after reading this letter, you can tell that Mammone is nothing but an antisocial, narcissistic man who likes to cause pain to anyone. He is playing the system: he is setting up either for an insanity plea or that he can't get a fair trial in this state because of the publicity.

I find the letter proves beyond a shadow of a doubt he killed three innocent people, and he deserved nothing but the best the state has to offer - death.

If you want Mammone media-seeking to stop, the prosecuting attorney needs to have a gag order put in place. And I think they should put Mammone in solitary confinement, or send him to Gilmo for protection of himself.

Let's get this trial going so we can send him to death row and get him out of Canton.

BRENDA GRASS, SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

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crime before they throw him in jail and/or execute him. That's what makes America a free country. As an American, you shouldn't want it any other way.

Marley Greiner

2 months ago

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Posted Sep 08, 2009 @ 12:01 AM

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ocalPerson

months ago

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ie media should NEVER give a killer a platform. PERIOD.

ie repository sold out the family of these victims and have disgraced the dead.

iyone who thinks that this trash deserves to have his words published should be forced to spend the night with this creep.

ave plenty of opinions I would like to share with the world on the FRONT PAGE of the newspaper. Apparently I have to AUGHTER an entire family to get it published.

'AME on those who caused further pain to an already suffering family. As already admitted by the editor of this so called 'wspaper', they knew it would cause pain and decided to publish it anyways.

d to think they did not even have offer the courtesy to ask how the victims family would feel about it. Instead they pass rd via second hand for them to be prepared for the story.

ope you got your dollars worth Jeff Gauger, because the blood of the victims have splashed upon your editors desk.

bobg

2 months ago

Report Abuse

the killer could have sent the letter to anyone telling them to forward the letter. He wants attention he wants the public to be outraged and he knows that some dumb bleeding heart will say he is insane and get off. The Repository should have printed the letter it would have come out at trial. You can't hide your head in the sand this is what this killer did and he admits to doing the killing therefore he just nailed his own coffin. He is just playing the system in hopes of getting away from the true sentence he deserves, death. It is a shocking letter but it is what he did and the Rep did the right thing to publish the letter. Now people know what a cold heartless person he is and he deserves no mercy but he also made it harder to pick a jury.

goodnewstoday

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Ok, everyone has now had their say...ad nauseum; drop it or he attains his goal: attention.

SHADOW

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The only thing the REP did wrong was how they reported it. Under FREEDOM of the PRESS they had the right to publish the letter. But FREEDOM of the PRESS was not intended to report without a conscience. 'PERSON KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT' (Not a bad headline but it does not sell newspapers.) 'CANCER PATIENT KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT' (headline might sell a few more newspapers.) 'ABUSED CHILD KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT' (no doubt this would sell a lot more newspapers). 'PRESIDENT'S BEST FRIEND KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT'. (Wow, that might sell a lot of newspapers). Reporters need to report the news and avoid as many adverbs and adjectives as possible and stay away from personal pronouns as possible. 'CANCER PATIENT?????' (PERSON would suffice). 'ABUSED CHILD'???? (CHILD would suffice). 'PRESIDENT'S BEST FRIEND'????? (Drop the word BEST).

We are too loose in our headline reporting. It feeds the imagination when it should just convey the facts. The facts (real facts as stated by those involved) can be reported in the body of an article. The facts and events need not be overly embellished so as to create a false or suspicious impression of the events.

Of course, this concept does not sell newspapers does it?

IrishGuy

2 months ago

Report Abuse

ok, for all of you who are complaining and saying they shouldn't have printed it, it may be so, that they shouldn't of, but the fact is, they DID print it. Sitting here arguing about it is doing nothing constructive. It happened, get over it, you can't change anything. Just make it worse.

Jeff Gauger: How, why we decided to publish letter from James Mammone III

Posted Aug 30, 2009 @ 12:01 AM

Last update Aug 30, 2009 @ 10:11 AM

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GovGilligan

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I applaud the Rep for publishing the letter and taking the time to explain the process in making that decision. Concerning if the defense attorney would use the publication, in part or whole, as evidence that the client could not get a fair trial locally because of the letter, let me ask two questions: Did anyone from the Rep solicit Mammone to write that letter? and, Doesn't the Rep usually publish Letters To The Editor (which is how this communication should be viewed)? If the first answer is 'no' and the second is 'yes', then I see no undo bias to the prospective jurors. And if counsel wants to attempt insanity, the letter read like from a very sane person who knew exactly what he was doing at the time of the murders and even now as he sits in jail awaiting his trial. I would be more than happy to sit on that jury and listen to all the evidence before rendering a fair verdict. And I know that I could put media coverage out of the consideration of the evidence presented in court, as I would trust most people in Stark County could do.

lindasigler

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Thank you Jeff, for your candid response. I think that what most of the negative responders are missing is that by publishing the letter, we may gain insight into Mammone's thought process. If we, as a community, can avoid the knee jerk reaction of condemnation to the Repository for publishing his letter, we can possibly learn the tell tale signs of a murderer. And isn't that a most important lesson?

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September 3, 2009

Section: letters

Publishing Mammone's letter added to trauma for family of murder victims
Letter to the Editor

Due to the printing of James Mammone III's letter on Aug. 25 ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing'"), I have been compelled to write in and voice my opinion.

As a resident of Canton, I have come to expect a certain level of journalistic integrity from The Repository, and I am both disgusted and saddened by the sensationalistic, tabloid-like front page printing of Mammone's repulsive ploy to set up an insanity defense.

To create a forum for evil - not a word I use lightly - to voice its rationalizations is not only in poor taste but also shows this newspaper's complicity to this man's self-proclaimed self-righteous crime.

I urge you to contemplate the fact that you undoubtedly created more unnecessary trauma for the victims of this crime. Who benefited from printing the ramblings of this animal? Certainly not the Eakin family.

I reprimand you for allowing this monster to justify his actions on center stage. In my opinion, James Mammone III is not insane but merely a poor excuse for a human being who uses his skewed religious beliefs and God to support his morally reprehensible conduct.

He deserves no attention from the public, and I sincerely hope The Repository will atone by focusing on helping the Eakin family to heal in its future coverage of this sad story.

As for now, Jeff Gauger has lost his credibility as an editor, and he should be ashamed of himself for printing this nonsense in a blatant attempt to sell papers.

TIFFANY MARCHI, CANTON

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Mammone's rationalization of violence is typical of those who abuse partners
Melissa L. Pearce

BY MELISSA L. PEARCE

It was sickening to read James Mammone III's self-righteous letter to The Repository on Aug. 25 ("Mammone to The Repository: I did the most merciful thing"), and tempting to regard his explanation of committing three murders as the isolated, heinous actions of one disturbed man. We want to understand his crime.

What we need to realize is that Mammone is not an unusual man as far as domestic violence perpetrators go, and his justification for his actions reveals typical behavior by intimate partner abusers.

Batterers don't accept guilt for violence because they feel entitled to gain power and control over their victim. They act without remorse and project blame on their victims.

Consider Mammone's chilling comment that "My wife was unwilling to act to protect her children even though she knew I believed death was a viable solution."

TYPES OF CONTROL VARY

Abusers control their victims in many ways, and religion is one of them. They distort theology to threaten and control, never taking responsibility for having broken the relationship.

Abuse is not the fault of the victim and certainly is not God's will. Abusers control their victims through isolation and overpower them with accusations that ravage the victims' self-esteem.

Perpetrators undermine the credibility of victims many times because they act confidently and may present themselves as friendly and polite.

Meanwhile, victims may act timid, unsure of themselves and emotional. Mammone's intention to "set the record straight" was not a confession of wrongdoing; he was urging others to accept his point of view.

Many batterers work hard to create the public image of being the concerned, decent "family man." Often nobody else has seen his violent, controlling side, resulting in victims being accused of exaggerating or lying about the abuse.

Self-centeredness is another typical trait. Batterers believe the only things that are important are the things that pertain to them. They think everything should happen the way they want it to happen.

They act as if they are the center of the universe and believe life without them is not worth living.

They are people whose behavior is learned and socially reinforced. That's why prevention and intervention are so important.

When children watch the abuse of their own mother at the hands of their father, they learn those behaviors as normal. When there are inadequate consequences for battering behavior, the abuser is encouraged to continue.

Frequently, children are used by batterers to control victims through threats. Mothers fear they will lose their children if the police are called. Or, in the case of a divorce, mothers fear consequences when children must have unsupervised visitation with the abuser.

It's a common belief that batterers just need some training on anger management. Actually, they "manage" their anger well.

They do not beat up their boss or someone who cuts in front of them in line. They control their anger, saving it until they get home, and their actions are many times premeditated.

Battering is a chosen behavior; therefore, other choices can be made.

Abuse exists on a continuum, from telling a victim how to dress or look and isolating victims from family and friends to stalking and murder. Yet the emotional trauma of domestic violence victims is consistent.

James Mammone III is just another batterer. Beyond this tragedy, there are countless acts of violence and abuse that

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don't become public.

This same horrific act could happen many more times in our community, yet many times it has been avoided - sometimes barely.

ONE-THIRD STILL AT RISK

Last year alone, Domestic Violence Project Inc. provided services to 1,872 victims of domestic violence and answered 3,162 calls on its hotline. Nearly one in three women may expect to be victims of domestic violence in their lifetime.

Leaving an abusive relationship is the most potentially lethal time, with 75 percent of deaths occurring when the victim is leaving or has recently left the relationship.

Historically, society has viewed violence against women as something women have the responsibility to control, so women have been held accountable for someone else's behavior.

Instead of asking "Why does she stay?" we need to focus on the behavior of perpetrators.

We need to recognize what we're seeing. Listen to victims and believe them. And demand that perpetrators be held accountable.

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Mammone's attorneys seek to move murder trial out of Stark
Shane Hoover
CantonRep.com staff writer

Attorneys for triple-murder suspect James Mammone III want to move his pending trial to a different county, citing extensive media coverage and public comment on the case.

Mammone, 35, of Canton, is charged with three counts of aggravated murder and other crimes for the June 8 deaths of his two children, James IV and Macy, and former mother-in-law, Margaret Eakin.

He has pleaded not guilty, and a trial is slated for January.

If convicted, Mammone faces the possibility of a death sentence.

Police have said Mammone confessed to the killings, saying he wanted to hurt his ex-wife, Marcia Eakin, following their recent divorce.

A jailhouse letter, believed to have been written by Mammone, was published in August in The Repository. The letter states that Mammone killed his children to spare them the aftermath of divorce.

In a motion filed Oct. 1, defense attorneys Tammi Johnson and Derek Lowry argue the trial should be moved "because extensive and ongoing pretrial publicity makes it presumptively impossible to seat an impartial jury in this county."

Attached to the motion are numerous articles from media Web sites, including The Repository, as well as online comments made by readers.

"Especially troubling are the responses to the articles by members of the public from which a fair and impartial jury is to be chosen," the motion states.

Stark County prosecutors expect to file a response asking Common Pleas Judge John G. Haas not to move the trial at this point.

Such a request hinges on what jurors know or don't know, and it would be premature to move the trial without first attempting to seat a jury, said Assistant Stark County Prosecutor Chryssa Hartnett.

Johnson, the county's top public defender, said she can't think of the last time a judge moved a case from this county to a different location.

A change of venue request was made, and denied, in advance of the 2008 death-penalty trial of Bobby L. Cutts Jr., whose case attracted national media attention.

Cutts, a former city police officer, is appealing his conviction and life sentence for the deaths of Jessie M. Davis and what is believed to be their unborn daughter, Chloe.

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Stark County juries can be trusted

Can James **Mammone** III be fairly judged by a jury of his peers in Stark County? We believe he can.

Mammone has pleaded not guilty to three counts of aggravated murder and other crimes in the June deaths of his two children and his former mother-in-law. In a letter to The Repository that is believed to have been written by **Mammone**, he admitted to committing the crimes, as police say he confessed to them soon after he was arrested.

His lawyers have filed a motion asking that his trial be moved out of the county. They say media accounts and online comments make it "presumptively impossible to seat an impartial jury in this county."

Stark County judges rarely, if ever, see merit in this claim. You need look back less than two years to see why.

Attorneys for former Canton police officer Bobby L. Cutts Jr. asked for a change of venue before his trial early last year. His case had received far more extensive and more prolonged national media exposure than the **Mammone** case has. Yet the Cutts trial stayed here.

Cutts had admitted killing his girlfriend, Jessie M. Davis, but had said it was an accident.

At the end of testimony, Common Pleas Judge Charles E. Brown Jr. instructed the jury for two hours.

Jurors deliberated three days before convicting Cutts on murder, aggravated murder and other charges in the deaths of Davis and her unborn daughter.

Ten days later, the jurors deliberated two more days, then recommended that Cutts be spared the death penalty.

Talking later with The Repository, the jury foreman alluded to the care with which jurors had made their decisions: "What's a proper sentence for someone who has done these things and yet all the rest of their life had shown themselves to be essentially nonviolent?"

Five months later, on a 2-1 vote, the 5th District Court of Appeals upheld Cutts' convictions and life prison sentence.

Assistant Stark County Prosecutor Chryssa Hartnett rightly asks that no change of venue in the **Mammone** case should be considered without first attempting to seat a jury.

That process should help to settle the argument and show that Stark juries can be trusted.

Story 2

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY
Date: Oct 07, 2009
Day of Week: Wednesday
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Headline: Attorneys want **Mammone** trial moved
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Attorneys want **Mammone** trial moved

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Such a request hinges on what jurors know or don't know, and it would be premature to move the trial without first attempting to seat a jury, said Assistant Stark County Prosecutor Chryssa Hartnett.

Johnson, the county's top public defender, said she can't think of the last time a judge moved a case from this county to a different location.

A change of venue request was made — and denied — in advance of the 2008 death-penalty trial of Bobby L. Cutts Jr., whose case attracted national media attention.

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Story 3

Newspaper: WEB REPOSITORY

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Story 4

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY

Date: Sep 10, 2009

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Headline: Mammone's rationalization of violence is typical of those who abuse partners

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Length (in lines): 21

Mammone's rationalization of violence is typical of those who abuse partners

BY MELISSA L. PEARCE

It was sickening to read James **Mammone** III's self-righteous letter to The Repository on Aug. 25 ("**Mammone** to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing'"), and tempting to regard his explanation of committing three murders as the isolated, heinous actions of one disturbed man. We want to understand his crime.

What we need to realize is that **Mammone** is not an unusual man as far as domestic violence perpetrators go, and his justification for his actions reveals typical behavior by intimate partner abusers.

Batterers don't accept guilt for violence because they feel entitled to gain power and control over their victim. They act without remorse and project blame on their victims.

Consider **Mammone's** chilling comment that "My wife was unwilling to act to protect her children even though she knew I believed death was a viable solution."

TYPES OF CONTROL VARY

Abusers control their victims in many ways, and religion is one of them. They distort theology to threaten and control, never taking responsibility for having broken the relationship.

Abuse is not the fault of the victim and certainly is not God's will. Abusers control their victims through isolation and overpower them with accusations that ravage the victims' self-esteem.

Perpetrators undermine the credibility of victims many times because they act confidently and may present themselves as friendly and polite.

Meanwhile, victims may act timid, unsure of themselves and emotional. **Mammone's** intention to "set the record straight" was not a confession of wrongdoing; he was urging others to accept his point of view.

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Many batterers work hard to create the public image of being the concerned, decent "family man." Often nobody else has seen his violent, controlling side, resulting in victims being accused of exaggerating or lying about the abuse.

Self-centeredness is another typical trait. Batterers believe the only things that are important are the things that pertain to them. They think everything should happen the way they want it to happen.

They act as if they are the center of the universe and believe life without them is not worth living.

They are people whose behavior is learned and socially reinforced. That's why prevention and intervention are so important.

When children watch the abuse of their own mother at the hands of their father, they learn those behaviors as normal. When there are inadequate consequences for battering behavior, the abuser is encouraged to continue.

Frequently, children are used by batterers to control victims through threats. Mothers fear they will lose their children if the police are called. Or, in the case of a divorce, mothers fear consequences when children must have unsupervised visitation with the abuser.

It's a common belief that batterers just need some training on anger management. Actually, they "manage" their anger well.

They do not beat up their boss or someone who cuts in front of them in line. They control their anger, saving it until they get home, and their actions are many times premeditated.

Battering is a chosen behavior; therefore, other choices can be made.

Abuse exists on a continuum, from telling a victim how to dress or look and isolating victims from family and friends to stalking and murder. Yet the emotional trauma of domestic violence victims is consistent.

James Mammone III is just another batterer. Beyond this tragedy, there are countless acts of violence and abuse that don't become public.

This same horrific act could happen many more times in our community, yet many times it has been avoided — sometimes barely.

ONE-THIRDSTILLATRISK

Last year alone, Domestic Violence Project Inc. provided services to 1,872 victims of domestic violence and answered 3,162 calls on its hotline. Nearly one in three women may expect to be victims of domestic violence in their lifetime.

Leaving an abusive relationship is the most potentially lethal time, with 75 percent of deaths occurring when the victim is leaving or has recently left the relationship.

Historically, society has viewed violence against women as something women have the responsibility to control, so women have been held accountable for someone else's behavior.

Instead of asking "Why does she stay?" we need to focus on the behavior of perpetrators.

We need to recognize what we're seeing. Listen to victims and believe them. And demand that perpetrators be held accountable.

Melissa L. Pearce is executive director and CEO of the Domestic Violence Project.

Story 5

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY

Date: Sep 09, 2009

Day of Week: Wednesday

Page: A9

Headline: When children are involved, abusers have a way to target ex-spouses

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Length (in lines): 8

When children are involved, abusers have a way to target ex-spouses

This is in regard to the much-publicized crimes and recent published letter of James Mammone III ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing,' " Aug. 25). My heart and prayers go out to Mrs. Mammone and her father for their tragic losses.

When James Mammone initially confessed to killing their children and ex-mother-in-law, he stated that he killed them to inflict severe emotional pain to his ex-wife.

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Being that Mr. **Mammone** perpetrated domestic violence against his children's mother during their marriage, once she left the marriage with the children, he could no longer directly target her with his abuse.

As abusive relationships go, where there are children involved, once a victim leaves, she is often still targeted by her abuser through what she loves and cares for most: her children.

Examples of this range from the abuser alienating her children from her or turning their minds unjustly against her, threatening to gain or take the children from her in a custody battle (which happens, as abusers are given custodial and shared parenting often), kidnapping them during visitation and, worst of all, murdering her children.

Mr. **Mammone**, in his cold, calculating mind, knew exactly the best way to hurt and punish his ex-wife by killing her children.

His published letter shows a transparent attempt to establish his insanity plea in court by stating that he wanted to spare the children the ill effects of divorce. However, his initial statement of wanting to cause severe emotional pain to his ex-wife revealed it all.

Mr. **Mammone** should remember that there is a payday some day.

PAULA-KAY PAULUN, CANTON

Story 6

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY

Date: Sep 08, 2009

Day of Week: Tuesday

Page: A7

Headline: Publishing letter did two kinds of harm

Credit: letters

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Length (In lines): 2

Publishing letter did two kinds of harm

The Repository's printing James **Mammone** III's letter ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing,' " Aug. 25) did at least two negative things: potentially reopened wounds to the Eakin family and made a fair trial for all parties involved difficult to obtain.

I pray that God will be with Marcia and her family, especially during the next year as this trial nears.

ANTHONY THOMAS, CANTON

Story 7

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY

Date: Sep 08, 2009

Day of Week: Tuesday

Page: A7

Headline: Sending letter to newspaper won't help defendant in upcoming trial

Credit: letters

Contributed Byline: NoContributedByline

Length (In lines): 4

Sending letter to newspaper won't help defendant in upcoming trial

If James **Mammone** III's letter to The Repository was intended to promote an insanity defense, it didn't work for me ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing,' " Aug. 25). Neither did his claims that he wanted to "spare" his children from divorce.

What he did prove is that he is yet another insecure control freak, like all too many others we have read and heard about.

Yes, Mr. **Mammone** did send his precious children and their grandmother back to their Creator where they are now and forever will be joyful, and he can rest assured that his Creator has a special place for him, too — but it ain't heaven.

JENNIFER DIMATTIO,

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PERRY TOWNSHIP

Story 8

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Day of Week: Thursday
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Headline: Publishing Mammone's letter added to trauma for family of murder victims
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Publishing **Mammone's** letter added to trauma for family of murder victims

Due to the printing of James **Mammone III's** letter on Aug. 25 ("**Mammone** to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing'"), I have been compelled to write in and voice my opinion.

As a resident of Canton, I have come to expect a certain level of journalistic integrity from The Repository, and I am both disgusted and saddened by the sensationalistic, tabloid-like front page printing of **Mammone's** repulsive ploy to set up an insanity defense.

To create a forum for evil — not a word I use lightly — to voice its rationalizations is not only in poor taste but also shows this newspaper's complicity to this man's self-proclaimed self-righteous crime.

I urge you to contemplate the fact that you undoubtedly created more unnecessary trauma for the victims of this crime. Who benefited from printing the ramblings of this animal? Certainly not the Eakin family.

I reprimand you for allowing this monster to justify his actions on center stage. In my opinion, James **Mammone III** is not insane but merely a poor excuse for a human being who uses his skewed religious beliefs and God to support his morally reprehensible conduct.

He deserves no attention from the public, and I sincerely hope The Repository will atone by focusing on helping the Eakin family to heal in its future coverage of this sad story.

As for now, Jeff Gauger has lost his credibility as an editor, and he should be ashamed of himself for printing this nonsense in a blatant attempt to sell papers.

TIFFANY MARCHI, CANTON

Story 9

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY
Date: Aug 30, 2009
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Length (in lines): 1

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Story 10

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY
Date: Aug 29, 2009
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Headline: Will letter be grounds to move Mammone trial?

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Will letter be grounds to move **Mammone** trial?

I was appalled at the front-page story concerning James **Mammone** III ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing'; letter from jail explains that he killed his children to spare them from divorce," Aug. 25).

I could not believe that The Repository lowered its standards to give this jerk any press time at all.

Are you guys so hard up for news that you would give the idiot grounds for a change of trial venue? Everyone will read the story.

His attorney alleges that they have no strategy with this story, when we all know that an attorney doesn't even go to the restroom without some sort of strategy.

I usually have words of praise for The Rep but am hard-pressed to find any following this story.

I sincerely hope that publishing his letter does not backfire in the face of the editors who chose to run it, by helping **Mammone** to get a change of venue.

RICHARD KEPLER,

CANTON TOWNSHIP

Story 11

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY
Date: Aug 29, 2009
Day of Week: Saturday
Page: A11
Headline: Repository readers didn't need to know
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Length (in lines): 3

Repository readers didn't need to know

In publishing the letter from James **Mammone** III, was it the intention of The Rep to inform us of something we didn't already know? Through his need to control and his own lack of self-control, James **Mammone** committed a heinous act on innocent victims. Now he wants us to understand his side.

His act speaks for itself. He should not be given a platform.

Like others who have experienced a divorce action, if **Mammone** had a hard time accepting the terms, he could have sought counseling for his rage instead of abuse and violence.

RHONDA CAIAZZA, PLAIN TOWNSHIP

Story 12

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY
Date: Aug 29, 2009
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TELL US YOUR STORY FOR LABOR DAY

It is time for the average dog to start barking. When I read the comment of Jeff Gauger, executive editor of The Repository, as to why he decided to publish the letter of defendant James **Mammone** III, I was badly disappointed ("Jail letter from **Mammone** turned over to authorities," Aug. 26).

He described the accused's crimes as "a community event as much as a private family event, and I believe that community interest in these crimes was high enough to warrant publication."

Could it be that there is high interest at The Repository to take advantage of an "exclusive scoop" when such an opportunity presents itself? What about what is good for the community?

Is it a good thing to give an accused child-murderer the highest soapbox in town? It's like finding a lost wallet, spending the money, then turning it in to the police. Perhaps others will commit heinous crimes and offer their life views to the local newspapers.

Mr. Gauger's judgment is poor. Yes, I am barking at him, and I am just a common dog. Many others share my viewpoint but have become complacent and feel it does no good to bark.

Well, we can all lie around as lazy dogs and let our society shape itself from neglectful inactivity, or we can band together to repel the wrongdoings we see around us.

Everyone needs to speak up and start barking.

DALE R. BERGER, PLAIN TOWNSHIP

Story 13

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY

Date: Aug 31, 2009

Day of Week: Monday

Page: A9

Headline: Rep wasn't wrong to print letter

Credit: letters

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Length (in lines): 5

Rep wasn't wrong to print letter

I don't blame The Rep for publishing James **Mammone** III's letter ("Mammone to The Repository: 'I did the most merciful thing'; letter from jail explains that he killed his children to spare them from divorce," Aug. 25).

It would have been made public by someone else.

And after reading this letter, you can tell that **Mammone** is nothing but an antisocial, narcissistic man who likes to cause pain to anyone. He is playing the system; he is setting up either for an insanity plea or that he can't get a fair trial in this state because of the publicity.

I find the letter proves beyond a shadow of a doubt he killed three innocent people, and he deserved nothing but the best the state has to offer — death.

If you want **Mammone** media-seeking to stop, the prosecuting attorney needs to have a gag order put in place. And I think they should put **Mammone** in solitary confinement, or send him to Gitmo for protection of himself.

Let's get this trial going so we can send him to death row and get him out of Canton.

BRENDA GRASS,

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

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How, why we decided to publish letter from James **Mammone III**

I was publisher of a small-town weekly newspaper for a few years in the 1990s. The paper had about 10 full- and part-time employees, and we were a tight little group, almost like family.

One morning, one of the paper's full-time employees didn't arrive at her usual time. We started to worry. Then we got terrible news.

Our colleague, a normally bubbly woman in her late 20s, had stopped by her mom's house to pick up her teen-age sister for a ride to school. There, she found both mom and sis dead, the victims of a brutal double murder.

Our friend was utterly broken with grief, understandably. As were we, her work family. We grieved for her and raged at the monster who had brought this tragedy into our lives.

I share this story because of the reaction last week to publication of a letter sent to The Repository by James **Mammone III**. **Mammone** is charged in the June slayings of his two children, ages 3 and 5, and of his former mother-in-law.

The letter arrived in our office Monday. Reporter Shane Hoover opened it late that afternoon. **Mammone's** message, handwritten on the fronts and backs of three pieces of yellow legal paper, was articulate and chillingly clear.

A fair paraphrase: I killed my children as an act of mercy to spare them from my recent divorce. I killed my mother-in-law in a fit of rage; it was wrong to kill her, but I hope you understand.

We published the entire letter Tuesday along with a story summarizing its contents and sharing reaction from prosecutors and defense lawyers in the **Mammone** case.

Publication of the letter prompted many of you to react in disgust. You shared that disgust in telephone calls to me and other editors, in letters to the editor and in comments at CantonRep.com.

Many of you threatened to cancel your subscriptions. A few of you did.

'TRYING TO SELL NEWSPAPERS'

Some readers offered that worn-out cliché of a criticism that newspaper people hear all the time: "You're just trying to sell newspapers."

Well, yes. That's what we do.

Other readers expressed concern that publication of the letter would impede the legal proceedings, that **Mammone** now would have a better chance of asserting insanity or of getting off on a technicality because some lawyer will say he now can't get a fair trial.

I trust our legal system to get the right result while balancing the equally important, sometimes contradictory constitutional rights of the accused to a fair trial and of the public to a free press and free speech.

Besides, publication of one letter on one day hardly places the **Mammone** case in the category of a Sam Sheppard, an O.J. Simpson or even a Bobby Cutts.

Then there was this criticism: You insensitive louts. How could you subject **Mammone's** ex-wife and her family to this crap from her monster of an ex-husband?

My explanation cannot trump the power of the tragic emotion that has accompanied Marcia Eakin, her family and her friends since June. If you think I'm an insensitive lout now, I doubt I'll change your opinion in the next few column inches of type.

Nevertheless, the criticism deserves an answer. A homicide usually involves private individuals, but it is a public event nonetheless. We acknowledge as much by turning the law-enforcement and legal work over to public employees rather than relying on private vengeance.

When the letter arrived, we immediately knew it would become part of the public administration of justice. Prosecutors would want it. Defense lawyers would expect to see it.

And, so, we worked through our ethical decision tree.

LOOKATCONSEQUENCES

Our impulse is to publish. Our ethical obligation is to think of consequences first. We did that Monday evening, asking ourselves:

n Will publishing interfere with the legal case?

Not likely, though it may create some inconvenience.

n What will happen if we don't publish?

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We don't work for government, for judges, for prosecutors, for defense lawyers or cops. By professional ethic, we normally will not turn over information we dig up or receive to law-enforcement authorities unless required to by court order. That independence is key.

If we turn over the letter without publishing it, its existence almost certainly will become public at trial. Then the independence that is key to our credibility will be compromised. Some people may come to believe that we work for government rather than watch it.

We also could file the letter away, say nothing and publish nothing. That seems a chicken's way out — don't invite uncomfortable attention to ourselves.

n Most important, what are the human costs of publishing the letter?

No question, it would add hurt to an already grievous emotional injury. But doesn't almost anything we publish about the case do that? We can't possibly publish nothing as the judge and lawyers wind to a conclusion.

Plus, there may be benefit to the public getting further insight into the mind of the accused killer, insight that will help them judge the court's performance and will almost certainly build sympathy for the Eakin family.

As you know, we published the letter. We sought to mitigate the human cost by telling the Eakins through a family friend that it was coming.

Judgment calls such as these are never easy. My experience back at that weekly paper was a tangible reference point for me last week.

In that earlier case, I was both journalist and friend. It's easier being just the journalist, but I'm a better one today because I once was the friend.

Story 16

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 Headline: What you're saying on CantonRep.com
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What you're saying on CantonRep.com

ABOUT "MAMMONE IN LETTER: KILLING HIS CHILDREN WAS 'THE MOST MERCIFUL THING' ":

n What the heck were you fools thinking? This man is a murderer who has shattered the lives of innocent people, and you give him front-page coverage to spew his trash? This should have never been printed. It should have been handed over to the authorities so that the correct people could have used it for justice. Whoever made the decision to print this should be ashamed of themselves. KellyTheChef

n I am completely disgusted, Repository. Does no one there have any compassion at all? I cannot believe you published this and gave him exactly what he wanted. As someone who knows the family and has seen the aftermath, shame on you. There is absolutely no reason this needed to be published. This is not censorship, or giving the people what they feel they are obligated to knowing, it is about being human and thinking about how the family feels. ... Seven28

n I commend The Repository for submitting this letter. They are doing their job, for goodness' sake. The headline was perfectly clear. Those of you who are "upset" didn't have to read it. If it weren't for The Repository in the first place, no one would've known about this tragedy or about the beautiful community vigil held for the deceased children and mother. So, basically, you would like to pick and choose what The Rep should report? I say this is pretty big news. ... Daisy1999

n Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, and mine is that I have no problem with The Rep publishing this. It looks like they did their due diligence to confirm the authenticity of the letter. It's news. End of story in my mind. While I agree it's certainly painful to the family, I also think that can't factor into the decision. If it did, where would the line be drawn? The Rep is never going to report a violent crime again? Will B

n There is a huge difference between reporting both sides of a tragic story and giving the murderer a platform to ramble on and actually give a "reason" for killing his kids. It is ridiculous to think that printing his letter was somehow newsworthy. Simply reporting that the letter was received and the basic gist of it would have been more than enough! Save this family some heartache, for God's sake, you can report the news and still show compassion for the victims of one of the most horrifying crimes I can think of! Redgal

n I don't condemn the paper for printing the story. I wanted to know what the heck this guy was thinking. Too many times you read a story and never heard the "what was that person thinking" when they did what they did. ... Grandpa_D

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ABOUT "ENROLLMENT AT STARK STATE TOPS 12,000":

n I'm grateful to be one of the students. W8jkc

n ... No way I'm driving to Akron! Glad we have Stark State in our backyard. CMiller

Story 17

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Length (in lines): 36

Mammone's letter

Below is the text of a letter received Monday by Repository reporter Shane Hoover from James Mammone III, a Stark County Jail inmate. The letter, dated Aug. 20, 2009, is reproduced here as it was written.

Shane Hoover, et al:

I am writing to set the record straight regarding any questions and misconceptions surrounding the motives and events concerning my deceased children Macy Mammone and James Mammone IV, as well as their grandmother Margaret Eakin.

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The news media has accurately reported that I gave a taped confession to Canton police detectives in which I admitting to ending the mortal lives of the three aforementioned people. I would not do anything so drastic without owning up to it.

However, the police did not ask me what my motives were that prompted the killings, nor did I offer any such information to them.

In the absence of a factual motive for this tragic loss of life, the media has conjectured that I acted in vengeance against my wife, who sought to break apart our children's immediate family. It has been claimed in the media that my precious children lost their lives so their mother would be subject to extreme mental anguish.

I understand that through conjecture the media means to sell the public a villainous monster. However, the claims of my motive — regarding my children — are false and unfounded.

Beginning at 4 PM on Sunday, June 7th, I began 14 hours of continuously attempting to resolve the conflict between the children's mother and I regarding the unacceptable living situation that she and the Stark County Family Courts (specifically the "professional homewrecker" Judge Jim James) had placed our children into. My wife was unwilling to act to protect her children even though she knew I believed death was a viable solution. I did not wish for harm to come to my children, but I concluded there was no other way to ensure they were going to receive to proper spiritual care they had been promised.

After somberly taking my precious children's lives while they slept in the early morning hours of Monday, June 8th, only then did I become enraged.

Vexation overcame me, and I sought to make the family who turned their backs me, and my wife, who allowed the unthinkable to happen to our children, feel my pain.

Only one block from Westminster Community Church — the sacred grounds where I send my children back to their Creator — my mother-in-law was resting in her guest room. I drove to her home and entered it. I went upstairs and murdered her in a savage manner — then I fled her home. I went into shock. Eventually, I made arrangements to turn my children over to the police.

While my children were absolutely not killed out of revenge, my mother-in-law was. It was wrong of me to kill her and I am very sorry that I did. I was not in a proper state of mind when doing so.

To make matters worse, I called my wife and taunted her about the killings that transpired. That, of course, did hurt her.

Before starting our family, I made it abundantly clear to my wife that I would never accept our children growing up in a household where their biological parents were not both present, and lived as husband and wife. My wife agreed to my demands; she assured me we would be together forever — a claim that we swore to God we would uphold several years before when we spoke our Christian wedding vows.

I firmly believe that no good comes to children who are subjected to the divorce of their parents. Children who live in a broken home environment are often put under the supervision of persons who are not emotionally connected to the children in a manner that enables them to make the protection and well being of said children their utmost priority. The needs of the child becomes secondary to the desires and ulterior motives of the charlatans to whom their care has been entrusted.

Sadly, many children's safety and innocence are compromised. More times than not, mistreated children develop pervasive psychological difficulties which may adversely affect all aspects of their lives; physical, mental and emotional problems stay with them throughout adulthood.

This was not going to happen to my children I pledged my life to God to protect from the harm of immorality.

We live in dangerous times were God's laws are perceived as being antiquated. Satan has been leading a costly war against family values for the past 50 years.

Divorce has become commonplace. Satan has been able to establish divorce as a norm of society; when our peers get divorced, they are unknowingly working as Satan's enablers of immorality. Many people who are convinced that they are good people, are being coerced by the kindom of darkness into perpetuating the moral decay of our culture.

With divorce working as a post-modern plague, recent generations of our people have been exposed to — and embraced — a myriad of other sins as well.

Sin has taken a stranglehold on: our governments and economies; our workplaces; our social and sexual habits; our perceptions of morality and propriety; the media; and the value we place on education.

Yes, I know, I stand on a very high soapbox for being a murderer.

I have always cared for my fellow Cantonians, and they are looking for answers as to why so much violence is cropping up in our proud community. I speak to this matter honestly, as it pertains to my specific, and how I view the world in general.

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If the public is outraged over the loss of my childrens life, then I beseech them to not let Macy and James die in vain!

Stop getting divorces!

Stop breaking up your childrens homes!

Stop making vows to God that you aren't will to keep!

Two wonderful, well-loved children are now gone from our community.

Are there two couples out there who are willing to say "enough is enough" and pledge to each other to solemnly uphold the traditional family values that make children thrive?

I hope so. The lives of my children were much too short, but their existence can still have a profound meaning.

I believe there is alot of good in the world, and all of that good is bestowed upon us as blessings from God.

Far too many people have chosen to forsake their heavenly Father and embrace a lifestyle filled with sin and iniquity.

I demanded better for my children, and I am faithful that they are now under the supervision of the ultimate caregiver — God the Father.

For me, the only thing I have left in this world is God's promise of the next world.

One addition point I'd like to address is relative to the "smirking" mugshot photo of my when I was a blonde. That photo was taken on June 12, 2008 — one year prior to the June 8, 2009 killing. I assure you all, I looked considerably more melancholy the morning my children lost their lives. Why the older picture has been used I do not know, but I have been told much has been made of it!

I will close in thanking you for taking the time to gain a bit more insite into this most tragic of occurrences.

Sincerely,

James Mammone III

Story 23

Newspaper: THE REPOSITORY

Date: Aug 25, 2009

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By SHANE HOOVER

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CANTON "I am writing to set the record straight regarding any questions and misconceptions ... "

The six-page letter, scrawled in pencil on sheets ripped from a yellow legal pad, begins with those words.

More shocking are the claims that follow and the name at the end, signed three times: James Mammone III.

Mammone, 35, of Canton, sits in the Stark County Jail, charged with aggravated murder and facing a death sentence if convicted of killing his two children and his former mother-in-law in June.

He has pleaded not guilty and his trial is set for January.

The Repository received two unsolicited letters Monday that appear to have been written by Mammone. They came in one envelope identifying them as inmate mail. A jail supervisor confirmed that Mammone had sent a letter to the newspaper.

The main letter (see Page A-8) dealt with Mammone's case. The second letter comments on another, unrelated homicide.

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The writer, claiming to be **Mammone**, doesn't deny responsibility for the killings with which he is charged — "I would not do anything so drastic without owning up to it," the letter states — and tries to explain his motives in a lengthy essay that condemns his ex-wife, society, courts and the media, and calls divorce a tool of Satan.

"Yes, I know, I stand on a very high soapbox for being a murderer," the writer admits.

NOT REVENGE

Authorities say **Mammone** fatally stabbed 5-year-old Macy **Mammone** and 3-year-old James **Mammone** IV. Police found them strapped into child-safety seats in the car **Mammone** was driving.

Mammone's former mother-in-law, Margaret Eakin, 57, was shot to death in her Poplar Avenue NW home.

Police have said **Mammone** confessed to the June 8 killings, saying he wanted to hurt his ex-wife, Marcia Eakin, following their divorce, which was finalized in April.

The letter claims that **Mammone** never gave investigators a reason for the killings and that they didn't ask.

Then it tries to explain why he killed his children.

No good comes to children whose parents divorce, and **Mammone** wasn't going to allow their safety and innocence to be compromised, the letter states, although the writer doesn't specifically say what endangered the children.

"I did not wish for harm to come to my children, but I concluded there was no other way to ensure they were going to receive to proper spiritual care they had been promised," the letter states.

After the children's deaths, **Mammone** became enraged and went to Eakin's home, where he killed her, according to the letter.

"While I confess to being totally without just cause for needlessly murdering Margaret Eakin, I still feel as though I did the most merciful thing I could do for my children (based) upon the conditions of their environment, and the bleak outlook of the future they were to face," the letter states. "If the public is outraged over the loss of my (children's) life, then I beseech them to not let Macy and James die in vain!

"Stop getting divorces!

"Stop breaking up your (children's) homes!

"Stop making vows to God that you aren't (willing) to keep!" ATTORNEYS DECLINE COMMENT

Assistant Stark County Prosecutor Chryssa Hartnett declined to confirm or contradict the claims made in the letter.

With the case pending, "it would be improper ethically for me to do that at this point," she said.

The defense wasn't saying much, either. They've already said in court filings that **Mammone** doesn't wish to discuss the case with anyone without his lawyers being present.

Sending letters isn't "part of our legal strategy, but a client has free will and can choose to either take or disregard the advice of counsel," said Derek Lowry, one of **Mammone's** attorneys.

George Urban, an attorney who has served as a spokesman for Marcia and her father, James Eakin, declined to comment on the letter.

A regularly scheduled pretrial conference on the case is set for Wednesday before Stark County Common Pleas Judge John G. Haas.

In addition to the murders, **Mammone** is charged with breaking into the Canton Township home of his ex-wife and trying to set fire to a truck parked outside.

The letter mentions nothing about those allegations. At the end of the letter, the writer comments on **Mammone's** "smirking" jail photo. The photo was taken a year prior to his arrest.

"I assure you all, I looked considerably more melancholy the morning my children lost their lives," the letter states.

Story 24

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TODAY

Rock 'N Rod Reunion

The Rock 'N Rod Reunion will be from 12:30 to 8 p.m. today between Royal Avenue NE and Cook Park in northeast Canton.

A breakfast will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Hide-A-Way Restaurant at 4021 Mahoning Rd. NE. A 21-gun salute will sound at 10:15 a.m. at the former home of the late World War II veteran Bennie Angelo on Endrow Avenue NE, between Midway Avenue and 22nd Street NE. The parade will be at 11 a.m. on Mahoning. The car, truck and bike show is 3 to 8 p.m. at Auto Zone at Mahoning and Harrisburg. Registration is \$10. Food vendors will be present. Call (330) 455-3873, ext. 413.

Back-to-school party

The Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN) will hold a back-to-school party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the SWAN Garden at Sixth Street and Union Avenue SW.

The event includes free book bags for students in kindergarten to grade 12, music, hot dogs and games. For information visit www.cantonswan.com.

SUNDAY

Day of remembrance

A benefit for the Eakin and **Mammone** families will be from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at 356th Fighter Group restaurant at 4919 Mount Pleasant St. NW in Green.

It will be a day of remembrance and a celebration of the lives of Margaret J. Eakin and her grandchildren, Macy and James **Mammone IV**.

Two local and three regional bands will play throughout the day.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and younger. Food and drinks can be purchased from the Fighter Group restaurant.

LOOKING AHEAD

Football 101

Women can learn about football from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Sam Bourquin and Joe Palmisano from news-talk 1480 WHBC and MIX 94.1 will lead this evening of football, food, drinks and fun.

Learn such basics as terminology, positions, and referee signals. Also learn from the wife of a Hall of Famer what it's like to be married to a pro football player.

Preregistration is required. Space is limited to 250 people. Call (330) 456-8207.

Story 25

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Fundraisers

Eakin / **Mammone** Family Benefit A benefit for the Eakin and **Mammone** families will take place from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at the 356th Fighter Group restaurant. It will be a day of remembrance and a celebration of the lives of Margaret J. Eakin and her grandchildren Macy and

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James **Mammone** IV. Two local and three regional bands will play throughout the day: LaGrange (ZZ Top tribute), Dark Side of the Moon (Pink Floyd tribute), Recess, MADD, and Zero Tolerance. Sound will be provided by BigTimeSound.com, and WONE Radio will have a live remote. There will be prizes and raffles for services and goods from Angello's, Roma's Radiator, Lew's Bar, B&K Cafe, Scoreboard, Flowers by Pat, Tan Lines, Alternate Illusions and Miller Lite. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and younger. Food and drinks can be purchased from the 356th Fighter Group restaurant. The restaurant is at 4919 Mount Pleasant St. NW in Green.

Trillium Family Solutions fundraiser at Papa Gyros Papa Gyros will conduct a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 26 to benefit Trillium Family Solutions. With presentation of a coupon, 20 percent of total lunch and dinner sales will help support the ongoing program needs of Trillium Family Solutions. Coupons will be valid at both Papa Gyros locations, Belden Village at 4760 Everhard Rd. NW in Jackson Township and 2045 Cleveland Ave. NW in Canton. Coupons are available at Trillium Family Solutions at 624 Market Ave. N in Canton or by contacting Beth at (330) 454-7066, Ext.348.

Sand sculpture Master sand sculptor Laurie Tournoux will mold grains of sand into a large sculpture outside the entrance of the Paul & Carol David YMCA on Aug. 28, 29 and 30. The event is a fundraiser for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign financial assistance program. The YMCA is at 7389 Caritas Cir. NW, facing Wales Avenue NW just south of Fulton Drive, in Jackson Township. View the new sand creation throughout the month of September.

NEO Rock 'n' Roller Girls roller derby The NEO Rock 'n' Roller Girls are skating their second season at the Summit County Fairgrounds arena building. The team's remaining home bouts, which start at 6 p.m., are Aug. 29, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. The bout Aug. 29 against the OHRG Gang Green of Columbus, Ohio, starts at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5. At halftime, there will be an auction of Roller Girls "busts" painted by local artists. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Stewart's Caring Place in Akron. In cooperation with Bazaar Bizarre Cleveland, vendors will sell unusual craft items at the NEO Rock 'n' Roller Girls home bouts. There also will be raffles and beer sales. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Group discounts are available. For ticket information, go to www.NEORollerDerby.com. The fairgrounds are at 1100 North Ave. in Tallmadge. An after party will be held at Thursdays Lounge at 306 E. Exchange St. in Akron.

Story 26

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YOURLIFE BRIEFS

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Lehman alumni to meet Thursday

The Lehman Alumni will have their annual picnic 6 p.m. Thursday at the Lake Cable Clubhouse, 5725 Fulton Dr. NW. Food and beverages will be provided, but guests should bring a dessert to share. For information, call Larry Taylor at (330) 494-9519.

Also, the Hill Gang will have a golf outing 11:30 a.m. Friday at Spring Valley Golf Course, 5851 Breezehill Rd SW in East Sparta. Cost for 18 holes of golf and a cart is \$20. Dinner will follow at a cost of \$20. For tee times and or dinner reservations, call Dick Burrell at (330) 493-0903.

GREEN

Benefit set for **Mammone** family

DeMarco Productions and the 356th Fighter Group will have a fundraiser for the Eakin and **Mammone** families from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Fighter Group, 4919 Mt. Pleasant Rd.

The event is a day of remembrance and celebration of the lives of Margaret Eakin, Macy **Mammone** and James **Mammone** IV, and features live music, raffles, prizes, food and more.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for attendees ages 18 and younger.

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November 10, 2009

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Re: ***State of Ohio v. James Mammone***
Stark County Common Pleas Court
Case No. 2009 CR 0859

Dear Mr. Lowry:

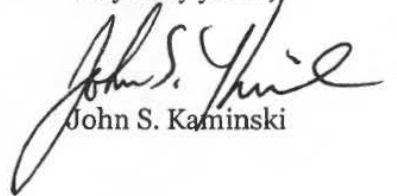
Enclosed please find the response of The Repository and The Independent to your subpoena dated October 15, 2009. Specifically, you requested "please provide a copy of all broadcast, printed, or recorded materials regarding the above-captioned case. In lieu of appearance, please provide the requested information to counsel for Defendant, attorney Derek J. Lowry, at 116 Cleveland Avenue N.W., Suite 800, Canton, Ohio 44702, no later than November 11, 2009."

Enclosed is the following:

- Material published at IndeOnline.com
- Material published in The Independent
- Material published at CantonRep.com
- Material published in The Repository

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



John S. Kaminski

JSK/gms

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cc: Tammi R. Johnson, Esq. (w/o enc.)
Dennis E. Barr, Esq. (w/o enc.)
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4 capital cases top prosecutor priorities

By DOUG STALEY

The Independent

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MASSILLON, OH — With four capital murder cases already on the docket, time and resources are being stretched thin at the Stark County Prosecutor's Office.

The office is down 14 positions, including three in the criminal division, since the county's last budget crisis in 2003, according to Prosecutor John Ferrero.

"We are way behind the curve (in terms of staffing) when you compare us to Summit County," Ferrero said.

In addition to the four capital murder cases pending in Common Pleas Court, suspects in two recent shootings — one in Massillon and the other in Canton — could be indicted under the death penalty.

Massillon police are still looking for DeShawn Bethune, 35, of Canton, who is accused of shooting 30-year-old Matthew Copeland in the head last week. He is wanted on several charges, including aggravated murder, a charge that typically includes death specifications.

John Frazier, 17, and Michael Strychalski, 18, both of Canton, are accused of shooting Jessie Burns IV, 20, of Perry Township, during an apparent robbery last month on Canton's southeast side.

Frazier is facing an aggravated murder charge; Strychalski is charged with complicity to aggravated murder. Strychalski, who is being held on \$1 million bond, is to appear Monday in Canton Municipal Court for a preliminary hearing. Frazier is due in court Tuesday for a pre-trial hearing in Family Court. Two of the murder cases, including one involving Thomas Lewers, of Massillon, who is charged with aggravated murder in the December shooting death of Perry Township resident Jeffrey Cole, are expected to go to trial this year, Ferrero said. The others, including those of Canton triple murder suspects James Mammone and Edward Martino, likely will not be tried until next year.

Death penalty cases are complicated, Ferrero said, and are more demanding of prosecutors. At least two prosecutors are assigned to death penalty cases.

"It's getting tough, but we're able to handle it at this point. They are pretty well spaced out time-wise," Ferrero said.

Ferrero said prosecutors are not paid overtime for extra hours they dedicate to murder cases.

"We have set salaries. If they do put some extra time in, then they will take compensatory time," Ferrero said.

Most of the operational costs associated with capital murder trials are unavoidable, according to Common Pleas Court Administrator Marc Warner. A single trial can cost the county anywhere between \$25,000 and \$40,000, he said. Expenses are incurred for witnesses, such as psychologists and medical experts, juror fees, additional security, and meals and hotel rooms for sequestered jurors, Warner said.

"There's nothing about a capital murder case that can be compromised or short-cutted as it relates to the process. ... Budget constraints are not appropriately related to these cases. The court has to do what the court has to do," Warner said. "Expert witnesses get appointed very early in the process so those costs begin almost immediately."

Warner said the court is aware of the county's economic troubles and has been tracking expenses. In the past year, the court has reduced its bottom line by cutting staff and not granting raises, he said.

"All we can do is work cooperatively with commissioners and keep them informed of our expenses," he said. "We will request additional funding at the point at which we have to have to maintain our operations."

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Mammone waives his right to a speedy trial

By DOUG STALEY

The Independent

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CANTON, OH — A Canton man charged with killing his two children and ex-mother-in-law has waived his right to a speedy trial.

James Mammone III, 35, of [REDACTED], appeared Wednesday morning in Stark County Common Pleas Court for a pre-trial hearing. Mammone signed a time waiver, which means he agreed to surrender his right to have the case brought to trial within 90 days of his arrest.

The case is scheduled to go to trial the week of Jan. 11 in front of Judge John Haas. A second pre-trial hearing is set for July 26.

Mammone is accused of killing his children, James IV, 3, and Macy, 5, and his ex-mother-in-law, Margaret Eakin, 57, on June 8. If convicted, Mammone could face the death penalty or life in prison.

Mammone is charged with three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated burglary and single counts of violating a protection order and attempted arson. The murder charges include death specifications. Mammone has pleaded not guilty to the charges and is being held on \$15 million bond.

The murder charges allege Mammone shot Eakin and stabbed his children in the throat.

Mammone confessed to the killings in a police interview and told detectives he wanted to inflict emotional pain on his ex-wife, Marcia.

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Not guilty plea in murder of kids, then grandma - Massillon, OH - The Independent

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Not guilty plea in murder of kids, their grandma

By DOUG STALEY

The Independent

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CANTON, OH — A tentative trial date has been set for a Canton man accused of killing his children and ex-mother-in-law.

James Mammone III, 35, of [REDACTED] was arraigned Friday at the Stark County Safety Building on three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated burglary and single counts of violating a protection order and attempted arson. The murder charges are accompanied by death specifications.

The hearing was held at the safety building, which is adjacent to the county jail, for security reasons.

Mammone pleaded not guilty to the charges after they were formally read by Common Pleas Judge John Haas. The judge set an initial pre-trial for July 1 and reserved the week of Jan. 11 for a possible trial. A back-up trial date of Feb. 22 also was set. The judge said he would consider allowing Mammone to waive his right to a speedy trial at the pre-trial conference.

Mammone, seated between his attorneys, Tammi Johnson and Derek Lowry, listened as Haas read the charges.

The court appointed Johnson and Lowry, both of whom are certified by the Ohio Supreme Court to defend capital murder cases, to represent Mammone.

"The charges don't get any more serious than they do in this case," Haas told Mammone.

Mammone did not speak at the hearing other than to answer a couple of questions from the judge. Johnson entered the not guilty plea on Mammone's behalf. Mammone is being held on \$15 million bond.

Mammone is accused of killing his children, James IV, 3, and Macy, 5, and his ex-mother-in-law, Margaret Eakin, 57, on June 8. If convicted, Mammone could face the death penalty or one of three life prison sentences: Life in prison without the possibility of parole; life in prison with parole eligibility in 30 years; and life in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years.

The murder charges allege Mammone broke into Eakin's residence and shot her in an upstairs bedroom and, at some point, stabbed his children in the throat in the back seat of his vehicle. Mammone also allegedly broke into his ex-wife's residence in the 400 block of Aultman Ave. N.W., Canton Township, and attempted to set fire to a nearby truck. Police later arrested Mammone outside his Fulton Road apartment.

Mammone, who recently divorced from his wife, Marcia, told police detectives the slayings were motivated by a desire to inflict emotional pain.

Before closing the hearing, Haas warned attorneys to be careful about discussing the case publicly but did not impose a gag order.

"The less said, the better," he said.

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MURDER OF TRIO OUTSIDE BAR WAS 'CALCULATED' - MASSILLON, OH - THE INDEPENDENT

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Murder of trio outside bar was 'calculated'

By DOUG STALEY

The Independent

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CANTON, OH — A Canton man acted with "prior calculation and design" when he allegedly killed three people, including a Massillon man, outside a bar last month, according to prosecutors.

Edward C. Martino III, 24, of 3203 26th St. S.E., was indicted Thursday on three counts of aggravated murder and single counts of aggravated murder, having a weapon while under disability and improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle.

Each of the aggravated murder counts include death specifications, meaning a jury could consider the death penalty if they convict Martino.

Martino was directly indicted ahead of a preliminary hearing set for this afternoon in Canton Municipal Court. An arraignment in Common Pleas Court has not been set.

In addition to the death penalty, a jury could consider one of three life sentence options: Life in prison without the possibility of parole; life in prison with parole eligibility in 30 years; and life in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years.

Chris Newlon, Martino's attorney, could not be reached for comment.

Martino allegedly fired more than 20 rounds at a car parked outside the White Crown Cafe, 2528 Ninth St. S.W., in Canton, on May 27. De'Andre Ruffin, 22, of Massillon, Jonathon L. Pierce, 32, and Melissa L. Pinney, 31, both of Canton, were fatally wounded in the shooting. The attempted murder charge alleges Martino fired at a teenage girl inside the car. She was not injured.

Canton police have not released a motive for the shooting and have declined to say whether Martino was acquainted with the victims. Officers reportedly were called to the bar prior to the shooting for a fight involving Martino. The bar had been closed for about an hour when the gunfire erupted, according to police.

Martino fled to New Mexico following the shooting before he was captured by the FBI aboard an Amtrak train. He is being held at the Stark County Jail on \$25 million bond.

It marked the second time this week a Stark County grand jury has indicted a suspect on charges that include the death penalty.

James Mammone III, 35, of Canton, was indicted Wednesday on three counts of aggravated murder. Mammone is accused of killing his children, ages 3 and 5, and their grandmother, 57, last week. According to police, Mammone carried out the murders in order to inflict emotional pain on his former wife. Mammone is to be arraigned at 10 a.m. this morning before Judge John Haas at the Stark County Safety Building.

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Death penalty sought in triple murder

By DOUG STALEY

The Independent

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CANTON, OH — Prosecutors will push for the death penalty in the case of a Canton man charged with killing his two children and his ex-mother-in-law.

James Mammone III, 35, of [REDACTED], was indicted Wednesday on three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated burglary and single counts of violating a protection order and attempted arson.

Each of the murder charges carry death specifications that could result in the death penalty if Mammone is convicted. In addition to the death penalty, Mammone also could be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, life in prison with parole eligibility in 30 years and life in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years.

Stark County Prosecutor John Ferrero said he expects the case to go to trial either before a jury or a three-judge panel. If Mammone pleads guilty to the charges, he could request a hearing before a three-judge panel that would be charged with determining his sentence, according to Ferrero.

Prosecutors chose to directly indict Mammone rather than hold a preliminary hearing slated Thursday in Canton Municipal Court. Mammone is being held on \$15 million bond. He is to be arraigned at 10 a.m. Friday in Common Pleas Court via a video feed from the county jail. The case has been assigned to Judge John Haas.

Mammone was arrested June 8 in connection with the deaths of Margaret Eakin, 57, and his children, James IV, 3, and Macy, 5. According to police, Mammone shot Eakin in the 300 block of Poplar Avenue N.W. shortly before 6 a.m. and later stabbed his children in the throat. The bodies of the children were discovered in the back seat of Mammone's car outside his Fulton Road apartment. Mammone told police detectives he wanted to inflict emotional pain on his ex-wife.

Mammone also reportedly tried to break into his ex-wife's residence in the 400 block of Aultman Ave. N.W., which is located about two blocks from Eakin's house. According to Ferrero, Mammone allegedly attempted to set fire to a pickup parked outside Marcia Mammone's residence.

"He wanted to set it afire, but he could not get it to light," Ferrero said.

Attorney George Urban, spokesman for the victim's family, said the family is grateful for the hard work of the Prosecutor's Office, noting the preliminary hearing was avoided.

"They (family) were concerned with another public appearance," he said.

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Grand jury indicts Canton man who admitted to killing children, mother-in-law

Mammone faces death penalty if convicted

By DOUG STALEY

The Independent

Posted Jun 17, 2009 @ 12:10 PM

CANTON, OH — A Canton man could face the death penalty if convicted of killing his children and former mother-in-law.

James Mammone, 35, of [REDACTED] was indicted this morning on three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated burglary and single counts of violating a protection order and attempted arson.

Each of the murder charges carry a death specification that would result in the death penalty if Mammone is convicted. Mammone also could be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, life in prison with parole eligibility in 30 years and life in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years.

Prosecutors chose to directly indict Mammone rather than hold a preliminary hearing in Canton Municipal Court.

Mammone was arrested last Monday in connection with the deaths of Margaret Eakin, 57, and his children, James IV, 3, and Macy, 5. According to police, Mammone shot Eakin at her Poplar Avenue Northwest residence and later stabbed his children in the throat. Mammone reportedly tried to break into his ex-wife's residence on Aultman Avenue Northwest.

Mammone told police detectives he wanted to inflict emotional pain on his ex-wife.

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Judge denies reduced bond for suspect in triple murder - Massillon, OH - The Independent

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Judge denies reduced bond for suspect in triple murder

By Staff reports

The Independent

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CANTON, OH — Triple murder suspect James Mammone III remains jailed on \$15 million bond.

Mammone, 35, of ██████████ Canton, made his initial appearance Wednesday in Canton Municipal Court. Sitting behind a glass partition, Mammone did not enter a plea. Judge John Poulos denied a request from Mammone's attorney, Public Defender Jean Madden, to reduce bond. Mammone is due back in court Tuesday for a preliminary hearing.

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Pearce said domestic violence does not always involve physical abuse, but can also involve economic and mental abuse. Ultimately, all domestic violence centers around power and control.

"When they feel like they are losing that power and control, sometimes they respond by doing something like this," Pearce said.

Financial hardships, for example, can cause domestic violence to escalate, she said.

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Pearce encouraged victims of abusive relationships to seek help by calling the Domestic Violence Project's 24-hour confidential hot line at 330-453-SAFE. The agency operates shelters in Canton and Massillon.

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Vote to change Fed build Regula today – should

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A bill to name the new federal building in Canton after former U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula will be voted on today by the House of Representatives and is expected to pass overwhelmingly.

The bill – which mirrors similar legislation by Ohio

Sen. Sherrod Brown – is the first standalone legislation proposed by Regula's successor, U.S. Rep. John Bocchieri, D-Alliance.

Brown and Bocchieri, both Democrats, want to honor the Republican by naming a federal building under construction at McKinley Avenue and Third Street the Ralph Regula Federal Building and U.S. Court-

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area are ready for summer to bring on all the sunshine, festivals, swimming and freedom it has to offer. There's almost no end to the fun summer has to offer children and their families.

For Ashley Dye, summer means cookouts and camping.

"Cookouts are pretty fun and we have fun swimming, too," Dye said as she supervised William Meador, 5, and Dylan Riley, 8, at Oak Knoll Park. "Last year, we didn't get to do a lot of camping, but we are definitely hoping to do some this year. ... Maybe even do some water skiing."

Charity Rose admitted

there is nothing like the feeling of summer with its warm weather, summer festivals and opportunities for families to spend time together.

"Spending time with the kids is the best part," she said.

This summer, Rose's daughter, 10-year-old Kristen Laine, gets to head down South.

"I get to go to Louisiana," Kristen said, smiling. "I get to visit my (grandparents) and help them water the plants."

With grandma and grandpa, Kristen helps to take care of flowers and vegetables – and she loves to gar-

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Tim Reinhart, manager of Santangelo's Restaurant and Party Center and the Tiki, which operate out of the same building, has said that the complaints are unfounded, but that he is trying to work with the community regardless.

City Code

At a second public meeting with residents, business employees and patrons on Sunday, Mayor Frank Cicchinelli referenced the section of the city code, which he believes could force the Tiki's business operations indoors. On Tuesday, Cicchinelli said he interprets the code as meaning that not only is the sale of alcohol on the patio restricted, but consumption is as well.

Sec. 1163.03 of the Massillon Codified Ordinance reads: "All business, servicing or processing, except for off-street parking or loading, shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building."

"We have different zoning classifications for businesses," he said. "B1 is the most restrictive. What it's really saying is all business needs

to be conducted within an enclosed building.

"When we gave them a permit in June 2008, it was taken out to erect a patio area at Santangelo's, that's the name they took out the permit under."

Reinhart believes his bar is licensed by the state to do business in the open-air patio and that his state permit trumps city code.

Smoking Ban

Following the 2006 passage of the indoor smoking ban in Ohio, several bars looked for ways to accommodate smokers. The state allowed businesses to construct patios like the one at the Tiki.

"We built it in direct response to the smoking ban," Reinhart said. "Our bar business was nil before we constructed that (patio)."

Cicchinelli, however, said the patio does not give the Tiki the right to conduct transactions or allow alcohol consumption.

"The intent was to give them places to smoke, not drink," he said. "Because the two have mixed that's the problem. If the patio was constructed with the

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tic violence to escalate, she
said.

"When a person loses
their job, they are around
the house more often and
there are more opportuni-
ties for abuse and less op-
portunities for the victim to
seek help," Pearce said.

Pearce encouraged vic-
tims of abusive relation-
ships to seek help by calling
the Domestic Violence Pro-
ject's 24-hour confidential
hot line at 330-453-SAFE.
The agency operates shel-
ters in Canton and Massil-
lon.

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Blaise Congeni, M.D., di-
rector of Division of Infec-
tious Diseases at Akron
Children's Hospital, said
there have been no cases of
mosquito-related staph in-
fections at the hospital.

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Death penalty sought in triple murder

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Prosecutors will push for the death penalty in the case of a Canton man charged with killing his two children and his ex-mother-in-law. James Mammone III, 35, of [REDACTED]



MAMMONE

[REDACTED] was indicted Wednesday on three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated burglary and single counts of violating a protection order and attempted arson.

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Stark MRDD set to drop first two letters

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They only be two letters, but they say a lot more than expected.

Stark County Board of MRDD is planning to drop the MR from its name. In the future, the organization will be referred to only as Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities or the Stark DD.

Art Milliken, a Stark MRDD board member and president of the Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD, noted that the name change is not official yet, but they are progressing.

Last week, the Ohio House of Representatives approved SB79 - dubbed the "Name Change Bill." The bill, which will officially change the term "mental retardation" from

the state and county boards of MRDD, will be amended and voted on one more time before it makes its way to Gov. Ted Strickland's desk for final approval.

Milliken believes the name change is sure to come. Ohio, he said, is one of only a few states that has not yet removed the term "mental retardation" from the organizations' titles.

An advocate for the name change, Milliken said dropping the term "mental retardation" is important.

"The English language is always evolving and (the term) has fallen by the wayside just as 'moron' or 'imbecile' did 20 years ago," Milliken said.

Recently, Milliken was reminded of why he fought for the county boards' name change. A friend of Milliken's relayed a story about

his daughter who has developmental disabilities. When the woman, now in her 40s, visited her parents for dinner recently she told them she needed to talk to them and she appeared concerned.

"She took a moment's pause and said to them, 'Am I retarded?'" Milliken relayed. "That's a pretty powerful moment. Here is an individual with developmental disabilities in her 40s and she had never thought of herself as being 'retarded,' never thought of herself in terms of that label and it was bothersome to her."

Milliken said that the group spearheading the legislation to rename the state's MRI agencies was People First, an organization comprised of individuals receiving services from the county boards of MRDD.

"If the people who find it offensive, der-

AMMONE

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of the murder charges carry death specifications that could result in the death penalty if Mammone is convicted. In addition to the death penalty, one also could be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole or life in prison with eligibility in 30 years or in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years. County Prosecutor Ferrero said he expects to go to trial either before a jury or a three-judge panel. If Mammone is found guilty of the charges, he would request a hearing before a three-judge panel would be charged with sentencing him. According to Ferrero, the prosecutors chose to indict Mammone rather than hold a preliminary hearing slated Thursday on Municipal Court. One is being held on bail bond. He is to be arraigned at 10 a.m. Friday in Pleas Court via a video feed from the county jail. A case has been assigned to Judge John Haas. Mammone was arrested in connection with the

deaths of Margaret Eakin, 57, and his children, James IV, 3, and Macy, 5. According to police, Mammone shot Eakin in the 300 block of Poplar Avenue N.W. shortly before 6 a.m. and later stabbed his children in the throat. The bodies of the children were discovered in the back seat of Mammone's car outside his Fulton Road apartment. Mammone told police detectives he wanted to inflict emotional pain on his ex-wife.

Mammone also reportedly tried to break into his ex-wife's residence in the 400 block of Aultman Ave. N.W., which is located about two blocks from Eakin's house. According to Ferrero, Mammone allegedly attempted to set fire to a pickup parked outside Marcia Mammone's residence.

"He wanted to set it afire, but he could not get it to light," Ferrero said.

Attorney George Urban, spokesman for the victim's family, said the family is grateful for the hard work of the Prosecutor's Office, noting the preliminary hearing was avoided.

"They (family) were concerned with another public appearance," he said.

CAMP

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on the artificial turf of the Paul David Indoor Practice Facility.

"Get back in line where you belong," he said gently, pointing the boy in the direction of the line.

For the youngest group of students involved with Massillon Tiger Youth Football Camp this week, it was all about finding your place. The defensive drills and tackling skills were not perfect. The passes were wobbly and the punts a little short, but none of that mattered.

The camp was about living inside of your biggest dream for just a few short hours.

"These kids, all they want to be is a Massillon football player," Massillon Boys and Girls Club Athletic Director Marcus Marshall said.

"They talk about it all the time. They really look up to the high school kids."

Tiger Coach Jason Hall admitted that the annual Massillon Tiger Youth Football Camp is about the kids. It's giving them a chance to run the field with some of their Friday night heroes and hang out with the coaches they see on the sidelines.

"I started out as a kindergarten teacher, so working with the younger kids is a lot of fun for me," Hall said. "We are here to teach them basics, but we are really here for them. ... The most important thing is that the



PHOTO BY GLENN

Magnus Haines runs a drill during the Tiger

kids have fun."

The football players helping out Wednesday morning said working with the kids reminded them of waiting for the chance to slip on a Massillon jersey.

"It's fun to help out the little kids," junior tackle Kody Teets said. "I remember when I was little, I thought I wanted to do this someday. I wanted to be a part of the football program."

"I remember doing this same thing," sophomore tackle Seth Bonheimer said, watching the students run the defensive drills. "I remember it felt so great; I

felt like

The feeling to run quickly is hard to keep in your mind. The above the line. During the game, I knocked down a dummy, and I was posing a

With the football impact.

Those taking their tea-

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ent projects to qualify for \$29 million in state funding from the Ohio School

"What we

are doing is



'calculated'

Martino, who fled to N.M.,
could face death penalty

By DOUG STALEY

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A Canton man acted with "prior calculation and design" when he allegedly killed three people, including a Massillon man, outside a bar last month, according to prosecutors.



MARTINO

Edward C. Martino III, 24, of 3203 26th St. S.E., was indicted Thursday on three counts of aggravated murder and single counts of aggravated murder, having a weapon while under disability and improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle.

Each of the aggravated murder counts include death specifications, meaning a jury could consider the death penalty if they convict Martino.

Martino was directly indicted ahead of a preliminary hearing set for this afternoon in Canton Municipal Court. An arraignment in Common Pleas Court has not been set.

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Drug bust on city's SE side nets six arrests

By DOUG STALEY

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Massillon police rounded up six people following a drug bust Thursday night on the city's southeast side.

The raid at 217 South Ave. S.E. was conducted in response to a number of neighborhood complaints and culminated a six-month investigation, according to Sgt. Jason Greenfield.

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Massillon Boys Youth Basketball Camp kids take direction from Tigers Varsity

Tiger basketball coach stresses 'fundamental'

By ERIN PUSTAY

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Little Logan Ison learned his lesson well.

When he shoots the basketball, you best believe he's shooting correctly. Four days in the Massillon Tigers Boys Youth Basketball day camp taught him that if you're going to take the shot, you better do it right.

Earlier this week, coach Maer taught Logan how to shoot one-handed. Now, every time I takes a shot, he makes sure his perfect.

During layup drills Thursday dribbled, determinedly, toward hoop, but stopped just short of the shot. Eyes glued to the ball tated it in his hands placing his position and making sure his fi

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In addition to the death penalty, a jury could consider one of three life sentence options: Life in prison without the possibility of parole; life in prison with parole eligibility in 30 years; and life in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years.

Chris Newlon, Martino's attorney, could not be reached for comment.

Martino allegedly fired more than 20 rounds at a car parked outside the White Crown Cafe, 2528 Ninth St. S.W., in Canton, on May 27. De'Andre Ruffin, 22, of Massillon, Jonathon L. Pierce, 32, and Melissa L. Pinney, 31, both of Canton, were fatally wounded in the shooting. The attempted murder charge alleges Martino fired at a teenage girl inside the car. She was not injured.

Canton police have not released a motive for the shooting and have declined to say whether Martino was acquainted with the victims. Officers reportedly were called to the bar prior to the

shooting for a fight involving Martino. The bar had been closed for about an hour when the gunfire erupted, according to police.

Martino fled to New Mexico following the shooting before he was captured by the FBI aboard an Amtrak train. He is being held at the Stark County Jail on \$25 million bond.

It marked the second time this week a Stark County grand jury has indicted a suspect on charges that include the death penalty.

James Mammone III, 35, of Canton, was indicted Wednesday on three counts of aggravated murder. Mammone is accused of killing his children, ages 3 and 5, and their grandmother, 57, last week. According to police, Mammone carried out the murders in order to inflict emotional pain on his former wife. Mammone is to be arraigned at 10 a.m. this morning before Judge John Haas at the Stark County Safety Building.



PHOTO BY GLENN B. DETTMAN/THE INDEPENDENT

Massillon police take two suspects into custody during a drug bust late Thursday on the city's southeast side.

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"We had a lot of neighborhood complaints. We established it as a house where people were smoking crack," he said.

The department's detective bureau and street investigations unit assisted with the bust. The suspects were loaded into a waiting police wagon behind the residence and later were booked into the Stark County Jail.

Greenfield said the primary resident, Leamon Williams, was wanted on a warrant for felony drug trafficking. Others taken from the residence in handcuffs were expected to be charged with permitting drug abuse, a misdemeanor.

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of Bon Jovi and we have Michael Sonata doing 'Ol' Blue Eyes.' We have two different generations covered."

Besides Bad Medicine and Sonata, Cleveland's own Recess - considered the "youngest national rockstars" - will perform classic rock covers on the downtown stage.

"Rumor is they are working on 'Eye of the Tiger,'" Jeske said.

Besides the array of music and the cars, motorcycles and trucks, Jeske said a speed boat simulator and a slot car racing track will be fun for all ages.

"You get into (the simulator) and there is a motion picture in front of you. There is a steering wheel and you get the same sensation that you are knifing through the water," Jeske said. "We wanted an oasis. On a hot summer day, you just want the thought of water."

Kids, and maybe even some adults, can show their competitive sides as they try their hands at a slot car racing track.

"We tried to hit something for everybody," he said. "We have more for the kids than we ever had before."

And Jeske said the night show will be the biggest fireworks display ever for the car show.

"This is the biggest show we have ever had," he said.

While the show lasts just one day, organizers have been working on the event for nearly a year.

"We started planning this two months after the event ended," said event co-chair Mike Fall.

Fall and his wife, Bonnie, have co-chaired the event for the last seven years.

And even with their life being turned upside down after their business, Bonnie's Engravers Gallery, 20 Lincoln Way E., and their home, which was above the business, was lost in an East-

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Not guilty plea in murder of kids, their grandma

Mammone's trial set
tentatively for Jan. 11

BY DOUG STALEY
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A tentative trial date has been set for a Canton man accused of killing his children and ex-mother-in-law. James Mammone III, 35, of [REDACTED]

was arraigned Friday at the Stark County Safety Building on three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated bur- glary and single counts of violating a protection order and attempted arson. The murder charges are accompanied by death specifications.

The hearing was held at the safety building, which is adjacent to the county jail, for security reasons.

Mammone pleaded not guilty to the charges after they were formally read by Common Pleas Judge John Haas. The judge set an initial pre-trial for July 1 and reserved the week of Jan. 11 for a possible trial. A back-up trial date of Feb. 22 also was set. The judge said he would consider allowing Mam- mone to waive his right to a speedy trial at the pre-trial conference.

Mammone, seated between his attor- neys, Tammi Johnson and Derek Lowry,

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MAMMONE

IN THE FUNHOUSE



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an his classic car collecting in high school with his 1940 Ford coupe, but at that point it wasn't an antique vehicle, he explains with a laugh. After high school, he began working on his first antique car with a 1924 Ford Doctor's Coupe. He remembers collecting tools in his early teen years.

"I've been a car hobbyist for at least 55 years," Wassil said.

Wassil also has a couple of Chevrolet convertibles: A 1972 Impala and 1973 Caprice.

Much can be said about owning a convertible. Three years ago, the Wassils drove their 1973 Chevrolet Caprice to California.

tral California coast, with the top down," Wassil said. "That was our plan."

Numerous area car clubs are available for car enthusiasts. Wassil is a member of the Massillon Area Auto Club, the Canton chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America, and the Akron-Canton chapter of the Buick Club of America.

Some of the shows Don and Mary Wassil attend benefit organizations, such as senior citizens centers, and they enjoy touring and other activities. They have participated in shows in surrounding states, and Mary has helped with newsletters for one of the clubs they're involved in. Today, they will

It's not only the fun of restoring a vehicle, and the aesthetics of an antique car he enjoys so much about his hobby - it's his fellow car hobbyists.

"We're extroverted-type people," Wassil said about himself and his wife. "We enjoy the people we're around ... the conversations created by the memories people have of cars. The people you meet and the tours and activities."

They especially enjoy talking to World War II veterans.

"A lot of them had that when they were in the service," Wassil said of his 1947 Plymouth. "That's the sort of thing I enjoy about it."

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listened as Haas read the charges.

The court appointed Johnson and Lowry, both of whom are certified by the Ohio Supreme Court to defend capital murder cases, to represent Mammone.

"The charges don't get any more serious than they do in this case," Haas told Mammone.

Mammone did not speak at the hearing other than to answer a couple of questions from the judge. Johnson entered the not guilty plea on Mammone's behalf. Mammone is being held on \$15 million bond.

Mammone is accused of killing his children, James IV, 3, and Macy, 5, and his ex-mother-in-law, Margaret Eakin, 57, on June 8. If convicted, Mammone could face the death penalty or one of three life prison sentences: Life in prison without the possibility of parole; life in prison

with parole eligibility in 30 years; and life in prison with parole eligibility in 25 years.

The murder charges allege Mammone broke into Eakin's residence and shot her in an upstairs bedroom and, at some point, stabbed his children in the throat in the back seat of his vehicle. Mammone also allegedly broke into his ex-wife's residence in the 400 block of Aultman Ave. N.W., Canton Township, and attempted to set fire to a nearby truck. Police later arrested Mammone outside his Fulton Road apartment.

Mammone, who recently divorced from his wife, Marcia, told police detectives the slayings were motivated by a desire to inflict emotional pain.

Before closing the hearing, Haas warned attorneys to be careful about discussing the case publicly but did not impose a gag order.

"The less said, the better," he said.

● GENOA CONTINUED

Built in 1893, Genoa School grades 1-8 and stayed open in its original building until the 1930s. The building was used for classroom instruction until the 1930s. The building was used for classroom instruction until the 1930s.

History club member Sta said the non-profit group has begun repairing the school this spring. Now, however, the project could be pushed to the fall or winter.

"We need to shore up the building. Some of the water through gaping holes in the rotted floorboards," K

Ezra Malernee, a local building inspector, believes the structure can be saved, noting that the walls are structurally sound.

"When they built those buildings, they built them out of good wood," he said. "Those joists and rafters are a lot of punishment and still standing."

An estimated \$5,000 has been raised for the project, primarily through a raffle of a schoolhouse rejected by club member Steve son said renovations to the

waives his right to a speedy trial

INDE STAFF REPORT

A Canton man charged with killing his two children and ex-mother-in-law has waived his right to a speedy trial.

James Mam-
mone III, 35, of

appeared
Wednesday morn-
ing in Stark Coun-
ty Common Pleas
Court for a pre-tri-
al hearing. Mam-
mone signed a
time waiver, which means he
agreed to surrender his right
to have the case brought to tri-
al within 90 days of his arrest.

The case is scheduled to go to
trial the week of Jan. 11 in front
of Judge John Haas. A second
pre-trial hearing is set for July 26.

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Erin Gray
stencils a
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Edison onto a
trash can at
the corner of
Second Street
Southeast
and Lincoln
Way in Mas-
sillon. Alex
Todd, left,
helped apply
the stencils.



Part-time Perry police officer Janine England and then-

Artists turn city's trash into treasure

By ERIN PUSTAY

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Erin Gray, ironically, dabbles in colors.
Acrylics and creativity drive her. By fus-
ing paints and photographs, Gray creates
unique pictures that define her personality
and passion.

"I tend to describe what I do as 'making

pictures,'" Gray explained, "not 'art.'"

For the last several weeks, Gray has pu-
her "picture-making" creativity to the te-
taking on a unique canvas: A downtown
Massillon trash can.

Gray isn't alone in her pursuit. This su-
mer, more than a dozen local artists are
brushing creativity across the sides of 10

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The murder charges allege Mammone shot Eakin and stabbed his children in the throat.

Mammone confessed to the killings in a police interview and told detectives he wanted to inflict emotional pain on his ex-wife, Marcia.

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cause of an error.

The township argued that the annexation would result in numerous divided streets and highways within the 62 acres. The city passed an ordinance stating it would maintain the full width of the pavement along the frontage of the subject area to be annexed.

However, the ordinance included the wrong streets.

The trial court, the judges said, dismissed the errors as "procedural defects" that could be corrected by the city.

"We question the authority of the agent of the petitioners to cure defects in an ordinance passed by the Massillon City Council," the ruling said. "The mayor testified at the hearing as well, but he did not testify as to the division of streets and highways."

Judge Julie A. Edwards, in a separate opinion, found that the trial court erred in finding sufficient valid signatures required

Englishman England Escola.

"It has not been (an) 'easy' five days but thanks for standing up for what is right and not allowing three people to attempt to destroy me," she wrote from her police e-mail account. "It would be an uneven playing field for me to battle alone."

"I just don't want to be here," she continued. "I feel like the life was just sucked out of me. Let's please resolve this today. I can't go another night with less than two hours of sleep and not being able to eat."

She then apologized for her hiring, saying it had caused Escola "more grief as a chief than it has done you good."

"I still don't know what I did to either one of these people who want to destroy me," she wrote.

Escola's reply was short, but to the point.

"You're welcome, Janine," he wrote. "You have done a great job here and I'm very proud of you. I apologize for what has gone on, but we will fix it. I hope you get back to yourself soon. This is not right for either one of us."

A review of the e-mails sent between Escola and England reveals little in the way of their professional or personal relationship.

However, an e-mail from England to Escola just days before the trip to Cincinnati is laced with smiley faces between sentences.

"I felt compelled to write (employee's name redacted) a thank-you note," England wrote, referring to a coworker. "I sent it to you too, that way you know I am not all bad and naughty. I do have a kind side too."

NO DISCIPLINE

Neither Escola nor England will face discipline for the intimate car ride. Escola offered his resignation Monday, which trustees have accepted.

"She's under the direct command of the chief of the department," Hall said

as to why England ished and remains point I'm not aware any department people party was form my interpretation

CITIZEN-TO-BE

England came to from Sri Lanka at scholarship, person. She has applied for waiting for her application filled, however she privileges.

England attended University in Alabama receive degrees in elementary education College in Indiana.

England came to received a health and job with the Cuyahoga Academy.

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She graduated from academy in 2004, as job as an officer at Police Department until 2006. She left the job filed a lawsuit again for racial and sexual

The case was filed Common Pleas Court the case, Gregory B. ton, did not return court about the status of the gations made against

Escola noted, in a of England, his initials the lawsuit.

"I could not find out England's background prevent her from being the Perry Township ment," Escola states "I was very concerned suit that she filed on

● TRASH

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downtown trash cans. Local artist Bili Kribbs is overseeing the project.

"I saw this as an opportunity for artists to leave their permanent mark - legally - in the city," Kribbs said. "Everyone has been very motivated, e-mailing me and calling me, telling me about their ideas. They have full reign so there are some really creative things coming in."

Gray is working on the trash can with her good friend Alex Todd. Together, the pair came up with the science and technology theme. They melded their talents to bring the artwork to life.



MASSILLON, OHIO

4 capital cases top prosecutor priorities

By DOUG STALEY

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With four capital murder cases already on the docket, time and resources are being stretched thin at the Stark County Prosecutor's Office.

The office is down 14 positions, including three in the criminal division, since the county's last budget crisis in 2003, according to Prosecutor John Ferrero.

"We are way behind the curve (in terms of staffing) when you compare us to Summit County," Ferrero said.

In addition to the four capital murder cases pending in Common Pleas Court, suspects in two recent shootings – one in Massillon and the other in Canton – could be indicted under the death penalty.

Massillon police are still looking for DeShawn Bethune, 35, of Canton, who is accused of shooting 30-year-old Matthew Copeland in the

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BETHUNE
suspect in death of Matthew Copeland still at large

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Familiar names join parks suit against city

Parks and Rec board

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Ying Sing, left, one of 21 Chinese students with Jackson High School student



head last week. He is wanted on several charges, including aggravated murder, a charge that typically includes death specifications.

John Frazier, 17, and Michael Strychalski, 18, both of Canton, are accused of shooting Jessie Burns IV, 20, of Perry Township, during an apparent robbery last month on Canton's southeast side.

Frazier is facing an aggravated murder charge; Strychalski is charged with complicity to aggravated murder. Strychalski, who is being held on \$1 million bond, is to appear Monday in Canton Municipal Court for a preliminary hearing. Frazier is due in court Tuesday for a pre-trial hearing in Family Court.

Two of the murder cases, including one involving Thomas Lewers, of Massillon, who is charged with aggravated murder in the December shooting death of Perry Township resident Jeffrey Cole, are expected to go to trial this year, Ferrero said. The others, including those of Canton triple murder suspects James Mammone and Edward Martino, likely will not be tried until next year.

Death penalty cases are complicated, Ferrero said, and are more demanding of prosecutors. At least two prosecutors are assigned to death penalty cases.

"It's getting tough, but we're able to handle it at this point. They are pretty well spaced out time-wise," Ferrero said.

Ferrero said prosecutors

are not paid overtime for extra hours they dedicate to murder cases.

"We have set salaries. If they do put some extra time in, then they will take compensatory time," Ferrero said.

Most of the operational costs associated with capital murder trials are unavoidable, according to Common Pleas Court Administrator Marc Warner. A single trial can cost the county anywhere between \$25,000 and \$40,000, he said. Expenses are incurred for witnesses, such as psychologists and medical experts, juror fees, additional security, and meals and hotel rooms for sequestered jurors, Warner said.

"There's nothing about a capital murder case that can be compromised or short-cuttled as it relates to the process. ... Budget constraints are not appropriately related to these cases. The court has to do what the court has to do," Warner said. "Expert witnesses get appointed very early in the process so those costs begin almost immediately."

Warner said the court is aware of the county's economic troubles and has been tracking expenses. In the past year, the court has reduced its bottom line by cutting staff and not granting raises, he said.

"All we can do is work cooperatively with commissioners and keep them informed of our expenses," he said. "We will request additional funding at the point at which we have to have to maintain our operations."

favorite athlete was, um, ya. But now, today, my favorite LeBron James."

The small group of students with Bhargava and Wang chattered together.

Turns out, "LeBron" doesn't mean anything in translation either.

This week, the Jiaozhou students will get to experience Ohio and it starts today with a trip to Cedar Point.

"We wanted to find activities that were typical of Ohio, and this was the first thing we thought of," said Jackson's secondary curriculum



Work moves right along on

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the November election.

The motion was filed by city attorney William Walker Jr.

Rickett has been on the Parks board since its inception in 1995. He was one of the driving forces behind a 0.3-percent income tax that, along with fees, funds the department.

"I'm one of the horses that pulled the wagon to get this whole thing passed," he said. "It was unraveling and I had to get it back in shape. We have to take back control of the money and spend it where it is supposed to go."

Rickett said the committee to form the department and campaign for the levy told residents at the time that the

We were the cash cow."

Rickett said that history — though a factor in his decision — is "water over the dam."

"Now, we're robbing Peter to pay Paul," he said. "The taxpayers deserve better than that."

Rickett said the debt payments on the golf course have drained the department's "every last dime."

The suit aims also to stop the city from selling Gen-shaft Park, the 17-acre parcel at Erie Street and Nave Road. Cleveland-based developer Visconsi Companies recently terminated a \$3.4 million agreement with the city to buy the park and turn it into a shopping plaza.

terest in serving on the board and being a plaintiff in a lawsuit. Rickett said he is involved as a resident and not a representative of the board.

"I haven't wavered either way from the beginning," he said. "I don't see a conflict other than me saying I agree with what the situation is. I just agree with what they are saying. I'm not going to hide behind a computer or a screen name. I'm just sorry it had to come to this. We'll let the courts decide now."

Massillon Law Director Perry Stergios said he did not know if there was any legal conflicts with Rickett joining the suit. He said the number of plaintiffs in-

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Triple murder suspect's ex-wife: 'He's been acting crazy all night'
CantonRep.com staff report

One year ago, James Mammon III threatened to send his wife to her grave.

Marcia Mammon is alive today, but her two young children are dead, police say, at the hands of their father.

James Mammon also is accused of murdering his former mother-in-law, Margaret J. Eakin, during a wave of violence that began just before dawn Monday at Eakin's house and ended hours later with the children's bodies being recovered from a car outside James Mammon's apartment building at 1424 Fulton Rd. NW.

Mammon III, 35, is charged by Canton police with three counts of aggravated murder and one count of aggravated burglary. He is being held in the Stark County Jail in lieu of \$15 million bond, accused of stabbing his children - Macy Mammon, 5, and James Mammon IV, 3 - in their throats. Their bodies were found in their car seats.

"It's a horrible tragedy. The family is grieving," attorney George Urban said on behalf of the Eakin family.

It was the city's second triple homicide in less than two weeks.

POLICE WON'T SPECULATE

Canton police have released some details but are being cautious as detectives continue investigating the deaths.

The sequence of events, including when the children were killed, remained unclear late Monday, Canton Police Chief Dean McKimm said. He declined to elaborate on the motive for the murders.

But court records show James Mammon III - after learning last June that his wife wanted a divorce - told Marcia Mammon he would put her "in a grave."

He pleaded no contest to domestic violence, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to two years probation, according to court records.

Marcia Mammon had a civil protection order in effect against him. Their divorce was finalized April 17.

SHOTS AWAKEN NEIGHBORS

The drama began around 5:40 a.m. at the home of Margaret and Jim Eakin of the 300 block of Poplar Avenue NW.

Neighbors Ed and Katy Roth said they heard gunshots and a woman screaming.

"I grabbed my cell phone and headed for the door," said Ed Roth who lives across the street from the Eakins in the quiet Harter Heights neighborhood. "I saw a tan, four-door car heading north on Poplar as I was running across the street. It stopped at the stop sign on Fourth Street (NW) and hesitated, then turned right."

Roth said he went to the Eakins' front door and called for Margaret Eakin, knowing her husband already had left for work. There was no response.

By then, Katy Roth was on the scene and another neighbor, Tricia King, who heard three gunshots, had come out of her house nearby.

The trio spotted the tan car again heading toward the Eakins' home and quickly returned to their respective homes.

Police arrived soon after and found Margaret Eakin in an upstairs room with multiple gunshot wounds. She was taken by a Canton City Fire Department squad to Aultman Hospital and pronounced dead at 6:38 a.m.

One murder charge and the burglary charge are tied to the Poplar Avenue address, according to court records.

Margaret Eakins routinely cared for her grandchildren while her daughter, Marcia Mammon, worked as a schoolteacher. The Mammons would pick up or drop off the children at the Eakins home, according to court records.

James Mammon had picked up his son and daughter Sunday for a visit.

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FRANTIC CALL

Moments after Poplar Avenue NW residents reported gunshots in their neighborhood, Marcia Mammonne - who lives in a Aultmont Avenue NW duplex less than one-quarter mile from her parents' home - was calling for help.

She told emergency dispatchers that her ex-husband was in the driveway of the duplex pouring gasoline over a vehicle parked there. Meanwhile, she said she could see her children in the back seat of James Mammonne's car.

"He's been acting crazy all night. He needs arrested," Marcia says on the 911 tape.

Seconds later Marcia's voice became frantic.

"He just broke in! Oh My God. He just broke in!" she said. "Please just get someone here. He's probably pouring gasoline downstairs, loo!"

Mammonne smashed the rear screen door, but didn't get into the house. He might have been frightened away by a friend who was there with Marcia. Shattered glass was piled at the back door.

Stark County sheriff's deputies were sent to the residence, which is in Canton Township, but James Mammonne was gone when deputies arrived.

Tire tracks show that he drove through grass to the parking area of neighboring apartment houses, then likely drove south on Harter Avenue and cut over to Poplar Avenue.

"What it appears in our investigation is that individual that was arrested in the triple homicide had also been at that residence and tried to gain entry," Sheriff's Capt. Gary Shankle said.

Marcia stayed upstairs until deputies arrived. "She didn't have any contact with him," Shankle said, adding that deputies are looking into charges against James Mammonne.

TRAGIC ENDING

Investigators tied the shooting and attempted break-in together quickly. Realizing that Mammonne had his children, officers began searching. They later descended on an apartment building at 1424 Fulton, where residents said Mammonne lived on the second floor.

Police have not said where Mammonne might have gone during the three hours after he left Marcia's duplex.

Around 8:45 a.m., police followed Mammonne's tan Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme into the Fulton apartment's driveway. Plain clothes officers used an unmarked vehicle to block his escape.

"I was just watching television," said John Watts, a tenant in an adjacent building who went to his window when he heard shouting and saw officers with guns drawn ordering Mammonne out of the car.

McKimm said Mammonne didn't resist and was taken into custody without incident.

That's when police found the children in the car.

Soon emergency vehicles blocked the street. White sheets draped the car's windows. A tall tarpaulin was drawn across the driveway blocking the view of a crowd gathered across the street.

Stark County Coroner's office chief inspector Harry M. Campbell said autopsies of the three victims began on Monday. Coroner P.S. Murthy had expected to finish Mrs. Eakin on Monday and the children on Tuesday.

Repository staff writers Diana Rossetti, Malcolm Hall, Edd Pritchard and Shane Hoover compiled this report.

TIME LINE

5:41 a.m.: Residents in the 300 block of Poplar Street NW call 911 after hearing gunshots and a woman's screams. Canton police respond, finding 57-year-old Margaret Eakin with gunshot wounds in an upstairs room of her home.

5:43 a.m.: Stark County Sheriff's Office receive a 911 call from Marcia Mammonne on Aultmont Avenue NW. She said James Mammonne III, her former husband was trying to break down the door of her home.

6:38 a.m.: Margaret Eakin is pronounced dead at Aultman Hospital.

8:45 a.m.: Canton police officers find James Mammonne III in the driveway of his apartment building at 1424 Fulton Rd. NW. He is arrested without incident. Officers find his two children in the back seat of Mammonne's car. They appear to have died from knife wounds.

2 p.m.: Chief Dean McKimm holds a press conference telling reporters that James Mammonne III will be charged with three counts of aggravated murder and one count of aggravated burglary. He currently is in the Stark County Jail on a \$15 million bond.

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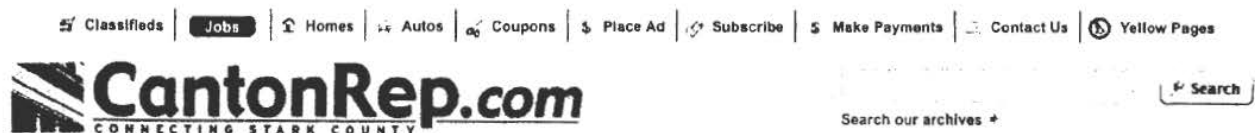
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Three dead in Canton: Latest news *CantonRep.com staff report*

5:58 p.m.

A local attorney issued a brief statement late this afternoon on behalf of the Eakin family.

"It's a horrible tragedy. The family is grieving," said attorney George Urban.

"They would appreciate some time to deal with this loss and tragedy."

Margaret's husband, Jim, does not wish to speak publicly at this point, Urban said.

"The whole family is together and ... making the appropriate arrangements and dealing with this as a family."

5:26 p.m.

James Mammone III had been working as a pizza deliverer.

"Myself and all the employees send their deepest sympathies to the family," said John Brennenman, who owns the Hungry Howie's Pizza outlet at 4887 Portage St. NW in Jackson Township where Mammone was employed.

"He was a part-time delivery driver. He showed up for work regularly. We never had any complaints against him. I believe he has worked there for over a year."

4:42 p.m.

County investigators say James Mammone III also tried to break into his ex-wife's home while she was home Monday morning.

Broken windows can be seen in the doors to the Canton Township apartment on Aultmont Avenue NW.

"It doesn't appear he gained entry. Upon our arrival, he was gone," said Capt. Gary Shankle of the county sheriff's staff.

It was 5:43 a.m. Monday when sheriff's deputies received an emergency call concerning the attempted break-in in the 400 block of Aultmont Avenue NW.

The duplex apartment is just outside the Canton city corporation line, putting it in the Stark County sheriff's jurisdiction.

Marcia Mammone was in the apartment when the would-be intruder attempted to barge in.

"She felt that it was James that was attempting to break in," Shankle said. "She didn't have any contact with him. She stayed upstairs. We are still looking at possible charges."

4:29 p.m.

An autopsy was being conducted Monday on Margaret Eakin, said Stark County Coroner's Chief Inspector Harry M. Campbell. The children's autopsies will be completed Tuesday.

2:50 p.m.

Bond has been set at \$15 million for murder suspect James Mammone. Court records show he's facing three counts of aggravated murder and one charge of aggravated burglary.

1:51 p.m.

The Police Department got its first call mentioning gunshots at 5:41 a.m. in the 300 block of Poplar NW.

"When we arrived, in an upstairs room, we found a victim of an apparent gunshot wound. The victim is Margaret Eakin, 57," said Police Chief Dean McKimm.

"Shortly thereafter, the police department became aware of a trouble call in the 400 block of Aultmont NW. It was outside the city limits and our jurisdiction. Due to these two calls and the circumstances surrounding them, family

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members became concerned for the welfare of two children in the care of the suspect, James Mammone III, father of the children," McKimm said.

"James Mammone is the ex-son-in-law of Margaret Eakin, the first victim, and he's also the ex-husband of Marcia Mammone, who lives in the 400 block of Aultmont NW."

The Canton Police Department and Stark County Sheriff's office began a search for James Mammone.

Police caught up with him around 8:45 a.m. at an apartment complex in the 1400 block of Fulton Road NW. He was in his vehicle in the parking lot. He was taken into custody.

"Unfortunately, officers discovered in the back seat of the vehicle two children who were expired, apparent victims of knife wounds."

1:40 p.m.

James Mammone III will be charged with three counts of aggravated murder and one count of burglary. He was taken to the Stark County Jail, according to Canton Police Chief Dean McKimm.

1:33 p.m.

The Mammones lived in a home on [REDACTED] before their recent divorce.

Neighbors there say they were aware of the break-up.

"One day she came over crying and said, 'Will you keep an eye out for me? I am going through a divorce. He might bother me.' She is a school teacher. She was the nicest person, the kids were nice," said Bob Kakascik, who lives in the [REDACTED] next door to the couple's former residence.

Kakascik described James Mammone as someone who seldom did yard work.

"He was in another world," Kakascik said. "The guy was strange."

"He was some kind of salesman," said Brian Campbell, who lives in the [REDACTED] across the street from the Mammones' former home.

"I used to see him come in late, past what normal people would. I never saw any screaming, I never saw any fighting. He was always courteous to me and other people. But he was strange."

1:20 p.m.

A neighbor had called Kit Kuhle who lives across the street from the apartment building in the [REDACTED] Road NW.

"She said, 'Do you know there are two men sitting in a car in your driveway? They look like police,'" said Kuhle. "So I went outside and they rolled down their window and told me 'We're commandeering your home. We have a situation here.' Then they asked me to go back inside and stay there."

Only seconds later, as she watched from an upstairs window, she saw the unmarked car in her driveway speed across the street and block a tan car's exit.

Soon, police and city fire vehicles had blocked off the street. The suspect, John Mammone III, who witnesses say offered little resistance, was taken to the city jail.

White sheets quickly were draped over the tan car's windows. A tall tarpaulin was drawn across the driveway, blocking the view of the crowd that had gathered across the street.

Within minutes Canton City Police Chief Dean McKimm and Stark County Coroner P.S. Murthy arrived together, ducking under the yellow crime scene tape and disappearing behind the tarpaulin.

When Murthy was leaving the scene, he said, "I'll be frank with you. I have a dead lady in my office. And two children still are in the back seat of that car."

Asked how the children were murdered, Murthy drew his finger like a knife blade across his neck.

1:05 p.m.

At 5:40 a.m., Ed and Katy Roth heard gunshots and a woman's screams near their [REDACTED] home. Ed grabbed his cell phone and headed outside, where he saw a tan, four-door car speed away, heading north on Poplar. Roth ran to the home of his neighbors across the street, Margaret and Jim Eakin, and called for Margaret.

"I knew she'd be there with the kids," he said, referring to Eakin's grandchildren, Macy, 5, and James Mammone, 3. Margaret Eakin cared for the children while their mother, Eakin's daughter, Marcia Mammone, recently divorced, worked, neighbors said.

Neighbor Tricia King came out of her home, also spotting the tan car.

"It just seemed to stop at Fourth Street (NW) and sit there longer than you would have thought for the way it was speeding up the street," she recalled, adding that she had heard three gunshots.

12:58 p.m.

Canton police have scheduled a press conference for 2 p.m. at City Hall. The conference is to "share limited details regarding three homicides that took place early this morning in Canton."

12:56 p.m.

Attorney Gary Procano, who represented James Mammone III in his April divorce from Marcia Mammone, was shocked by the news. "Oh, no. Oh, no," he said, acknowledging that he also had represented James Mammone when Mammone's wife filed for an order of protection after a domestic violence incident.

Procano declined further comment.

12:15 p.m.

More details from their divorce decree:

Marcia had residential placement and custody of their two children, Macy and James IV.

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James had companionship visits several days a week: Pickup and drop off at Margaret Eakin's home on Poplar Avenue

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Marcia Mammonne obtained a civil protection order against James following his threats in June 2008.

The order was still in effect Monday, court records show.

12:01 p.m.

James Mammonne III has listed his occupation in court papers as a pizza delivery man and a student at Kent State Stark.

11:52 a.m.

James Mammonne III, 35, was arrested and charged with domestic violence on June 13, 2008.

Investigators say he told his wife, "I'll put you in a grave" and "I'm going to kill you."

He pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge and was convicted in Municipal Court. He was put on probation for two years.

11:47 a.m.

James Mammonne III and his wife, Marcia, were married on Dec. 5, 1998.

Their divorce was finalized April 17 of this year.

11:41 a.m.

The victims in today's slayings have been released:

- ◆ Margaret J. Eakin, 57, of Poplar Ave. NW. She died from multiple gunshot wounds.
- ◆ Macy Mammonne, 5, and her brother, James Mammonne IV, 3, were found with their throats slashed.

The children's father, James Mammonne III, is in custody.

Stark County Coroner's office chief inspector Harry M. Campbell said autopsies would be conducted on the victims today and Tuesday.

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Canton is in shock today. The unthinkable has happened again - another heartbreaking crime spree that has left three people dead.

To the outside world, this may paint a picture of Canton that is at odds with everyday life here.

We who love this city know that, but it is a concern for another day.

Today the community grieves with and for Marcia Mammone and her family, as we did two weeks ago with and for the families of Jonathon Pierce, De'Andre Ruffin and Melissa L. Pinney.

All of the families are facing the unimaginable finality of their loved ones' violent deaths.

The circumstances of the two tragedies were so different.

The victims Monday were Mrs. Mammone's two children, 5-year-old Macy and 3-year-old James Mammone IV, and her mother, Margaret Eakin. They allegedly were targeted by the children's father.

On May 27, the three adults were gunned down at random outside a closed bar.

But all six victims shared a fate that they didn't invite and didn't deserve.

It's true, as the poet said, that no man is an island. Six lives have been senselessly extinguished in an instant. We are all diminished by these killings.

We cannot share the depth of the pain the families are feeling, but this community will stand with them in any way we can, for as long as necessary.

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Services set for children, grandmother killed Monday *CantonRep.com staff report*

Two children and their grandmother killed early Monday will be remembered in a combined funeral service Friday at the family's church.

The service for Macy, 5, and James Mammone IV, 3, and their grandmother, Margaret Eakin, 57, begins at 11 a.m. at Westminster Community Church at 171 Aultman Ave. NW.

Calling hours will be held in the church from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and at 10 a.m. Friday.

Police have charged James Mammone III, 35, of [REDACTED] with three counts of aggravated burglary - along with other felony and misdemeanor charges - for a series of incidents Monday morning that ended with the children and their grandmother dead.

On Tuesday afternoon, Police Chief Dean McKimm said Mammone has confessed to the murders.

McKimm said Mammone told detectives that the deaths were an act of vengeance against his ex-wife, Marcia "Marcie" Mammone. She is the mother of the two children and Margaret Eakin's daughter.

Police have said that James Mammone went to the Eakins' home on Poplar Avenue NW at about 5:40 a.m. and killed Margaret Eakin, who was found in a second-floor bedroom with multiple gunshot wounds. Officers arrested Mammone three hours later at his apartment. Police found the children's bodies strapped in car seats in Mammone's car.

The deaths shocked family members, their friends and neighbors in the Harter Heights area where the Eakins and Marcia Mammone lived.

Local lawyer George Urban, a friend of the Eakin family, said family members asked him to field calls about the tragedy.

"I volunteered because I'm a friend first," he explained.

Margaret Eakin "was a great woman and cared tremendously for her grandchildren and her three children. She would have done anything for them. She was very proud of them," Urban said.

James Mammone II said he heard of the deaths and his son's arrest late Monday morning. He called it shocking and surreal to watch television news reports of the incidents.

"It's unbelievable. I feel sorry for everybody," the elder Mammone said. "It breaks my heart."

James Mammone III married Marcia Eakin at Westminster church in December 1998. At the time, the couple seemed a perfect match, Mammone's father said.

But last year, Marcia filed for divorce. The next day, her husband promised to put her in her grave. The threat led to a misdemeanor domestic violence charge and conviction for Mammone.

When they married, Mammone worked as an insurance representative and Marcia was a college student, according to the couple's wedding announcement published in The Repository.

But when the divorce was filed, Marcia provided the primary income working as a teacher. Mammone was a part-time pizza delivery driver earning \$7 per hour, plus tips.

John Brenneman, who owns the Hungry Howie's Pizza outlet at 4887 Portage St. NW in Jackson Township, said Mammone showed up for work regularly and never had any complaints against him.

"Myself and all the employees send their deepest sympathies to the family," Brenneman said.

Reed Funeral Home is handling funeral arrangements.

The family asks that donations be considered in lieu of flowers. A memorial fund for the children is set up through Huntington Bank where donations can be made to the Marcie Mammone fund. Donations can be made to Westminster Community Church in memory of Margaret Eakin.

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Mammone facing additional criminal charges in triple-murder case

Malcolm Hall

CantonRep.com staff report

James Mammone III, the 35-year-old accused of killing his two children and ex-mother-in-law, is facing new charges in connection with an incident at the Canton Township home of his former wife.

The Stark County sheriff's staff charged Mammone with felony counts of violation of a court protection order and aggravated burglary. Also, county sheriff deputies filed two counts of criminal damaging against Mammone.

The new charges were filed Tuesday morning in Canton Municipal Court.

City police had charged Mammone Monday with three counts of aggravated murder and one count of aggravated burglary.

Mammone, of [REDACTED] is suspected of killing his children, Macy Mammone, 5, and James Mammone IV, 3, Monday. The children were stabbed in their throats. Authorities discovered their bodies in a vehicle outside the suspect's apartment building.

Mammone is accused of fatally shooting his former mother-in-law, Margaret Eakin, at her home Monday in the 300 block of Poplar Avenue NW.

The new charges involve allegations that Mammone broke door windows at the home of Marcia Mammone in the 400 block of Aultmont Avenue NW, just outside the city corporation line in Canton Township.

The Mammone's divorce was finalized in April.

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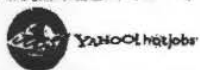
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DANIELS, Eva L., 88; call one hour before service 1 p.m. Friday at Rhoden in Canton.

EAKIN, Margaret J., 57, of Canton; call 5-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before service 11 a.m. Friday at Westminster Community Church. Reed Canton Chapel.

EVANS, Fallon R., infant; no calling hours; graveside service 11 a.m. Thursday at North Lawn Cemetery mausoleum in Canton. Reed Canton Chapel.

FAIRBANKS, Kathryn, 92, of Sebring; call one hour before service 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann Catholic Church. Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke in Alliance.

JOHNSTON, Larry E., 56, of Canton; call 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, service 11 a.m. Friday at Reed North Canton Chapel.

LATTAVO-MCCRAE, Christina A., 61, of Canton; call 6-8 tonight at Williams; service 11:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

MAMMONE, Macy, 5; MAMMONE, James IV, 3; call 5-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before service 11 a.m. Friday at Westminster Community Church. Reed Canton Chapel.

MOSSOR, David L., 60; call 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sweeney-Dodds in Carrollton; service 11 a.m. Saturday at Perrysville United Methodist Church.

REX, Ulla M., of Perry Township; memorial service 11 a.m. June 20 at Morges Catholic Church.

SNYDER, Wayne H., 83, of Massillon; no calling hours; private service. Paquelet.

STORER, Earl O., 93, of Canton; call 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Lamiell and one hour before service 11 a.m. Friday at Dueber United Methodist Church.

SYLER, Helen F., 95, of Canton; call 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Kreighbaum-Sanders in Canton Township; service 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

WILL, Ann S., 91, of Alliance; call one hour before service 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Walton-Schrader.

ZIEGLER, Janet I., 93, of Hartsville; call one hour before service 11:30 a.m. Friday at Arnold in Hartville.

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Mammone divorce, at times, a turbulent one
CantonRep.com staff report

Bob Kakascik remembers the day his neighbor, Marcia Mammone, came to his home, crying.

"Will you keep an eye out for me? I am going through a divorce," Kakascik recalled her asking. She was afraid her estranged husband, James Mammone III, might bother her.

"She was the nicest person; the kids were nice," said Kakascik, who lives in the [redacted] next door to the couple's former residence.

Authorities say James Mammone III, 35, killed his children - 5-year-old Macy and 3-year-old James IV - and his former mother-in-law, Margaret J. Eakin, 57, on Monday.

James and Marcia Mammone married in 1988, records show.

Marcia, 29, is a math teacher at Canton City's Timken High School. In court papers, James listed his occupations as a pizza delivery man and Kent State University Stark Campus student, although he is no longer enrolled, according to the university.

Marcia filed for divorce June 12, 2008. A day later, James threatened her, saying "I'll put you in a grave," and "I'm going to kill you," according to a domestic-violence complaint.

James was convicted a week later, after pleading no contest to misdemeanor domestic violence.

Municipal Court Judge Mary Falvey placed him on probation for two years, ordered him to comply with a psychological program and told him to have no contact with Marcia, according to court papers.

A week later, Marcia sought a civil protection order. In paperwork, she said James repeatedly threatened to kill her if she left him.

The protection order barred James from having any contact with Marcia or the children outside of court-approved supervision.

A Stark County Family Court magistrate initially allowed James to have supervised visits with his children only at his mother's home. Later, the visits became unsupervised.

In March, the Mammones came to court with their attorneys and agreed to settle the divorce. The final order was filed in April.

The Mammones agreed the children would stay with Marcia, and James would have visitation three days a week, including overnight visits on alternating Sundays and Tuesdays, according to court papers and an audio recording of the hearing.

The children were to be picked up and dropped off at Eakin's house and had to spend the night at the home of James' mother, until he found suitable housing, according to court papers.

James was allowed to text message Marcia only when he had the children and only with respect to matters involving them.

He also agreed to give up his guns in return for proceeds from their sale by Marcia's father.

James' divorce attorney, Gary Procaro, was shocked at news of the killings.

"Oh, no. Oh, no," he said, but declined further comment.

A call seeking comment was left for Marcia's lawyer, Stanley Rubin.

Brian Campbell, who lives across the street from the Mammones' former home, said he never saw the Mammones fight.

"I never saw any screaming; I never saw any fighting," Campbell said. "He was always courteous to me and other

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Courts need to look again at 'rights' of abusive parents *Letter to the Editor*

Regarding "Mammone divorce, at times, a turbulent one" (June 9) The judicial system, whose role it was to protect this mother and children, should reconsider the "rights" of a parent with a history of abuse, neglect or violence. It seems that unearned and unwarranted "rights" are granted biological parents whether or not there has been responsible parenting.

Threatening a mother's life is child abuse, at the very least child endangering, unlawful and the basis for terminating contact with the mother and children except under the most controlled conditions.

How can a mother fearing her life not be affected in caring for children and such threats not cause the children anguish?

The Repository's account of court records indicates the court initially terminated the father's unsupervised contact with the children as well as the mother.

The court then ordered supervised visitation in their paternal grandmother's home - hardly the protection needed when there are threats to kill and possession of guns. Even this supervision was later discontinued, although the father violated his probation by continued threats.

No consequences were noted. Nor was it noted whether psychological help was obtained.

At the time of the divorce, liberal access to children was given father, although the provision that he not contact the mother except in matters involving the children indicates continued concern about criminal intent toward her.

Recent child-custody practices are raising questions nationwide about whether children's welfare is a primary concern. Joint parenting may satisfy a parental wish for equal time, but is it always in the best interest of the child?

Citizens of this county have a right to know what went wrong, and an obligation to ask. We will carry to our graves the horror of these deaths. God help us all.

ALMA WELCH, CANTON TOWNSHIP

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James Mammone III is a smirking reminder that there's a struggle to be had in embracing the notion of truly equal justice under the law.

Mammone's decision last week to plead not guilty to charges that he murdered his two young children and former mother-in-law is a real-world challenge to what we say we believe about democracy and justice.

Though police previously said Mammone confessed his guilt to them, under our Constitution, he is entitled to a trial as a result of his plea.

More than a few Stark Counties are resentfully angry over the idea that their tax dollars will be "wasted" on a trial for Mammone when it's so clear to them that he did it.

As hard as it may be for them to accept, in the eyes of our law, by everything to which we subscribe, James Mammone III is innocent until proven guilty.

If our legal system is to maintain its integrity, it cannot permit anything less.

FUMBLE

In 2006, Maurice Clarett, the former Ohio State University football star, was convicted of robbery and intimidation of a witness and sentenced to 3½ years in prison.

You may have heard that Clarett recently filed a request for early release, telling prison authorities that he's heard from NFL teams still interested in him.

It sounds as if he still doesn't get it. Prison isn't an interruption of one's life and career; it's punishment. In "The Mind of Maurice Clarett," a blog attributed to Clarett, he still seems unable to admit

culpability.

Though Clarett has every right to make a living once he's served his time, he still

hasn't said what needs to be said:

"I want to apologize to the people I robbed, the witness I stalked and the arresting officers I spat at, kicked and cursed.

"I want say I'm sorry to Jim Brown and Marcus Allen, for blowing them off when all they were trying to do is steer me on the right path.

"I ask forgiveness from Coach Jim Tressel for the stress and embarrassment I caused him and my teammates.

"I apologize to my former professors and to the Ohio State University for tramping on the free \$40,000 college education they laid at my feet.

"I offer mea culpa to the NFL for presuming that at 19, I was ready to compete with grown men after playing just 12 college games.

"I hope the Denver Broncos someday can excuse me for coming to their training camp utterly unprepared and unwilling to work my way onto the team. Like virtually everything else in my life up to now, I expected that a starting slot and millions of dollars simply would be handed to me.

"Lastly, I wish to apologize to all the kids who had my picture taped to the wall on their bedroom; who still dream of running in my footsteps; who bedgered and begged their parents into spending money they really couldn't spare, to buy my jersey. More than anyone, you guys deserved better."

At some point in our lives, we all have dropped the ball. Everyone deserves a chance to pick it up and try again. When Maurice Clarett apologizes for his past behavior and means it, I'll be the first person cheering him on.

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Judge sets Canton triple-murder trial for January
Shane Hoover
CantonRep.com staff writer

A man accused of killing his two children and his former mother-in-law is set to go on trial in January.

James Mammonne III waived his right to a speedy trial during a brief hearing Wednesday in Stark County Common Pleas Court.

Judge John G. Haas set Jan. 11 as the trial date, and granted the defense funds to hire expert witnesses, including a psychologist and a mitigation expert.

Pay for each expert is capped at \$5,000.

Authorities have said Mammonne stabbed his children, 5-year-old Macy Mammonne and 3-year-old James Mammonne IV, and fatally shot his former mother-in-law, Margaret J. Eakin, on June 8.

Police have said Mammonne, 35, of [REDACTED] confessed to the killings, saying he wanted to hurt his ex-wife following their recent divorce.

Mammonne is charged with three counts of aggravated murder with death-penalty specifications and other crimes.

If convicted of any of the aggravated murder charges with an accompanying death-penalty specification, Mammonne could be sentenced to death. Other options would be life in prison without parole, life in prison with parole eligibility after 30 years and life in prison with parole eligibility after 25 years.

During Wednesday's hearing, Haas asked Mammonne how he was being treated at the jail. Last month, Mammonne complained that he wasn't getting food that fit his vegetarian diet.

This time, Mammonne said his diet had improved, and that he has access to his lawyers.

Mammonne also told the judge that he sent the court a letter complaining about the lack of a jail library.

As a safeguard, Haas told Mammonne not to send letters, and that any communication should be done through his attorneys.

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Jail letter on Mammone case turned over to authorities

Shane Hoover
CantonRep.com staff writer

The Repository has turned over to investigators two jailhouse letters that appear to be from triple-murder defendant James Mammone III.

Canton police Sgt. Vic George served the newspaper with a subpoena for the letters Tuesday morning.

"I have no objection to turning over this letter to the authorities if subpoenaed to do so," said Jeff Gauger, executive editor of The Repository. "It's in the broader public interest to do so."

The newspaper doesn't want to take sides with either the prosecution or the defense, Gauger said.

Mammone, 35, of Canton, is charged with aggravated murder and other crimes for the June 8 deaths of his two children, James IV and Macy, and former mother-in-law, Margaret Eekin.

If convicted, he faces the possibility of a death sentence.

The Repository received the letters Monday and a jail supervisor confirmed Mammone had sent the newspaper a letter.

"He's a defendant in a criminal action. He wrote a letter from jail; it's important that we review it in detail to see if there's any relevance to it that would pertain to his criminal case," said Stark County Prosecutor John D. Ferrero.

Stark County Public Defender Tammi Johnson, one of the attorneys representing Mammone, said she read only what was in the newspaper concerning the letter and declined to comment on it.

She said she would expect the items turned over to authorities to be provided to the defense before trial.

The newspaper published one of the letters in its entirety Tuesday, in which a writer who claims to be Mammone explains his motivation for the killings.

"While I confess to being totally without just cause for needlessly murdering Margaret Eekin, I still feel as though I did the most merciful thing I could do for my children (based) upon the conditions of their environment, and the bleak outlook of the future they were to face," the letter stated, in part.

Some criticized the decision to publish the letter, and Gauger offered an explanation.

"We published this letter because the crimes Mr. Mammone is accused of committing are a community event as much as a private family event, and I believe that community interest in these crimes was high enough to warrant publication," Gauger said. "Before publishing, we talked at length about the potential impact on the family and made special efforts Monday evening to get word to the Eekin family about our plan so that they wouldn't be surprised."

The second letter offers comments on another, unrelated homicide that occurred while Mammone was in jail.

That letter wasn't published because it didn't involve Mammone's case and didn't offer any new or newsworthy information, Gauger said.

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Be at ease, the letter will not be a cause for a change of venue, in fact, it will most likely end up as a States exhibit. This case is pretty much cut n dry. Him being found guilty is really not an issue. What may be an issue, is if this punk is found incompetent to stand trial. I hope and pray he does go to trial as there is an honor among inmates, that there are certain things you do not do. This is at the top of the list. And inmates may be the ones to serve the final justice. eg; Jeffrey Dahmer. is wrong as I may be for this thought, but I'd rather he receives his justice in that form, rather than 20 years on death row just to be put to sleep by lethal injection.

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Section: letters

Courts need to look again at 'rights' of abusive parents *Letter to the Editor*

Regarding "Mammone divorce, at times, a turbulent one" (June 9) The judicial system, whose role it was to protect this mother and children, should reconsider the "rights" of a parent with a history of abuse, neglect or violence. It seems that unearned and unwarranted "rights" are granted biological parents whether or not there has been responsible parenting.

Threatening a mother's life is child abuse, at the very least child endangering, unlawful and the basis for terminating contact with the mother and children except under the most controlled conditions.

How can a mother fearing her life not be affected in caring for children and such threats not cause the children anguish?

The Repository's account of court records indicates the court initially terminated the father's unsupervised contact with the children as well as the mother.

The court then ordered supervised visitation in their paternal grandmother's home - hardly the protection needed when there are threats to kill and possession of guns. Even this supervision was later discontinued, although the father violated his probation by continued threats.

No consequences were noted. Nor was it noted whether psychological help was obtained.

At the time of the divorce, liberal access to children was given father, although the provision that he not contact the mother except in matters involving the children indicates continued concern about criminal intent toward her.

Recent child-custody practices are raising questions nationwide about whether children's welfare is a primary concern. Joint parenting may satisfy a parental wish for equal time, but is it always in the best interest of the child?

Citizens of this county have a right to know what went wrong, and an obligation to ask. We will carry to our graves the horror of these deaths. God help us all.

ALMA WELCH, CANTON TOWNSHIP

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James Mammone III is a smirking reminder that there's a struggle to be had in embracing the notion of truly equal justice under the law.

Mammone's decision last week to plead not guilty to charges that he murdered his two young children and former mother-in-law is a real-world challenge to what we say we believe about democracy and justice.

Though police previously said Mammone confessed his guilt to them, under our Constitution, he is entitled to a trial as a result of his plea.

More than a few Stark Counties are resentfully angry over the idea that their tax dollars will be "wasted" on a trial for Mammone when it's so clear to them that he did it.

As hard as it may be for them to accept, in the eyes of our law, by everything to which we subscribe, James Mammone III is innocent until proven guilty.

If our legal system is to maintain its integrity, it cannot permit anything less.

FUMBLE

In 2006, Maurice Clarett, the former Ohio State University football star, was convicted of robbery and intimidation of a witness and sentenced to 3½ years in prison.

You may have heard that Clarett recently filed a request for early release, telling prison authorities that he's heard from NFL teams still interested in him.

It sounds as if he still doesn't get it. Prison isn't an interruption of one's life and career; it's punishment. In "The Mind of Maurice Clarett," a blog attributed to Clarett, he still seems unable to admit

culpability.

Though Clarett has every right to make a living once he's served his time, he still

hasn't said what needs to be said:

"I want to apologize to the people I robbed, the witness I stalked and the arresting officers I spat at, kicked and cursed.

"I want say I'm sorry to Jim Brown and Marcus Allen, for blowing them off when all they were trying to do is steer me on the right path.

"I ask forgiveness from Coach Jim Tressel for the stress and embarrassment I caused him and my teammates.

"I apologize to my former professors and to the Ohio State University for tramping on the free \$40,000 college education they laid at my feet.

"I offer mea culpa to the NFL for presuming that at 19, I was ready to compete with grown men after playing just 12 college games.

"I hope the Denver Broncos someday can excuse me for coming to their training camp utterly unprepared and unwilling to work my way onto the team. Like virtually everything else in my life up to now, I expected that a starting slot and millions of dollars simply would be handed to me.

"Lastly, I wish to apologize to all the kids who had my picture taped to the wall on their bedroom; who still dream of running in my footsteps; who bedgered and begged their parents into spending money they really couldn't spare, to buy my jersey. More than anyone, you guys deserved better."

At some point in our lives, we all have dropped the ball. Everyone deserves a chance to pick it up and try again. When Maurice Clarett apologizes for his past behavior and means it, I'll be the first person cheering him on.

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July 1, 2009

Section: canton

Judge sets Canton triple-murder trial for January

Shane Hoover
CantonRep.com staff writer

A man accused of killing his two children and his former mother-in-law is set to go on trial in January.

James Mammon III waived his right to a speedy trial during a brief hearing Wednesday in Stark County Common Pleas Court.

Judge John G. Haas set Jan. 11 as the trial date, and granted the defense funds to hire expert witnesses, including a psychologist and a mitigation expert.

Pay for each expert is capped at \$5,000.

Authorities have said Mammon stabbed his children, 5-year-old Macy Mammon and 3-year-old James Mammon IV, and fatally shot his former mother-in-law, Margaret J. Eakin, on June 8.

Police have said Mammon, 35, of [REDACTED] confessed to the killings, saying he wanted to hurt his ex-wife following their recent divorce.

Mammon is charged with three counts of aggravated murder with death-penalty specifications and other crimes.

If convicted of any of the aggravated murder charges with an accompanying death-penalty specification, Mammon could be sentenced to death. Other options would be life in prison without parole, life in prison with parole eligibility after 30 years and life in prison with parole eligibility after 25 years.

During Wednesday's hearing, Haas asked Mammon how he was being treated at the jail. Last month, Mammon complained that he wasn't getting food that fit his vegetarian diet.

This time, Mammon said his diet had improved, and that he has access to his lawyers.

Mammon also told the judge that he sent the court a letter complaining about the lack of a jail library.

As a safeguard, Haas told Mammon not to send letters, and that any communication should be done through his attorneys.

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Jail letter on Mammone case turned over to authorities

Shane Hoover
CantonRep.com staff writer

The Repository has turned over to investigators two jailhouse letters that appear to be from triple-murder defendant James Mammone III.

Canton police Sgt. Vic George served the newspaper with a subpoena for the letters Tuesday morning.

"I have no objection to turning over this letter to the authorities if subpoenaed to do so," said Jeff Gauger, executive editor of The Repository. "It's in the broader public interest to do so."

The newspaper doesn't want to take sides with either the prosecution or the defense, Gauger said.

Mammone, 35, of Canton, is charged with aggravated murder and other crimes for the June 8 deaths of his two children, James IV and Macy, and former mother-in-law, Margaret Eekin.

If convicted, he faces the possibility of a death sentence.

The Repository received the letters Monday and a jail supervisor confirmed Mammone had sent the newspaper a letter.

"He's a defendant in a criminal action. He wrote a letter from jail; it's important that we review it in detail to see if there's any relevance to it that would pertain to his criminal case," said Stark County Prosecutor John D. Ferrero.

Stark County Public Defender Tammi Johnson, one of the attorneys representing Mammone, said she read only what was in the newspaper concerning the letter and declined to comment on it.

She said she would expect the items turned over to authorities to be provided to the defense before trial.

The newspaper published one of the letters in its entirety Tuesday, in which a writer who claims to be Mammone explains his motivation for the killings.

"While I confess to being totally without just cause for needlessly murdering Margaret Eakin, I still feel as though I did the most merciful thing I could do for my children (based) upon the conditions of their environment, and the bleak outlook of the future they were to face," the letter stated, in part.

Some criticized the decision to publish the letter, and Gauger offered an explanation.

"We published this letter because the crimes Mr. Mammone is accused of committing are a community event as much as a private family event, and I believe that community interest in these crimes was high enough to warrant publication," Gauger said. "Before publishing, we talked at length about the potential impact on the family and made special efforts Monday evening to get word to the Eakin family about our plan so that they wouldn't be surprised."

The second letter offers comments on another, unrelated homicide that occurred while Mammone was in jail.

That letter wasn't published because it didn't involve Mammone's case and didn't offer any new or newsworthy information, Gauger said.

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you have no objection??? You have no choice!!!!!!!!!!!! Turn it over or contempt of court. Now Mr Newsbreaker, how do you feel?

Put yourself in the family's position in having to see this in the paper.

POOR POOR TASTE

Windsor

2 months ago

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So, how about those Browns, huh?

nativenewyorker

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DeLuca is all over this. Look out Rep.

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Regarding the REP. printing of the letter- BAD IDEA, BAD TIMING! He obviously wants attention, thrives on it. This poor woman has to try to start back to her job and move on without her children. This was done in poor taste, news or not! Have a little heart and forget about making a sale for once.

supporting the Eakins

2 months ago

Report Abuse

theswtone, I'm sure you can see the difference between the way the Eakin family is trying to remain private in their grief and how Jesse's family was in the public eye from the beginning. The Eakin family does not want that and we need to respect that. It really sickens me to read how he savagely murdered my best friend's mother and what he did to those children that my children played with the night before. What NEW information did you get from those letters?? You know he wanted to hurt Marci and the Rep let him do it all over again. And in a public venue...again. We know how these people were killed and how he killed them before this letter was ever published, so tell me WHAT did you find out that was so special? You realized he was crazy? Well, perhaps you could use your energy to help advocate for victims of domestic violence. Maybe you could go to the judges in these courts that get custody issues before them and tell them that when they get a case with a previous domestic violence problem that they should look at these cases longer and more seriously. It's not hypocritical to let a family grieve how they want to grieve. I've lost a child and no one told me how I should grieve nor did they make me do it in public. And since when is it the public's business to get any information before the trial even begins? I think you think you should have this information, but it is really personal information that should've only been shared with the family until the trial. I'm glad you think you are better than every one else and have some sort of right to know how he killed someone that wasn't even related to you or that you knew. Really, the people who think this is news and think they have some right to this information is really just being nosey!

robertangelo

2 months ago

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To all of you blasting the Rep and canceling subscriptions, you apparently read it frequently enough to see all the these follies and have taken the time to register a username so as to leave your comments here. However, it seems odd to me that if this is such a constant inferior news source, how do all of you know it, and why do you keep on reading it? Nobody is putting a gun to your head forcing you to read it. How's the old saying go, 'fool me once shame on you, fool me twice shame on me'? Last I checked the same constitution that allows its citizens to bear arms, also allows for freedom of the press, and this paper did exactly that, they informed the community about news worthy information.

pt-king

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Personally I was surprised at the language he used; I thought he was much less educated than his words indicate. I can understand how he rationalized what he was doing; the divorce courts are a joke, but he apparently never associated the fact that he has now also broken covenants with God (thou shalt not murder) by taking the life of three innocent people. My heart goes out to his ex-wife who probably starting teaching again yesterday or today. Was the release of these letters timed with the start of school on purpose? Did he want to ruin her career/ability to focus as well?

tysunmccully

2 months ago

Report Abuse

It's a shame this guy gets any attention, but and I hope he is reading this somehow, you are full of evil, You speak of God, JESUS would never condone your sick views, you are a demon. A person so twisted and full of evil. God WILL have his vengeance on you, and I along with countless others will be happy to see you get what you deserve. You have no remorse, because you are evil. May God bless the victims and their families and friends.... but don't YOU ever even speak the name of God again. You are a sick person, and 100% evil. Be gone.

tysunmccully

2 months ago

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that above comment was by me- kodie mccully, although I am sure tysun feels 100% the same way, I want it to be stated we all feel this way I am sure----

Andreamtw

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I feel so bad for the Eakin family. This is so sad that have to go thru all of this. I also find it horrible that criminals can become somewhat of a twisted 'super-star' to the public. This man does not deserve to get all of this media attention. It just makes me sick to know he is getting so much attention for such a horrible crime. I pray for the Eakin family, they have gone thru so much already. No-one will know how horrible they feel. This must be a living nightmare for them.

supporting the Eakins

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Mr. Angelo, what was news worthy information out of that letter? Did he threaten the community in some way and the Rep used this venue to inform the public?? The public has already been informed of this triple homicide. There wasn't any new information gathered here. And quite honestly, a person could choose to cancel their subscription because they feel this was the last straw with dangerous journalism, or that this was their ONE and ONLY reason to cancel. As for me...it's my ONLY reason not to read the Rep and it's enough for me!!

meddycho

2 months ago
Report Abuse

Well I don't subscribe...I happened to pass a copy at work and was appalled. I did buy the rep for the crossword on occasion or to check an obit.....forget it. Hey canton, post your obits in the Beacon so I can see if you died!! and I will buy a crossword book. Shame, shame,shame on all of you that support this paper.....yes, I did have to log on and get a user name to post this....but I will toss this rag in the trash when I see it at work and hope no coworker has to view its poor taste and judgement. The only people who would buy this paper probably by the Enquirer also!!!

rz

2 months ago
Report Abuse

to all of you throwing mud at The Rep.....this is news whether you like it or not and whether you disagree or not. We as a community should want to know this stuff. This crime, as heinous as it was, is always going to be in the memories of the Eakin family. They want as much info they can get in order to be able to grieve and heal.

I am a neighbor of the Eakins, live right behind them. Dont underestimate the Eakin family. They are healing.

You guys are saying 'its a shame this guy gets any attention'....then quit commenting on any story that involves him or this crime. Simple as that!

redgal

2 months ago
Report Abuse

A 'community event as much as a private family event'? I bet the family would beg to differ. I ONLY read the rep for LOCAL news. They are hardly a good source for National, or political news. I guess i will have to rethink my source for local news as well. This letter is NOT newsworthy. What would have been newsworthy would have been a simple article about the fact that he sent a letter to the rep admitting his guilt and why he did it..that's it. Giving this wacko a platform in anyway is a disgrace and an insult to the victims and the family. This trash belongs in the tabloids!

Chucky Bow

2 months ago
Report Abuse

The Rep must feel proud that their court reporter had one of the letters sent to them. Question is to Jeff G is how did he get the letters out of the jail? Maybe that would be some good reporting Jeff G. I'm sure the Eakin family appreciates the 'heads up' you gave them. First day of school, geesh. Shock value news. Take it for what it's worth.

sammi

2 months ago
Report Abuse

It's a news story.....you guys weren't upset the day the cars were draped in tarps with the 2 small kids inside everyone trying there best to see anything....the majority of us love to be voyeursI know you guys all look at a wreck going down the interstate when it happens.. So let the REP just do their job and report the news...

SAGE

2 months ago
Report Abuse

Just got off the phone with Gate House Media.

Maybe someone will lose their job over this...

Bette Iden

2 months ago
Report Abuse

It's a free country and we have Freedom of the press. That said, all you complaining about this, also have the freedom not to read this story! Get off the Rep's case and go for a walk. While you are walking, think about what it might be like to have only government censored articles to read!!!

meek

2 months ago
Report Abuse

I will be on my knees praying for this family and all those who must be dealing with overwhelming grief. supporting the Eakins

2 months ago
Report Abuse

It's ironic that we can get so upset over things that like Walmart or McDonald's does. Some get so upset that they boycott the store or whatever... never to shop their again. What is the difference? I'm appalled with what this newspaper chose to make 'news worthy'. I will not buy another paper. I decide where my money goes and that's that. Call it freedom of whatever, I don't have to subscribe. That is my freedom.

graham79

2 months ago
Report Abuse

Why was my comment deleted? What was objectionable about it?

This man deserves no trial. Only a fool would consider him not guilty.

supporting the Eakins
2 months ago

Report Abuse

Sammi,

I think the point most of us are trying to make is that this isn't news. We already know he killed the kids and their grandma. We're not trying to take a peek of what is going on. We ALL know what is going on.

Sienna

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Yes, the Repository is entitled to freedom of the press. They are also empowered with the choice to refuse to respond to evil and cowardice. Use your strengths as a newspaper to let cowards hear loud and clear that they cannot and will not control you. Cowboy up, people, and stand for good. Let the cowards rot in silence.

Eljay

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Rep...why would you give this monster a platform?

Yellow journalism.

wadacrock

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I whole-heartly agree with theswtone

When this story broke every one was asking why. We were hooked and waiting on the next tidbit of information, sitting on the edge of our seats like some twisted soap opera. We speculated, made our judgements, and even in our own little way, mourned for the victims.

Regardless of what we think about his distorted reasons, now, in his own handwriting, we have answers as to why..

The Repository felt that this was newsworthy, therefore, printed. They are just doing thier jobs. Buy it, or read it on the internet either way they are selling and maintaining thier business.

Even by his own hand, he said dont let his children's death be in vain. So hug your kids a little tighter tonight before you go to bed. I know I will!

david_taylor1958

2 months ago

Report Abuse

THE ONLY THING I WANT TO READ ABOUT THAT JERK IS WHEN THEY PULL THE SWITCH,,

Cathy H

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I feel that the Rep had to report this, had they not, all you people would want to know why they didn't report it. It's pretty simple people, it's news, either read it or don't.

Marley Greiner

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The letters probably got out of the jail via the the US mail, Chucky. Prisoners do use it, you know,

amyg

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I think it is very unfortunate that The Repository felt the need to publish this disturbing letter. This man is obviously demented and now we have to have his sickening thoughts and reasonings plastered on the front page of our local newspaper, not to mention the full page inside! I am sure I speak for the majority of the people in saying....WE DON'T CARE!

nuhlygal

2 months ago

Report Abuse

The Rep should have turned the letters over prior to publishing them, period. Hopefully this man's lawyer wasn't just handed the perfect reason to have a mistrial or change of venue.

urns2

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I feel bad for ms mammone she was a teacher of mine at timken last year she taught me so much and was always encouraging us to keep learning that letter he wrote made no sense to me at all because nobody should play god and take other peoples lives...he has no right to try and explain himself to get attention...when people do get married yes its supposed to mean forever but if he wasnt so crazy she probably would of let it last...just stupidity

Chucky Bow

2 months ago

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Marley, Really? No kidding. LOL.... How did they get out when he was to have no contact with the family or media? Who

mailed them for him? That would be the question on the table.....

BMunster

2 months ago

Report Abuse

How is this a story? The letter was subpoenaed ...period...like the Rep had a choice in the matter to turn it over to CPD...

mnm2703

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I am commenting because i have the right to....i understand that yes, Mr. Mammone has the right to tell whatever story he so chooses to feed to the REP, and that Yes, the REP has the freedom of print, and that Yes, we all have the choice whether to read/subscribe to whatever 'journalism' we see fit....however, WE as an American people SHOULD stand behind one another when wrong is done to those we care most about. Marci and her family--what's left of it--should not have to see this filth each morning. Do any of you who are defending this 'right to press' have any idea what it feels like to have your family go through something like this and then have it shoved in your face day after day?? I knew Marci- we went to high school with one another. And 14 years ago I went through something very similar. My father murdered my step mother. And my mother had left years before. So our--MY--home became a three ring circus thanks to the REP 'leaking' information. They had NO regard that innocent victims(children) were involved Only that it was juicy news. It's sickening to me to know that most people are more interested in 'defending' our civic rights on paper than they are to stand up and actually do the right thing when REAL people are involved. This was not 'news'. I consider myself to be a quite intelligent, well rounded person who is HAHA a Democrat! And no ounce of me says that what the REP printed here was worthy of ink. I seriously hope those who feel 'freedom of press' wins over 'human emotion' would analyze their lives and see if maybe they would feel differently if the shoe was on the other foot.....

Angela55

2 months ago

Report Abuse

So let me get this straight. If he writes you everyday, are you going to publish them? Get real, you screwed up. Acknowledge and apologize. I cancelled this morning-but will continue to voice my opinion. To those of you saying the Rep is just doing their job, I hope this never comes your way.

GrampsPerry

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I think the Repository was totally wrong in making this a front page story. The editors apparently have no compassion for the family. I wonder how they would feel, opening the paper, and being reminded of this horrible tragedy in their family. I guess any topic will do as long as it sells papers. Congratulations on helping this family NOT to forget.....

mnm2703

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I am not a wealthy woman however i would be willing to bet that every one of you people who feel James Mammone deserves his right to free press also believes he deserves to NOT be treated 'so inhumanely' as to not have a needle stuck in his arm! Where is your compassion for the victims? Do they 'deserve' to not only have their whole world turned upside down by his murderous, unthinkable actions but then also to have them rubbed in their faces as they attempt to mourn those they have lost? I pray to God that those out there that feel he(Mammone) deserves every civil liberty as we all, would seriously reconsider...He committed a sin, he should pay for it! The bible does NOT say 'Yes, I killed a man(or woman AND children in this case) but as long as i get my story out then I wont be held accountable'. The Bible says 'Thou shalt not Kill...plain and simple....and so sorry to tell you but the bible was around way before the SUPpository.....

mnm2703

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I would like to say that my opinion is somewhat biased in that 14 yrs ago, the SUPpository treated my family--the victims--the very same way!! I have since moved away seeing as how there is NO opportunity for any kind of advancement in this city--doesn't really surprise me knowing what 'wordly' journalists' Canton has hired! They are not interested in knowing the truth but WHAT sells papers.....hmmmm kinda sounds like National Enquirer.....The REP's Mission Statement: 'Our Mission is to provide information that is partially true and with as much disregard as possible to the families that are foremost affected by the stories you report.

Marley Greiner

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Chucky: the original article states: The Repository received two unsolicited letters Monday that appear to have been written by Mammone. They came in one envelope identifying them as inmate mail. A jail supervisor confirmed that Mammone had sent a letter to the newspaper.

That means the letter went through the SC Jail system. It was confirmed by the jailer.

What's so difficult to understand about that. It is no deep dark conspiracy.

A court order against contacting the Eakins is undersandable., I don't remember Mammone being barred from contacting he press, though. Is there a gag order on him? If so, that would be unusual. The guy just cooked his own goose with the etter.

pleasebequiet

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I'm not mad at the repository I'm mad at the system for the fact that this freak is still breathing the same air as me. He should be executed down town for all to watch then he'll get his attention.

badlarry

2 months ago

Report Abuse

i have np with canton for writein what they have very well done Repository

theswtone

2 months ago

Report Abuse

TO SUPPORTING THE EAKINS...Let's get something straight...I sympathize with the family, I have from day one. My heart goes out to them. What happened was terrible and I hope that Mr. Mammone is punished to the full extent of the law. My question to you and everyone else is...how in the heck did the letters even get out of the County Jail? The horrible crimes that this man committed, who was responsible for letting the letters even make it to the Rep? All of these people that are bashing the Rep, did you also write a letter to the County Jail and ask how this happened? I'm sorry, but if this man is as crazy as everyone thinks, his outgoing mail should've been monitored. The letters should have never made it to the Rep. The point that I was trying to make is that we as a people love to place blame on others....but are we blaming the right people? I commend everyone on their personal views, everyone has a right to their own opinion. I am neither right or wrong, just like everyone else. But to BLAST the Rep the way that some of you have, it just reminds me once again the type of city I live in. If you are going to place blame on someone, make sure that you include everyone that was involved in this situation. News is news everywhere you go, whether it be Ohio or China. But because this happened in Canton and it was the Rep, it's wrong. If the letters had been mailed to a news station and across your screen it said 'BREAKING NEWS' and gave the details of the letters, would you be calling them or saying 'I'm not going to watch that channel anymore'.....no you wouldn't!!!! If it was on television, millions would see it, but no one would be boycotting the news channels. For all of you that are cancelling your subscription and talking about suscribing to the Beacon Journal...if something similar happens in Akron, are you going to start getting the Plain Dealer? And then if it happens in Cleveland, what are you going to subscribe to? Your beliefs are your own....but don't lay blame on others because of your beliefs.

ggreen1794

2 months ago

Report Abuse

muhlygal, how canyou have a mistrial when thier's been no trial? This guy is an obvious nutcase. Worse, a religious nutcase.

robbre

2 months ago

Report Abuse

the rep was correct to print this story. It is a look into the soul of one of the most dispicable people i have ever read about.

there is plenty to trash the repository about, but this isn't one of them.

Just because a story is written doesn't mean you have to read it. Like a car crash most people still have that odd intrigue to look instead of turning away.

robbre

2 months ago

Report Abuse

for all of you that feel this wasn't newsworthy and want to lambast the rep. please take your anger on all 4 cleveland area television stations coverage as well. they all led off the news with this story.

STEVE-O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

You readers KNEW the letter was going to be disturbing, as it came from a triple murder suspect. You people have little to no will power NOT to read the crap he wrote to our local newspaper so what you read is what you get, stop the low blows to the Repository. In the future, if an article is gonna seem disturbing such as this one, do yourself and all of us a favor and turn the pages to something else the newspaper offers. Yes, I read the article too, but if you can't deal with the world around you, get some help and stop bashing the Rep.

STEVE-O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

God's speed to the family's involved.

No More

2 months ago

Report Abuse

My ONLY problem with what the Repository did was force the police and prosecutors to get a subpoena for the letters. The Repository should have turned the letters over with no court order at all. Why? The Repository wants private citizens to get involved in their community and help the police by providing information and facts to them, but when the opportunity comes for the Repository to be a good citizen in their own mold, they require a subpoena from the courts. The letters, voluntarily written and sent by Mammone are evidence. The Repository acted like an attorney and required the courts to get involved. These letters were not notes gathered by a reporter or private thoughts of a reporter or editor, they were facts as to the murder case, by the suspect, and the Repository acted like the chumps they are. No More.

bbg7600

2 months ago

Report Abuse

robber: first, I doubt this man has a soul. 2nd, the cleveland area television stations covered the Repository's article. If it wasn't printed they wouldn't have had a story either.

For all those who are taking up for the Repository because you say it was newsworthy and people want to know what he was thinking. How come you haven't demanded to know why the other letter wasn't printed? I think this sick individual just won the IQ battle with the editor's of the newspaper. The timing was absolutely chosen to cause the most harm to his ex-wife. If the Repository was actually interested in the best interest of the public they would have turned the letters over to the police immediately without needing a subpoena. At the trial when the letters would have been introduced as evidence, then they could have reported them.

Yes, I'm cancelling my subscription too. Not because I'm not going to read the paper again, but because hopefully with enough people doing the same thing the Repository may change the policies they use.

Denise O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Assuming the Rep checked with legal council prior to publishing the letter to ensure they would not be putting the trial in jeopardy, I see nothing wrong with their publishing the letter.

TellingDad

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Newspapers have policies and they aren't required to disclose every single bit of fact they are privy to. For example, our local paper knows the names of rape victims, but they state that it's their policy not to divulge first or last names of sexual crime victims.

The Repository does need to report the news but there are lines being crossed. Would this letter have made front page news if it were the editor's or the reporter's mother and children that were savagely murdered? Or would it have been too painful and too personal?

Even with the ridiculous decision to print the letter in its entirety, was it necessary to make it front page news? Shock journalism...nothing more and it served no community purpose. It served the killer's purpose and they were the mouthpiece for this scumbag.

I can't wait to see what they've inspired in him now. Get ready for more letters, Repository, and by your own defense to your actions above, you are trapped to print the subsequent rambles. Well done.

'...made special efforts Monday evening to get word to the Eakin family about our plan so that they wouldn't be surprised.

What a bunch of sweethearts. True compassion would have suppressed feeding into this monster's ploy. You aren't Canton's repository, you are Mammone's.

Evie7808

2 months ago

Report Abuse

'freedom of press' what a load of crap...for all those screaming freedom of press what would you do if you were in Marci's position...you had your mother and babies MURDERED and then the day you go back to work and get some normalcy back you have to read this crap of a paper?? how would you feel?? put yourself in Marci and her family's position..yes i know i know you dont have to read...you are right i dont have to read...that letter should have been turned over to the police ASAP and not put into the paper...The Rep is just turning into any other liberal jargon out there just to sell papers... To Supporting The Eakins...i commend you on posting and commenting on here...i know how hard it has been for you.. all i can say is Mr Mammone will get his day in court and hopefully they find this lunatic guilty and they put a couple of needles in him..i would rather pay for the injections than his worthless butt staying in jail for the rest of his life, getting his vegetarian meals...

jenny p

2 months ago

Report Abuse

So many people having been supportive of Marci, her father's and the family's terrible ordeal. Let's not throw stones at liberals or conservatives. I am not loaded, but I donated money to specific funds set up for the children and Margaret. I cried tears for the pain that the family felt and cried tears for the lives lost. We may disagree about the specifics of things to print in the local paper, but let's not forget all who have been supportive of the families. People who did not know the family have felt powerless to help. Sometimes when people can read things in their paper it makes them feel as though they are with the family in thought, even though we continue to remember how much the family is still suffering.

supporting the Eakins

2 months ago

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theswtone,

Jails do have a mail system. I thought someone else had mentioned it before, but perhaps you are unaware that inmates do have mail privileges. I would not blame this on the jail system because I am aware of the privileges that people do get while incarcerated. I know in a regular prison setting that inmates get one free letter a week to mail out. Meaning they don't have to pay for the postage. I don't know exactly how it is while he is in the county jail, but I would assume he has rights to incoming and outgoing mail. I hope that answers your question a little better.

In regards to if something would've been done like this on one of the TV stations, my response to that is when one of the stations falsely reported that Marci was at the arraignment and showed a picture of a woman sitting in the court room and claimed it to be her, I was furious and I immediately called them. They fixed the problem immediately!

The problem I see here with what the Rep did was that they didn't give the family any opportunity to view or even know what was in the letter before it was printed. This is something that didn't have to be given to the public first. The family had more right to this information than anybody. And law enforcement had rights to it just as much so it could be used for the trial. I'm not saying it won't be, but it should've been given to them first. The public thinks they have a right to this information, but in my opinion, I don't want any knowledge of any information before it is used against him. Don't think I haven't imagined in my head a million times how he must've killed all 3 of them. It has kept me up at night. But my first priority would be to make sure he fries for all of it.

Eljay

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Rep...how do you justify giving this monster a platform?

Marley Greiner

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Actually, I'd want it in the paper,... Mammone gave himself no favors, and neither did the Rep.

angelstar

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I am extremely disappointed in the Reps poor judgement on this one! The news about the letter could have been published, without publishing the actual letter. Why should James get any rights at all! Try thinking of the rights of Marci who is already going through terrible grief...which you added to by publishing this. It's easy for people who do not know this family to comment and say 'freedom of the press' and 'free speech'...because to you it is just a story. But to some of us...who know this family...they are actual people, not just the next story. Did you for even a second try to put yourself in her shoes, and think that maybe she doesn't want to wake up and see her psycho ex's murderous face plastered on the front page of the newspaper. Did it ever occur to you that someone was Macy and James mother, and Margaret's daughter. And that everytime you make a poor decision like this, you force her to publicly live through that hell all over again. It is enough for her just to put one foot in front of the other right now, without insensitive people rubbing this in her face. Maybe instead of giving this evil man his day of fame...this city(and the Rep) should try supporting the woman who actually has to live with this!

STEVE-O

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Right on Marley ! He (Mammone) just secured his own fate ! Another nail in his coffin added by his own hand writing and signature !!!! Makes the Prosecutors job a whole lot easier. Justice should be made swiftly and with the death penalty carried out immedietly. No waiting on death row, no appeals allowed.

MRX

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I agree STEVE-O but our great court system in this country gives them the right to appeals on every level and years of waiting on death row. Much cheaper to keep him alive by the time everything is paid for.

Wren Bishop

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I AGREE The Repository had VERY BAD JUDGEMENT in publishing THE WHOLE letter-- they could've just written an article saying that 'A letter was written, etc etc to them' and they DID NOT have to publish THE WHOLE LETTER- I read many newspapers on line and I have to say- The Repository is THE WORST when it comes to journalism and writers-- it shows that they(the repository) have ABSOLUTELY NO PRIDE in being a newspaper that's been established for 100 yrs, in this area. My opinion is that THE REPOSITORY should SERIOUSLY take a 2ndlook at some of their writers and teach them the etiquette of newspaper articles and writing stories. This DID hurt the family more, the family is going through enough.EVEN IF the Repository checked out the legalities of publishing this letter is was still in POOR TASTE to do so. I wonder if the family can have any re-course like a law suit against THE REPOSITORY--- I'd check into it if I were them--- This was like Rubbing salt in a wound.

MY OPINION--- GROW UP REPOSITORY-- and start writing about normal daily things---that we WANT TO READ ABOUT.

Wren Bishop

1 months ago

Report Abuse

I AGREE-- the Repository chose VERY POOR JUDGMENT in printing the whole letter.. They could've just written an article saying 'a letter was written to them--etc etc' they (the repository) didn't have to drag the family through anymore heart ache. I read many newspapers online and I have to say- that The Repository DOES NOT have very good journalists at all, they do TERRIBLE PROOF READING - and they choose very poor judgment in articles they write, and this is a perfect example. The REPOSITORY is doing a very poor job in the last year or so to keep up their reputation-- especially for being a newspaper in this area for 100yrs-- I just hope that they(repository) checked all the legalities before printing this story-- IF NOT the family has a nice lawsuit--

AGAIN--- VERY VERY POOR TASTE ON THE REPOSITORY PART--- this is NOT a story the public NEEDED OR WANTED to read about-- we know HE IS GUILTY and did it---

GROW UP REPOSITORY--- and start teaching your writers to do articles on REAL STORIES-- there are plenty of other things to write about.

Wren Bishop

2 months ago

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ONE MORE THING--- I believe that THE REPOSITORY should publish A FRONT PAGE APOLOGY to the public and to the family for this article--- that would be the CONSIDERATE thing to do-- since there has been so many negative comments and responses to this article, the REPOSITORY should 'own up' to their mistake and realize THEY MADE A HUGE BLUNDER HERE-----

BUT-- with the past reputation the REPOSITORY has---- I SERIOUSLY DOUBT they are adult enough to apologize for this. HOW MANY OF YOU AGREE??? Is an apology necessary??

bettyr47

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Really, this was newsworthy? We already knew he murdered 3 people, we knew he is certifiably crazy, we knew he did it to destroy Marci. So what was newsworthy about this letter? His goose was already cooked before he wrote this letter. The only thing I got out of this letter is that Mammone will go to any extent to continue to torment and abuse his ex and her family. Anyone who has ever experienced, or knows someone who has been a victim of domestic violence knows this is what he is doing. This is not news, this is an extension of Mammone's sick mind reaching out to further manipulate, destroy, and torment Marci; and the Rep. helped him in accomplishing his sick mission. I have changed my mind since last night, I will be calling today to cancel my subscription to the Rep., I am taking a stand for the Eakin family and for domestic violence against all women. Maybe if there are enough cancellations the Rep. will get the message, some of us will not help pay for the abuse of this family. This is my right.

BreyM

2 months ago

Report Abuse

An apology? For reporting? Seriously, this is a prime example of people being too wrapped up in business that does not pertain to them. As far as Ms. Mammone seeing the newspaper, etc., she can escape by not reading it. As callous as that sounds, she will not 'escape' it otherwise. Unless of course she were to move away and try to start anew. Those of you who think that the Rep was out of line - don't read it. People make me sick. Anything to @#\$% about. I believe that the Rep did the right thing.

robbre

2 months ago

Report Abuse

If the repository didnt put the letter in then we would have all the freedom of press proponents calling foul.

My point was this showed a calculated derranged individual and how they are out there among us and it is a shame there is nothing we can do beforehand to stop them. hopefully his letter will teach us to look out for others that may sound and act similarly in bizzarre moral ways. I find it likely he has shared these crazy delusions in the past and should of been stopped. Make a difference, implore our legal system to take the proper steps to make sure this tragedy isn't repeated.

robbre

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Sorry to say i don't know of any newspaper that wouldn't of led with this and probably turned it into a multi day report. If you felt it was out of line why may i ask did you all feel compelled to keep on reading.

theame19

2 months ago

Report Abuse

For the Canton Repository to not have printed the letter submitted by James Mammone would have been a wanton act of irresponsible journalism and shown a flagrant lack of integrity as well. Their job is not to pick sides; not factor any other contingent other than reporting the facts; and not be swayed by public opinion. Not printing this material would have violated the basic principles that the foundation of modern journalism were founded.

Far more often than not the news is not pretty. In fact, as in this case, the information surrounding the transgressions of this madmen are reprehensible beyond description. True journalism is reporting these facts in their entirety.

The media, whether it be print or otherwise, is a tool for distributing information about recent events. Their job, regardless of the circumstances of the incident in question, is to report the news as it occurred.

Instead of ranting and making wholly absurd statements about how the Rep acted inappropriately, those of you that fall

into this category of malcontents should be grateful that we have a local newspaper who stood up and met their responsibility as journalists.

jenny p

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I agree Theame. The Repository did not add to pain or grief because the grief the family feels is insurmountable. Due to what James III did, the pain will be relived everyday of their lives. They will relive it when he stands trial, they will relive it on birthdays and other holidays, they will relive it when they see someone hug their own spouse and children. Their pain will not go away even if the Repository were to never mention the case again.

supporting the Eakins

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Theame,

What was irresponsible was how they went about doing it. Again, no one knew the content of the letter before it was published. I believe there are some moral ethics in journalism and I think it would've been morally sound to bring this to the family FIRST! I don't believe they met any responsibility as journalists. Their lack of responsibility was that they didn't give this letter directly to the police when it arrived. Reporting facts doesn't mean they had to print this. The Rep still could've done a story on the letters as many have stated. I don't believe anybody has said that the community shouldn't have known about the letters, but that we would've appreciated a different approach.

theame19

2 months ago

Report Abuse

supporting the Eakins,

First of all allow me to express my sincere condolences for your loss. Secondly, please note that I bore you no disrespect with my comments regarding the letters submitted to the Canton Repository. Thirdly, I am going to have to disagree, respectfully, with your position on responsible journalism.

First, true journalism is not bound by the same legal and moral ethics as say you or I. Their responsibility is to the information they are supplying to the public. Think of it as being similar to how an attorney is willing to defend a criminal who has committed the most despicable of crimes. While their own morals may dictate they have nothing to do with their client, they are morally and ethically bound professionally to defend their client to the utmost of their ability. A journalist may find what they are reporting to be despicable, but that does not supersede their responsibility morally and ethically as a journalist. They don't answer to one person, group or position of a story, but just the story itself.

Most people have trouble understanding this dilemma. This is why a great many people hate lawyers, right up until they need one.

I doubt you would find a journalist/newspaper anywhere that would have directly turned over a letter such as the one James Mammone submitted without being required to by the authorities. Again, it refers back to the unique mannerism that surrounds the guidelines to being a professional journalism.

supporting the Eakins

2 months ago

Report Abuse

theame,

I see how you are trying to rationalize what you are saying, and it probably makes sense to you. However, the example you used definitely loses me. And really the only reason why is because a lawyer answers to the law, that is the their boss, so to speak. A journalist doesn't have a higher authority really, it is up to their discretion. There are technically no rules in the game of journalism. In fact, I have spoken to someone in this line of work, and for whatever reason, he agrees that this was distasteful. I still feel that there was a better way to report this to the public without publishing the letter as is. That's my opinion and that will never change. I am too close to the situation. Thank you for your condolences.

CCW_WORKS

2 months ago

Report Abuse

My heart and prayers go out to the family. Victims of a tragic, senseless crime. I hope the local media shows more compassion for such people in the future.

magitarius12

2 months ago

Report Abuse

Nothing like feeding into the 'Monsters' ego!!!!!!!!!!!! I think the Repository should print on the front page these comments so everyone knows can read what we, the people, don't except his 'lame' excuses! He's a child killer and monster! He is also a coward! He should of just ended his life instead!

nomworking

2 months ago

Report Abuse

While being a Repository supporter, I do agree that this story was newsworthy. Having that said, I do have to say that it was

in poor taste of The Repository to publish all 6 pages of the letter and I consider it unnecessary. Have some compassion for all that family has been through and then to see this sicko's thought process behind MURDERING his two children and mother in law. It's absolutely appalling to know that The Repository thought this to be a necessary part of their story line. It should have been left at the letter was sent to The Repository and due to it's explicit nature it was not published. He is probably laughing right now in his cell knowing that what he wanted---he got, another chance in the spotlight. The letter should have been turned over to the prosecution immediately and not published in anyway shape or form. Shame on you Repository.

Full text of James Mammone III's letter to The Repository

Posted Aug 25, 2009 @ 04:00 AM

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bradswife

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God's promises are for those who obey his commandments. You blew it when you broke the 'do not murder' one. Divorce is acceptable, murder isn't you poor bastard. You will be judged in a higher court. Meanwhile you will continue to eat, sleep and get recreation time, unlike your children. Marcy hopefully will have other children to nurture and love. You are not worthy to be a father. Oh wait.....you're not anymore.

an_icon

2 months ago

Report Abuse

What a piece of CRAP!!!!!! You should of killed yourself first. Marcy may god bless you and your children this TURd will see the SATAN he is so afraid of.

SeabeeTim

2 months ago

Report Abuse

I like how so few people have commented on the letter itself, as to deny Mammone III the attention he seeks. I will comment here, however, because I knew Jim rather well through the '90's--unfortunately.

Having come from a broken home himself, Jim is setting the stage for his insanity plea. But can we allow him to acknowledge the sins of divorce without acknowledging the sins of murder? If he can justify murder in his mind, then surely he can justify divorce? Yet in this letter, where he so adamantly proclaims his belief in God, he asked forgiveness for neither divorce nor murder.

Jim was proof that people can come from a broken home and make a good life for themselves. I remember first meeting Marcia and thinking how far out of his league she was. Marcia is beautiful, Jim is not. Marcia is sweet, Jim is strange. Yet Marcia married Jim and gave him a family. Jim has no one to blame but himself and his love of alcohol, narcotics and hallucinogens for losing his family. Funny how he didn't mention that in his 'Godly' letter.

I am not God, but I do not believe that divorce is an unforgivable sin, it is even a rectifiable sin. But murder, once committed is not rectifiable, we cannot resurrect the dead and start over. Through a bit of honor, some courage and a commitment to his children, Jim could have worked towards making a good life for Macy and James IV despite his differences with Marcia, and through his own experiences of a broken home. Instead he took a knife to their throats as they slept.

James Mammone III is a coward and a fraud. He did not disserve Marcia nor the children she gave him, and they most certainly did not disserve him. God has an answer for James Mammone III.

Tim Fulton

Dans2ndwife

1 months ago

Report Abuse

personally wouldn't have printed this. Too many whacked people in Canton might actually believe this filth.

uzyqkatt

1 months ago

Report Abuse

wasnt going to read the letter,, but my was like,, u got to read the letter this guy wrote,, i almost fell off the couch when i did read it,, i agree when people say he should have killed himself,if he thought the world was such a bad place,, no one would have to die like that!!!! i do think he does have some mentel problems but no defence for him

econ

1 months ago

Report Abuse

Good post Tim, I knew Mammone also, trust me there was not a religious bone in his body, now all of a sudden he is Pastor Jim. he could have cared less about his children, he never did anything with them as a family unit. Would rather be out drinking and popping pills than be with his family. He was a strange dood but very friendly and courteous. Many people-