Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O’Malley announced last week that Clifford Gillespie, 44, was sentenced to 15 to 16½ years in prison for a violent crime spree that occurred within a three-hour timespan in April 2019.

“We are all much safer without this criminal running rampant through our streets,” O’Malley said.

On April 28, 2019, Gillespie carjacked the victim, an 83-year-old woman, at gunpoint in a church parking lot near E. 83 St. and Quincy Ave. He approached her vehicle, banged on her windows and demanded her car keys while threatening to kill her.

After the victim exited her vehicle, he took her keys and drove away.

Shortly after, Gillespie drove the stolen vehicle to a laundromat near E. 65 St. and Fleet Ave. The defendant began fondling himself in the parking lot in front of a woman, 27, and her cousin. After she told him to stop, he verbally threatened her life and retrieved a gun from the stolen vehicle. He pointed the gun at the victim as he approached her. She ran to the back of the laundromat and called police before Gillespie fled the scene in the vehicle.

Shortly after, Cleveland Division of Police spotted the stolen vehicle and attempted to pull him over near E. 74 St. and Harvard Ave. Gillespie refused and made another attempt to flee as he ran toward E. 83 St. before pointing his gun at responding officers. He pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of aggravated robbery
- Five counts of felonious assault
- Two counts of having weapons under disability
- Two counts of aggravated menacing
- One count of public indecency

The Labor Day holiday is next Monday, Sept. 7. The following waste collection schedule is as follows in our local distribution area:

- Bedford: One day delayed collection
- Cleveland: One day delayed collection.
- Cuyahoga Heights: Garbage, recycling and yard waste will be collected on Tuesday.
- Garfield Heights: One day delayed collection.
- Independence: If your rubbish day falls on the holiday, it will be collected the following day.
- Maple Heights: One day delayed collection.
- Valley View: Holidays on Monday do not affect any rubbish pickup.

Both Netflix and Hulu do business in Maple Heights, “and has done so at all times, relevant to this action,” the lawsuit states, adding that the “aggregate amount in controversy for the proposed class exceeds $5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.”

Factual allegations in the lawsuit state that Netflix and Hulu “provide video service to their subscribers... using an Internet-connected device.”

Subsequently, when Netflix and/or Hulu subscribers wish to view programming on those services, they use an Internet-connected device to send a request to the Internet service provider (ISP), according to the lawsuit, which states that the ISP “then forwards that request to Netflix’s and Hulu’s dedicated Internet servers, which, in turn, provide a response. This response is then relayed back to the subscriber’s device, and Netflix and Hulu deliver the video programming via Internet protocol technology (i.e., broadband wireline facilities) located at least in part in public rights-of-way.”

On June 25, 2007, then-Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland signed Senate Bill 117 into law, which allowed Ohio municipalities to collect franchise fees from video service providers for the first time, effective Sept. 24, 2007.

Consequently, according to Ohio Revised Code, S.B. 117 allows local franchising authorities to collect up to 5% of gross revenues, as defined in the statute, to exclude a variety of revenues that are currently allowed under federal law. However, to continue to collect franchise fees, municipalities were required to pass legislation stating the percentage of gross revenues collected.

Maple Heights has passed legislation to this effect, according to the lawsuit, which states, “Many Ohio municipalities, including Maple Heights, have enacted local ordinances that impose a video provider service fee of 5% on all video service providers... the Ohio Director of Commerce would have authorized video service providers such as [Netflix and Hulu] to use public rights-of-way, as long as said video service provider makes a quarterly video service provider payment to each city in which it provides video service... the required video service provider payment is up to 5% of gross revenues received... from the provision of video services in the city.”

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Help kids kick cancer by giving blood with Red Cross

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood or platelets to support kids, teens and young adults battling cancer, as well as others in need of transfusions.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that more than 15,000 children and adolescents in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year. Childhood cancer patients may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications.

Those who come to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free haircut via email several days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 30, 2020, at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

Donors are urged to make an appointment to donate using the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/sports-clips, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Blood donor opportunities

**Independence**
9/9/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd.
9/15/2020: 12 - 6 p.m., Topgolf Independence, 5820 Rockside Woods Blvd N.
9/15/2020: 1 - 7 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

**Valley View**
9/2/2020: 1 - 7 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 5828 Hathaway Rd.

Letters to the Editor

Why was motorcycle rally allowed to happen?

Dear Editor:

We all know that the world has limited social gatherings. Limited the number of people at weddings, funerals. Events have been canceled. County fairs and state fairs, Feast of the Assumption in Little Italy and many more.

On Aug. 22, 2020, at 5 p.m. on a Saturday night, Mayor Vic Collova, the acting police chief, the fire marshal and the City Council allowed a bar on Garfield Boulevard to have a motorcycle rally. There were well over 700 people that showed up with well over 200 motorcycles gathered there. No social distancing, some with masks, a lot more without masks, no port-a-potties. Motorcycles parked on sidewalks, motorcycles driving on sidewalks, a lot of traffic on the Boulevard, people everywhere.

Doesn’t the mayor and the rest of the city officials know that there is a pandemic in the world, even in Garfield Heights, called COVID-19? What was so special about this gathering that all of the city officials let this motorcycle rally happen? Do they really care about the people of Garfield Heights or anyone at ALL?

Diane Wells, Garfield Heights resident

(Editors Note: To make a complaint about bars and restaurants not following state mandates on COVID-19, call 216-898-1870 or email to: adoiiuclev @dps.ohio.gov.)
The lawsuit also alleges that Netflix and Hulu were required to receive authorization from the Ohio Director of Commerce “and provide 10 days advance, written notice before providing video service in Maple Heights and the other Ohio municipalities in which they provide their video services.”

Netflix’s and Hulu’s respective “failure to receive authorization and provide advance, written notice did not relieve them of the obligation to pay the video service provider fee,” according to the allegations presented in the filing.

DiCello, Blackwell comment

When contacted yesterday, DiCello emphasized the importance of what Mayor Annette Blackwell was attempting through the filing of the lawsuit, to pursue revenue for the city. “I think the ordinance is clear, that the citizens of Maple Heights are entitled to the revenues, and it’s important that the mayor of Maple Heights, like other mayors, stands up for the citizens to demand the payments.”

DiCello stated that the lawsuit follows the ordinance passed by the city, as well as in communities throughout the United States, adding that Blackwell and other leaders “do the best they can for the community... I think it’s important for political leaders to identify issues like the mayor has identified, to serve the electorate by enforcing those rules.”

Blackwell stated yesterday, “At every opportunity that I am able to return to the residents of the city of Maple Heights what is owed to them, I will pursue it.”

Fine forgiveness at library

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step toward academic achievement and lifelong learning.

This month, all students in grades K – 12 are encouraged to take advantage of one-time fine forgiveness at any Cuyahoga County Public Library branch.

Media relations departments for both Netflix and Hulu were contacted to offer them the opportunity to comment on the lawsuit. There was no response from Netflix as of press time. The response from Hulu was as follows: “Unfortunately, your access to Hulu’s Press site has been denied.”
First day of school for Cuyahoga Heights students moved to Sept. 8; will be all-remote

At the Aug. 12 Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education meeting, the board voted to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Tom Evans to move the first day of the all-remote learning to Tuesday, Sept. 8.

“This will help us to better prepare for remote learning with our students,” he commented on the district website.

Legal Advertisement
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights (“Owner”), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, City of Garfield Heights, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 1st day of October, 2020 until 10:00 am current local time for:

“Orchard Slide Slope Repair (Re-Bid)”
and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, and an affidavit in its true copies, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the “Owner” or a certified check, cashier’s check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the “Owner”.

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the “Owner” pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code If the unopened bids fail to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file and may be obtained at the office of the City of Garfield Heights, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125, upon payment of Fifty Dollars ($50.00), none of which will be refunded. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Garfield Heights. If a bidder purchased a copy of the Contract Documents for the original bid on August 13th, 2020 bid, then the updated Contract Documents will be mailed to that bidder at no additional cost.

Please note that in order to be considered as a “responsive bidder” for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the Plan Holders List will be disqualified.

A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor’s goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio areas as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid.

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

Small Business Enterprises (SBE’s) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 5% of total.

The “Owner” reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

The “Owner” is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against the handicapped.

Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director
City of Garfield Heights

Parental Consent
Legal Notice
Redi Storage, 17101 Rockside Rd., Maple Heights, OH 44137, 216-662-6610 is hosting the following auctions on www.storageauctions.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, Friday, September 25th, 2020. CASH only and cleaning deposit as listed below.

Kevin Bouye, 13800 Fairhill Rd. #517, Shaker Heights, OH 44120, 10x20, Ending at 10:55AM. Unit appears to contain: household items, TVs, furniture, glass cabinets, baskets, bins and totes, bags, boxes, misc. items, $100 cleaning deposit.

HammondFareed, 7389 Foghorn Lane, Northfield, OH 44067, 10x10, Ending at 10:00PM. Unit appears to contain: furniture, chairs, table, bags, boxes, stroller, fan, misc. items. $50 cleaning deposit.

Paris L. Howard, 5790 Lee South Rd. Apt #7, Maple Heights, OH 44137, 10x5, Ending at 11:34AM. Unit appears to contain: computer, blankets, back packs, totes, bags, misc. items. Items. $50 cleaning deposit.

Tracy Grant, 18320 Scottsdale Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120, 10x5, Ending at 11:45AM. Unit appears to contain: bulletin board, books, bags, boxes, totes, misc. items. $50 cleaning deposit.

Eboni Gray, PO BOX 201301, Cleveland, OH 44112, 5x6, Ending at 11:40AM. Unit appears to contain: curtain rods, bags, boxes, misc. items. $50 cleaning deposit.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., before the Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission via video/teleconference to consider the following applications:

2020-PZ-17. An application from Kimbo O’Neal, Jr. of Survival of the Fittest Training approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04 of the MH Codified Ordinances to conduct Personal Training Classes as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5220 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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1. Dial 1-604-749-3112
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Members of the public will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The applications and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5335 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Sharon Novak
Chief of Zoning
City of Maple Heights

The Neighborhood News
Wednesday, September 2, 2020

always has been, to return students to school buildings safely as soon as possible.

"If that time is shorter than nine weeks, then I want to be prepared to make that change and get our students back in our buildings,” Evans said.

He said advance notice will be provided to make that transition as seamless as possible.

Teachers are leading the district’s interactive remote instruction. Therefore, when parents receive their child’s class and remote learning schedules, that instruction will be delivered Cuyahoga Heights Schools staff members.

When students transition back to the buildings for in-school instruction, building principals will share specifics of the dynamics of the various learning options for their school.

The schools will be using a communication application called Remind for consistent two-way communication between school and home.

"It is imperative that all of the information you (students, parents) have input into Final Forms is up-to-date and accurate, as is the database that feeds the contact information system," the superintendent stressed.

The schools are transitioning away from info@cuyhts.org so that parents can contact the members of the administrative team directly with questions. Each member’s email address is listed on the school website.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5351 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time on the 10th day of September, 2020 for the “NORTHEAST QUADRANT SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2” in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio. NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined and copied at the cost of $5.00 per set from the Purchasing Agent’s office, located at 17101 Rockside Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, www.ewelimitedplanscycle.com, or from a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.ewelimitedplanscycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2635 East 31st Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411, Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of $100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.ewelimitedplanscycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblue.com, online 216-241-2250 on visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in the form of a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide surety. Each Bond must be made payable to the Maple Heights, City of Maple Heights Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5220 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson
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Criminal Damaging
On Sunday, Aug. 30, at 11:21 a.m., police responded to the 3900 block of E. 66 St. for a complaint that the rear window of a resident’s 2010 Subaru Outback had been broken out by an unknown object. Victim said no entry was made into the vehicle. No suspects.

Felonious Assault/Shooting into Habitation
On Tuesday, Aug. 18, officers were called to the area of E. 65 St. and Fullerton Ave. at about 3:44 p.m., for shots fired. Officers were flagged down in the 6600 block of Gertrude Ave. for a man shot. They drove up to the scene and immediately began performing first aid on the victim, who had been shot four times, in the back, arms and side. Medic transported him to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. The woman who lives at a residence in the 6600 block of Gertrude Ave. told police she was in her house when a car went by her house very fast as she heard an array of gunshots. She said the man who had been shot was hanging out at her house with friends from the neighborhood before the shooting occurred. She later found that her house had been shot multiple times and said kids who hang out in front of her house do so without permission and that they are all Heartless Felons. A witness told police he had seen a black Ford Fusion with heavy tint and factory rims travel eastbound down Gertrude at a high rate of speed. The driver was described as a “white boy named Nate.” The shooter, who was a passenger in the car, was described as a dark skin black male, thin build, about 20 to 30 years-old, wearing a red face mask. Another witness said she had cameras that may have recorded what happened.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS
Arson
Police responded to Independence Excavating, 4841 Warner Rd., to assist GHFD with a possible arson complaint. Employees said they arrived at the site on Aug. 25, at 7:30 a.m., to find two stacks of large timbers on fire. They also said a forklift parked close to the timbers had been spray painted with white paint. The timbers are used as crane outriggering mats and are valued at $11,760. GHFD had already extinguished the fire when officers arrived. While processing the scene, a GHFD captain located a pile of burnt debris at the base of a large pile of gravel next to where the timbers were stored. Within the debris was the operator’s manual for the forklift, gloves and pieces of carpet. Evidence was collected.

Robbery
On Aug. 27, shortly before midnight, a man was walking eastbound on Shady Oak Blvd. near E. 122 St. when someone ran up to him from behind and put a handgun to his head and told him to get on the ground. The suspect pulled him to the ground and took his wallet before fleeing west on Shady Oak. Bedford K-9 officer responded and attempted to track the suspect but was unsuccessful due to other pedestrian traffic in the area. Officer located the victim’s credit cards and ID on the sidewalk and front lawn of a home in the 12200 block of Shady Oak, where it was collected and returned to the victim.
Michael Wilcox, Sr.

Michael "Pizza Mike" Wilcox, Sr., proud owner of Mike’s Pizza for over 30 years, age 58, passed away Aug. 29, 2020. Beloved husband of Frances (nee Benson). Dear father of Crystal Jelinek (Justin) and Michael (Rikki). Loving grandfather of Alyssa, Alexia, Justin Jr., Erik and Tyler. Son of Ronald Wilcox, Sr. and the late Rosalie (nee Meadows). Brother of Virgil (Consetta), Ronald Jr. (Penny), Douglas (deceased) (Sharon), Gary (Linda), David (deceased) (Carol), and Gregory (deceased) (Trish). Dear uncle to many. Services private. Arrangements by Fortuna Funeral Home, Independence, Ohio. 216-520-7335.

Maple Heights City Schools announce remote opening

The start of the school year for Maple Heights School District students will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

General academic information

Remote learning will take place at least through the end of the 1st 9-week period. Students will have clear daily expectation of learning through both synchronous (in real time) and asynchronous (outside of real time learning) expectations. It is expected, and staff will be prepared to ensure, that students will receive high quality learning aligned with the curriculum throughout this time.

Time will be included in the weekly schedule to allow students to interact either individually or in small groups with their teachers, tutors, and/or paraprofessionals.

Because the district is not fully 1:1 with technology learning with devices, a district master schedule is being created that ensures synchronous learning in math and language arts are not interrupted by other grades. Synchronous learning will still be expected to occur in other subject areas, but students who are unable to log on during any synchronous session due to conflicts in their siblings math and language arts schedule will be expected to participate daily in the recorded sessions for those subject areas, as well as completing all asynchronous work.

Online attendance will be taken daily and a process is being developed for staff to communicate with families and students when students are not present daily to identify and troubleshoot issues.

There will be two groups of students who will be offered the opportunity to receive regular face-to-face support: pre-school students and students with intensive needs disabilities. Schedules of face-to-face interaction for those students will be developed to promote safety of students, staff and families. Participation of students in these face-to-face offerings will not be mandatory.

Guardians of students in these categories will be asked to identify whether or not they will elect to do any face-to-face services.

Students in grades K-3 will have the opportunity for some face-to-face support in addition to the remote learning platform to address early learning needs especially around literacy. Schedules and capacity of that face-to-face interaction will be developed to promote safety of students, staff and families. Participation of students in these face-to-face offerings will not be mandatory.

Each student and their guardian will be invited to participate in a scheduled, individualized meeting prior to the start of the student school year. This meeting will enable students to get to know their teacher, receive technology if needed, receive support on how to use technology and applicable software to learn remotely in the teacher’s class, and to build rapport between the students, their family and their teacher.

Additional opportunities for students and families to interact with teachers will be integrated remotely through “office hours,” and in-person support will also be accessible through appointments for families throughout the remote learning period.

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