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Amelia Earhart series finale



The last in a series of articles about a group of Garfield Heights men who traveled to Saipan in the 1960's in search of what really happened to Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, and the answers they brought back!

By Ellen Psenicka

In 2017 the History Channel aired a television special called "Amelia Earhart: The Lost Evidence" featuring retired federal agent Les Kinney of Seattle, Washington, who had unearthed from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. a photo which appeared to show Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan on a dock on Jaluit Atoll in the Marshall Islands and a ship in the harbor towing a barge carrying an airplane resembling Earhart's Lockheed.

(FYI: An atoll is a ring-shaped island or reef formed by coral. There are 29 such atolls in the Marshall Islands.)

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Kothera expedition photographer Marty Fiorillo points out one of the scores of pictures he took while on Saipan in 1968 to reporter Ellen Psenicka in her Neighborhood News office. His photos brought to life her series of articles on the Kothera group and their conviction that they had discovered the remains of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan.

FESTIVAL FUN IN S.V.



There was a wonderful turnout Friday for the finale of the 15th year of the Iron Ward Festival at Dan Kane Park in Slavic Village featuring the always enjoyable music of K.C. Harmon's Unique Blues Band.

Chuck Gliha and all the festival volunteers helped make this celebration a success, featuring a free cookout and some great raffle prizes! We look forward to next years Sweet 16 celebration.

15-year-old shot in Maple Heights; police seek help

A 15-year-old boy was shot in the back in the area of Hansen and Prayner roads in Maple Heights on Aug. 28.

The boy, along with family members, said an unknown group fired the shots. Maple Heights Fire/Rescue responded to the scene to provide medical assistance and transported the youth to MetroHeath Medical Center. He sustained a possible life-threatening injury but was in stable condition. The Maple Heights Police Department is investigating the incident.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Interested parties can also supply information to Crime Stoppers by calling 216-252-7463 or texting TIP657 plus the message to CRIMES (274637).

Program on Danny Greene Era at Indy branch library

The Independence branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 6361 Selig Dr., will present a program called "Bomb City USA: the Danny Greene Era" on Monday, September 23, at 7 p.m.

Mobsters Danny Greene and John Nardi tried to muscle in on Cleveland's mob operations, resulting in a bloody mob war that left Cleveland with the moniker "Bomb City USA." Registration for this program required by calling 216-447-0160.

This Tuesday's primary set in Garfield, Maple

There will be two nonpartisan primary elections in The Neighborhood News readership area this Tuesday, Sept. 10:

Garfield Heights Ward 2 Councilperson

- Charles Donahue, Jr.
- Joseph LaMalfa (incumbent)
- Tenisha Mack

Maple Heights Mayor

- Annette Blackwell (incumbent)
- Frank Rives
- Cornelius Sandford, Sr.

The top two candidates in each race will then face off in the Nov. 5 general election.

The board of elections, 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, is open for early voting weekdays through Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Monday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Election Day voters are reminded that the polls are open on Sept. 10 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bring an acceptable form of identification, which includes an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state identification card, a military identification, a photo identification that was issued by the United States government or the State of Ohio, a current utility bill, a bank statement or a paycheck with the voter's name and present address.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before the Sept. 9 deadline or can be dropped off at the board office until 7:30 p.m. on election day.

Maple Hts. teacher's aid indicted for online sex crimes with 12-year-old

A Maple Heights City School District teacher's aide has been indicted on charges related to an alleged illicit online relationship he had with a 12-year-old student.

Michael Warner Robertson, 25, of Cleveland, was indicted on two counts of minor in nude material or performance and one count of possessing criminal tools.

"The mother is the one who called the school and police after discovering her daughter talking with the aide," said Carl Sullivan, supervisor of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. "Maple Heights police began their own investigation, but once they realized the incidents occurred on Instagram, they forwarded the information to our outfit. We generated search warrants to obtain information from Instagram and discovered chats and pictures between the aide and the student on their phones."

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Amelia Earhart

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Kinney had done federal investigative work his entire career and in his retirement has doggedly pursued the Earhart disappearance to determine what had really happened to Earhart, spending over a decade on this quest. He is convinced that the picture he found was misfiled in the National Archives, which he said was the only reason he was able to stumble across it, and confirms that Earhart and Noonan did not run out of fuel and crash into the Pacific but had landed on a small island in the Marshalls called Mili Atoll. They were then picked up by the Japanese, taken to Jaluit Atoll and then on to Saipan, where she and Noonan were imprisoned as spies and later perished.

The date of the photo Kinney found has also appeared in a 1935 Japanese picture book bound together by string. Kinney questions the copyright date, as points of interest in the photo could not have been established in 1935. Japanese librarians have told him the picture book could have been revised while maintaining the same copyright date which would have been a normal practice at that time. Kinney continues to try to establish its authenticity.

Kinney also said he is "100% sure" that the Kothera group, and before them Marine privates Everett Henson and Billy Burks, had unearthed Earhart's remains and those of her navigator.

For the last 10 years Kinney has been scouring files in the National Archives looking for mention of Earhart and Noonan on Saipan. He found an Archives report stating that on July 19, 1944, two days before Henson and Burks were ordered to dig up the grave in Liyang Cemetery, a group of JAG officers (Judge Advocate General's Corps) were looking for a Naval aviator that had been brutalized and buried outside that same cemetery. Coincidence? Kinney doesn't think so. During the JAG excavation of the Naval aviator one of the participants in the dig told a passing sailor that Earhart's grave was within a few feet of the aviator's grave.

He also found a document in the Archives from the Office of Naval Intelligence dated January 7, 1939, that said Earhart had been a prisoner in the Marshall Islands.

The 2017 History Channel special focused on Kinney's discovery of the photo taken on Jaluit Atoll. Facial

recognition software experts on the program concluded that the two Westerners in the photo were consistent with the features of Earhart and Noonan. Also highlighted in the special was 1968 movie footage from the Kothera group's grave excavation on Saipan and the bones they discovered.

After meeting in Las Vegas with Don Kothera and his daughter, Susan, in 2012, a year before Kothera's death, Kinney was convinced that the Cleveland area men - Kothera, Matonis, Gacek, Geschke and Fiorillo - had indeed uncovered the remains of Earhart and Noonan that Burks and Henson had left behind.

After Kothera died in 2013, and per his orders, daughter Susan gave Kinney the photos and movies Marty Fiorillo had taken during the 1968 expedition as well as tape recordings of the eye witness accounts of the natives on Saipan who had seen Earhart and Noonan in 1937.

But Carol Matonis, wife of Ken Matonis, still treasures the gold dental bridgework found by her husband and the others at the gravesite. Les Kinney visited Carol Matonis in her Sagamore Hills home a couple years ago, and she showed him the bridgework. He was excited about the



Carol Matonis holds the gold dental bridgework her husband, Ken, and the other Kothera group members found in 1968 at a gravesite on Saipan. Inset is a blown up version of the bridge itself. Photo by Michael Psenicka

find and the potential for evidence it contained.

He asked her if many people had handled it over the years, hoping they had not and any secrets the bridge-work contained might be discovered. Kinney said he cringed when Matonis mentioned that her children had carried it to their schools many times when they were small for a variety of "Show and Tell" programs. Her daughter now keeps the bridgework as a treasured memento of her dad's exploits.

"It's all we have left now," Carol Matonis said, "and we don't intend to let it go."

She did, however, let Kinney take a scraping from the gold bridge, which he said he had tested for DNA. The tests came back negative, he said, because the bridge showed evidence of burning, which destroys DNA.

BALLARD ON THE CASE!

Noted ocean explorer Robert Ballard, whose underwater exploration turned up the ocean liner "Titanic" in 1985, announced recently that he will use his state-of-the-art vessel "E/V Nautilus" to search the waters near Nikumaroro, a remote atoll in the nation of Kiribati in Micronesia, for Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Electra. He said new evidence of a plane part which may have been Earhart's discovered in that area prompted him to use Nikumaroro as the

starting point for his search, which is being funded jointly by the National Geographic Society and National Geographic Partners.

Ballard began his expedition last month, which is being filmed by National Geographic for a two-hour documentary to air on the National Geographic cable channel on October 20, 2019.

"It's ridiculous," said Les Kinney, when asked to comment on Ballard's quest.

He referenced his Letter to the Editor published online by The New York Times on August 12, 2019, which said in part: "His (Ballard) search would be more productive if it was focused on Saipan in the Northern Marianas and at Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands. I will bet the barn they will find no evidence of Amelia or her Lockheed Electra Model 10E anywhere near Nikumaroro Island despite the tens of millions they are spending."

IN CONCLUSION

Until the U.S. government releases all the classified documents, and in some cases unclassified documents, it has regarding Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan on Saipan, it will be up to experienced researchers like Les Kinney and our rag tag team of explorers from Garfield Heights (and Parma) before him, to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that what happened to Earhart and Noonan is no longer a mystery but fact: that Noonan was murdered on Saipan by the Japanese, that Earhart died of dysentery or was also executed by the Japanese as a spy, with both buried outside Liyang Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

Kinney thinks the government isn't likely to give up that information anytime soon.

"They (U.S. government officials) know what happened to Amelia Earhart but its disclosure would still today be an international embarrassment to Japan. The United States knew almost immediately after her disappearance what happened to Earhart and did nothing. Any acknowledgement by the United States would have caused the Japanese to immediately know the U.S. was capturing and decoding Japanese military messages," Kinney said.

He said that today the United States has a strong, reliable ally in Asia with Japan and would not want to do anything to jeopardize that relationship.

And so we come to the end of our story of five Cleveland area men - intelligent, unassuming, curious and tenacious - who arguably discovered what had eluded so many others throughout the past 80 years.

But perhaps the last chapter of this saga has not yet been written. Maybe those bones dug up by the two Marine privates and those by the Kothera group will turn up some day with the help of the U.S. government, a lucky researcher or another group of ordinary guys with ordinary lives from a small, ordinary town who are determined to do the extraordinary.



Don Kothera of Garfield Heights looks out to sea towards home during his second expedition to Saipan in 1968. At this juncture Don had no idea what he and his fellow explorers would find on the island and the lifelong quest it would become. Photo by Marty Fiorillo



Shown here is Garapan Prison on Saipan, the place where many native eye witnesses told the Kothera group Amelia Earhart was held by the Japanese in 1937.

Photo by Marty Fiorillo

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Garfield Heights resident recalls Victory Over Japan Day, service in World War II

By Danielle Toth

Garfield Heights resident Henry Murowsky remembers when he learned of the Allied victory over Japan during World War II.

The now-99-year-old was in Saipan, the largest of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific Ocean, preparing to invade Japan's mainland. Fortunately for Murowsky, the country's Aug. 14, 1945 surrender meant the invasion never happened. Later, on Sept. 2, the country signed a formal surrender document in a ceremony held in Tokyo Bay aboard the USS Missouri. President Harry Truman declared this date Victory over Japan, or VJ, Day.

Murowsky still vividly recalls his days in the United States Marine Corps, A Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division as a private first class during World War II, saying he can picture the details in his mind.

He enlisted in February 1943 with his friend, Joe, because he thought it was his duty as an American. The two were sent their separate ways after training together but remained lifelong friends. Murowsky's brothers, Leo, Michael and Frank, also served in the war. Murowsky saw Frank, who joined the United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Seabees, on Saipan. Leo served in Europe, while Michael joined the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Murowsky trained at Parris Island, South Carolina, and Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot in Boston, Massachusetts as a 60-millimeter mortar and machine gun crewman. He then shipped out from California to Hawaii and Hawaii to Saipan.

Murowsky remembers about 50 boats landing on Saipan at once. While the Marines were supposed to land on the island, they didn't want to let the ramp down because the Japanese were already on shore. Murowsky said the

enemy began shooting at the boat as the Marines leapt over the side and headed toward land. During the chaos, he lost his rifle, and the ship was already leaving. Once Murowsky reached land, he couldn't find anyone in his original outfit. He knew he needed to head to the airport, so he found a new rifle and joined a new group. He eventually reunited with his own division later.

Murowsky also recalls watching the Japanese commit suicide by jumping off cliffs when they saw the Americans coming. They were afraid of being captured, so rather than surrender, they took their own lives.

He also remembers ordering a local farmer to dig a foxhole. The man resisted and would frequently stop work. Murowsky then realized the man thought he was digging his own grave. He was sent to a compound with other locals.

In July 1944, Murowsky was part of the assault on Tinian, an island southwest of Saipan, which the United States successfully captured. One day, he and his group came face to face with a few Japanese soldiers. The Japanese came toward the Marines with their hands up to surrender, but, halfway there, began to open fire. Murowsky and his fellow soldiers returned fire, and he says a Japanese man fell within feet of him.

After Tinian, Murowsky returned to Saipan to train his replacements, who would remain on the island while he advanced to Okinawa. He later learned that group was hit by a bomb, killing many of the Marines.

Murowsky aided in the capture of Okinawa, the smallest of the five islands that comprise Japan. Afterward, he once more returned to Saipan, this time to prepare to invade Japan proper. However, the Japanese surrendered while he was training.

Murowsky did end up in Japan, though, as part of the occupation of Nagasaki. He recalls seeing the devastation



Longtime Garfield Heights resident Henry Murowsky served in the United States Marine Corps. during World War II.

caused by American bombs, saying the city's buildings were mostly decimated. He spent most of his time collecting weapons from Japanese residents and patrolling the area.

"I was ecstatic when I found out the Japanese had surrendered," he recalls. "I don't think I would have lived if we would have attacked Japan outright. I saw their equipment, so I knew what we had coming."

In January of 1946, Murowsky's time in the Marines was drawing to a close, and he prepared for the journey home. He flew back to California, where he took a train into Cleveland and walked home to his parents' house.

Murowsky later met and married his wife, JoAnn. The couple had six children: Jim, Tom, Joy, Gail, Karen and Julie, and will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary in October. The Murowskys have lived in their Monica Lane home for more than 60 years.

Man who beat 94-year-old to death indicted on rape charges

The man who beat a 94-year-old woman to death in a Slavic Village home also raped a developmentally disabled 16-year-old girl in the same neighborhood two weeks later, according to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.

On Sept. 17, 2018, Cornelius Pames, Jr., allegedly beat the elderly woman and her daughter after breaking into the home on Gertrude Avenue, according to court records. He also stole an iPad, iPhone and jewelry and change.

On Oct. 1, 2018, Pames is alleged to have broken into the girl's home and sexually assaulted her. He was indicted Aug. 29, 2019, by a Cuyahoga County grand jury on five counts of rape, two counts of kidnapping and one count of aggravated burglary.

"Few cases outmatch the wave of terror that this defendant wreaked on our community," Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Mike O'Malley said. "He will be held responsible for each and every horrific act he committed."

Pames' arraignment in the Oct. 1 case will be held Sept.

4. This is also the date of a pretrial for the Sept. 17 incident. For this case, he faces charges of aggravated murder, murder, aggravated burglary, aggravated robbery, kidnapping, felonious assault and attempted murder.

Pames is currently being held on a \$1 million bond.

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CHN, NHS combine operations under CHN umbrella

On July 1, CHN Housing Partners and Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland (NHS) joined forces under the CHN umbrella. The two housing organizations have been part of Cleveland's nonprofit community for a combined 82 years, and new executive director Kevin Nowak hopes the combined operations will take affordable housing and housing services in the Cleveland area to a new level.

"We're two organizations that have strong capabilities and are really coming together to leverage our experience to make a greater impact in Northeast Ohio," he said. "We'll have a fuller choice of services under one roof. We're trying to create that greater consumer choice by leveraging the capabilities of both organizations."

Gretchen Bowman, former acting executive director of NHS of Greater Cleveland and now legal counsel of CHN Housing Partners, agreed, saying the organizations have been looking into combining operations for some time now.

"It is fairly common in nonprofits as we think about things in terms of making sure we are good stewards of public resources," she said. "One of the things involved in that is making sure we keep administrative costs as low as possible so we can put as much as we can into programming. We thought we'd be a good fit together in that regard."

Right now, there are no plans to eliminate any of the services either organization provides. In fact, the new organization hopes to expand its reach, Nowak said.

"Our overall plan, which is something CHN planned to do already to an extent, is to grow the lending platform," he said. "We've been working on expanding our first

mortgage platform. In the last three years, there has been more liquidity in the first mortgage market for people who are being left out of the market by financial institutions and government organizations. This allows us to deliver our services more quickly."

CHN was founded in 1981 by a group of community development organizations in Cleveland. Its work has focused on housing stability as a way to invest in families, neighborhoods and the regional economy. CHN serves more than 30,000 low-income individuals annually and works with partners in Ohio and neighboring states to develop affordable housing.

NHS, on the other hand, provides programs and services for achieving, preserving and sustaining homeownership. Since its inception in 1975, NHS has focused on education as a key component in sustainable homeownership. Its programs and services include down payment assistance, foreclosure intervention, home repair, home improvement loans and credit counseling. In the last fiscal year, NHS provided counseling and education services to 2,115 clients and facilitated \$21.5 million in investments throughout Northeast Ohio.

The organizations have worked together in the past and offer services that are very similar, which will hopefully make for a smooth transition, Bowman said. There are no plans to combine offices as of right now.

"What I hope this means for the Greater Cleveland area is greater access to services they have already grown to depend on for buying, fixing and keeping homes and to really help our community focus on the real good that comes from having permanent, stable, affordable housing," Bowman said.

Genealogical group meets

The next Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society meeting will be held on Monday, September 9. John Sabol will speak on "Tangled Roots: How Research Errors Can Snare You," which looks at how research errors can distort research.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6353 Selig Blvd., Independence. Call President Bobbi Hamm 330-225-0890 for more information.

NN 'Freebies' offered

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win.

The most recent giveaway is two tickets to the St. Therese Parish Picnic at Klima's Garden in Cuyahoga Heights on Sunday, September 8, celebrating the Brown's opener and the 100th anniversary of the NFL. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, September 4.

Also up for grabs are two tickets to Sokol Greater Cleveland's Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 14, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m. Deadline to enter is Friday, September 6.

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Felonious assault

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Police were then flagged down by a man who turned out to be the assailant. He said the victim walked up his driveway and began to argue with him over his girlfriend. The man said he had never spoken to the victim's girlfriend, but the victim continued arguing and poked the man in the face twice. The assailant began to strike the victim to defend himself. He stated he punched the victim multiple times, and police found broken eyeglasses on the sidewalk.

The assailant's friend said he witnessed the victim slap the assailant, who defended himself. However, another man stopped and officers and said he was driving by when he saw the victim on his back and the assailant strike him in the face 12 to 15 times. The assailant walked away but then came back and struck the victim while he was on the ground.

Police arrested the assailant for felonious assault.

Garfield Heights

MVA hit/skip

On Aug. 26 at about 10:45 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Turney Road and Grace Avenue for a hit/skip of a parked car. The vehicle that fled was a light-colored

sedan with front-end damage. A nearby officer saw a vehicle matching the description pull into a driveway in the 8100 block of Garfield Boulevard. A man exited the vehicle and entered the residence. A neighbor then called dispatch to advise that she saw a man running from the residence.

Officers confirmed the vehicle at the home was involved in the hit/skip. They found an ID inside the car belonging to a man with several warrants and cautions for assault on a police officer, weapons violations and other violent crimes.

An officer located a man matching the suspect's description on Warner Road and Jeffries Avenue. When he observed police, he ran down New York Avenue and into a backyard in the 8000 block. Officers chased the man on foot, telling him he was under arrest. The man reached to his waistband several times. Due to the possibility of a weapon, the officer tased the man, but only one probe connected on his belt. However, when the man tried to jump a fence, the officer was able to pull him down and subdue him with the taser. Once arrested, the man complained of arm pain and was taken to Marymount Hospital for evaluation. He was issued citations for driving under suspension, hit/skip, assured cleared distance ahead and failure to comply.

Disorderly conduct

On Aug. 25 at about 5:20 a.m., a man and woman who were just released from Garfield Heights City Jail began physically fighting in the police department's lobby. The man, who had been arrested for obstructing official business after refusing to give officers identifying information, fled out of the lobby doors toward Oak Park Boulevard. Officers attempted to detain the man for questioning, but he resisted handcuffs. Officers eventually gained compliance.

The woman, who had been arrested for OVI, exited the lobby and began yelling at officers as they handcuffed the man. Despite being ordered back several times, the woman tried to attack police and damaged an officer's eyeglasses. The woman was eventually subdued. The man was arrested for disorderly conduct. The woman was arrested for assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest, obstructing official business and disorderly conduct.

OVI

On Aug. 24 at about 5:25 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle traveling east on Garfield Boulevard with no lights on. The officer attempted to stop the driver, but he did not comply. He continued driving around the area before finally stopping on East 86th Street as the officer approached the intersection ahead of the pursuit. The driver was removed from the vehicle and found to be highly intoxicated with a

strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech, slow-functioning motor skills and red, glassy eyes. He was found to have a suspended license and an active warrant with Solon police. He refused standardized field sobriety tests and a breath test. The man was cited for OVI, driving under suspension, fleeing and no headlights.

Trespassing

• On Aug. 21 at about 6:30 p.m., police responded to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Road, for a trespassing complaint. Two juveniles were spotted swimming in the closed pool. Upon arrival, the boys told police they were "just trying to have fun before school started." Police took them to their homes on Oak Park Boulevard. One of the boys' mothers said they were supposed to go to the library and then return home. Paperwork for charges was forwarded to the youth bureau.

• On Aug. 13 at about 1:30 p.m., officers responded to the Ohio Department of Transportation at 5500 Transportation Boulevard for a trespassing report. The manager asked the trespasser to leave because the property is restricted to employees only, as evidenced by posted signs and fencing in the area. The man responded by pulling down his pants and making idle threats.

He then left the property and entered Jennings Assisted Living, which is adjacent to ODOT at 10200 Granger Road, through a restricted door. An employee stated the man was not allowed on the property and agreed to sign a trespassing complaint, as did the ODOT employee. The man was placed under arrest and charged with two counts of criminal trespassing.

Weapons offense

On Aug. 18 at about 11:05 p.m., officers responded to the 12200 block of Valley Lane Drive to investigate a report of shots fired. The complainant said she heard a loud noise and believed someone shot at her. Police located a spent .45 caliber round lying on the floor near the entryway of her apartment and an obvious bullet hole in the ceiling above.

Officers went upstairs to speak with the tenant who said he was playing video games with headphones and hadn't heard anything. He stated his cousin and her daughter were asleep in the bedroom. Police located another bullet hole in the floor. However, when they searched the apartment they did not find any evidence related to the shooting. Officers advised the man that someone had fired the round from his apartment.

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While most of the chats had been deleted, the task force found naked pictures of the student that Robertson directed her to take, Sullivan said. There was no evidence of a physical relationship between the two.

Robertson had been employed by the school for about a year and has no prior sex offenses, Sullivan said. The investigation began earlier this year, and Robertson has since resigned his position.

His arraignment is scheduled for Sept. 5 in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He faces two to eight years in prison but will be eligible for probation.

Sullivan recommends parents always stay vigilant with their kids.

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