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Purdue professor Dr. Mark French, above, was part of a team that designed and built the “Win For Jim” guitar at the request of Colts coach Shane Steichen. PROVIDED BY PURDUE GUITAR LAB

# Guitar makers’ skills pay honor to Colts’ Jim Irsay

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Noah Scott was sitting in the Raleigh-Durham airport eating a Subway sandwich after a canceled flight when the call came in. On the other end of the line was Larry Hall, chief curator of the Jim Irsay

Collection, a multimillion-dollar collection of what the late Indianapolis Colts owner loved most – guitars, pop culture, American history and rock and roll. “Noah, I’ve got a question for you,” Hall said to Scott, getting straight to the point. “It’s confidential. Completely confidential.” *Colts coach Shane Steichen has this*

*idea ... a signature guitar to honor Irsay during the season ... could you do it?* “I put my sandwich down,” said Scott, an engineering lead for Baby Ship, who also happens to be a guitar connoisseur, both building and playing. “It was kind of both an awe and an honor.” **See GUITAR, Page 2A**

# Former trustee accused of using AI

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LAFAYETTE — Attorneys representing a slew of Wabash Township officials suggested in court documents Monday that former trustee Jennifer Teising, who is suing the group to the tune of \$820,000, used artificial intelligence to generate legal arguments on her behalf. Teising is representing herself after her attorney withdrew from the case in July. Now, with a Friday hearing in the case scheduled, the township’s lawyers say Teising has resorted to citing fake case law and unverified information in official court documents. “Teising misrepresents the cases on which she purports to draw authoritative support,” the attorneys wrote in court filings. “In one instance, she presents a non-existent case to the Court as a valid authority and the primary support for one of her arguments.” In other instances, the attorneys said, the former trustee cited previous court cases that had nothing to do with her ongoing lawsuit and even contradicted her own arguments. In footnotes throughout the documents, the attorneys pointed to use of ChatGPT as the likely culprit, arguing that “Teising’s citation to fictitious authorities strongly suggests she relied on such a tool to draft her response and did not independently verify the veracity of its output before filing it with the court.” Earlier this year, Teising sued the group of township officials, including current trustee Angel Valentin, board members Ian Pytlarz, Germany Harris and David Tate, Fire Chief Ed Ward, Deputy Fire Chief Jim Lewis and a handful of former board members and administrative officials. Teising argued the group, as well as the township and fire department itself, had defamed her after she was forced out of office in 2022 after being found guilty on 21 felony theft charges. Those verdicts were later reversed by the Indiana Supreme Court, but the former trustee said her firing had caused “significant and devastating damages to her professional and personal life, emotional distress, mental anguish, lost wages, lost earning capacity and irreparable damage to her reputation as a good and decent professional and public servant.” Teising, who took office in January 2019, sold her West Lafayette home in June 2020 and then claimed her former boyfriend’s home on Knox Drive as her residence, changing her voter registration, license plates and driver’s license to that address.

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# Police publish video of man’s arrest, collapse and death

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Lafayette police released a video of the arrest of Lennis Mitchell, as well as the medical emergency that left him un-

responsive, eventually leading to his death six days after his arrest. The seven-minute video can be found at this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAlwVQPGHQI>. Mitchell went to a woman’s house in

the 1000 block of South Fourth Street, forced his way in about 9:30 a.m. Sept. 22 and dragged the woman outside by her hair, police said. He dragged her off the porch and assaulted her in the yard, police said. Police said the two had been

in a relationship. While Mitchell was assaulting the woman, a man across the street near the Biltmore Tavern was waiting on a ride **See VIDEO, Page 3A**

