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CLOSER LOOK

Belmont teacher hired despite active arrest warrant

Michigan court records allege criminal sexual conduct with child.

Eileen McClory and Josh Sweigart
Staff Writers

A Belmont high school teacher placed on unpaid administrative leave after he was arrested and released by Dayton police on a preliminary sexual battery charge has an active warrant for alleged sex crimes in Michigan, records show.

Nathaniel Williams-Rolack was booked into the Montgomery County Jail around 3 p.m. on Nov. 1 on a preliminary sexual battery charge. He was released around 7 p.m. on Nov. 3, because the department did not file a charge within 48 hours.

Williams-Rolack also has an expired Ohio teaching license that is in the process of being renewed; Ohio allows him to teach while that renewal is pending.

Michigan court records show Williams-Rolack was charged in 2020 with criminal sexual conduct involving a person between the ages of 13 and 15 years old in Oak Park, Michigan. A warrant was issued in November 2020.

Teacher continued on **A8**



From left: Dayton Public School board members Jocelyn Rhynard, Eric Walker and board president William Bailey listen during a board meeting Aug. 21. EILEEN MCCLORY / STAFF

ONLY IN THE NEWS-SUN

NASA astronauts train at Wright-Patt

AFRL researchers help prepare Artemis program's return to the moon.

Thomas Gnau
Staff Writer



Ronald Richardson, Air Force Research Laboratory biomedical engineer, moments before he took a ride on the 711th Human Performance Wing's 50-foot Vertical Deceleration Tower on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Richardson is part of a team of base researchers working to prepare NASA Artemis program astronauts to return to the moon by 2028. THOMAS GNAU / STAFF

Before NASA astronauts go to the moon, they go to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Since the late 1950s, NASA has sent astronauts to Wright-Patterson for training as they prepared for the rigors of traveling in space and to Earth's satellite.

That's true today as NASA prepares Artemis program astronauts to return to the lunar surface, perhaps by early 2028.

On Friday, Nov. 6, the Air Force Research Laboratory's 711th Human Performance Wing at Wright-Patt pulled back the curtain on where and how some of that training happens.

AFRL opened the door on a human-impact testing demonstration in support of Artemis missions on the base's Area B.

There, Ronald Richardson, an AFRL biomedical engineer, participated in a human-rated drop demonstration on a 711th 50-foot "vertical deceleration tower."

Richardson's drop was meant to simulate what astronauts physically experience on a lunar lander making its way to the moon's surface.

"You good?" fellow AFRL biomedical engineer Chris Burneka asked Richardson just before the test.

Richardson, standing on the tower platform in a bright-orange NASA "Orion Crew Survival System" suit, looked at Burneka and gave him a gloved thumbs-up.

A countdown commenced. The tower platform slowly rose, then suddenly dropped with a loud metallic bang, slowed by a cascade of splashing water.

For just a few moments, Richardson experienced four g-forces – a force roughly equal to four times Earth's normal gravity and Richardson's normal weight.

One question Air Force researchers were trying to answer: What does landing on the moon's surface while in a standing position do to an astronaut's body?

"It does not hurt," a smiling Richardson said after the test. "I would say you feel a little bit of force. But it's so fast, you don't even think about it. If you brace and you're ready for that – two seconds, and it's over."

The drop evaluates impact dynamics in connection with NASA's suit, providing data to protect astronauts.

"The core part of this is we've never done a research project in the standing position," Burneka said. "What we've always typically done is a seated position for astronauts. So this is a little bit different – the dynamics are different."

For example, when an astronaut is seated, more force is exerted into his or her hips.

When standing, however, more force goes into the lower extremities.

Tests are devised in consultation

Researchers continued on **A8**

NEW DETAILS

Ohio rep elected as House minority leader

Secret-ballot vote of Republicans 106-73 for Rep. Jim Jordan.

Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio won the race Tuesday, Nov. 10, to serve as House Republican leader as the party prepares for its new role in the minority and a flurry of Democratic investigations aimed at its standard-bearer in the White House.

Jordan, who serves as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, defeated Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana in a secret-ballot election of Republicans who will serve in the next Congress. The vote was 106-73.

Jordan, 62, is a co-founder of the ultraconservative House Freedom Caucus and served as its first chairman. His candidacy appealed to those looking for new leadership in the wake of last week's election debacle and to those who like his hard-hitting political style.

"The way that Jim fights says a lot about where this conference is," said Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., who nominated Jordan to serve as minority leader.

Jordan will inherit a historically small House Republican conference that is only beginning to grapple with its loss of power as President Donald

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