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Canton cop loses job again

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CANTON – A judge has reinstated the firing of city patrolman who deployed a police dog on a man who was face-down on the ground during an arrest, reversing the decision of the arbitrator who gave him back his job.

Stark County Common Pleas Judge Natalie R. Haupt wrote that public policy requires the termination of Nicholas Casto “for acts of dishonesty, abuse of authority, and use of excessive force.”

“The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment, prohibits the use of excessive

force by police in the course of an arrest,” Haupt wrote in her March 27 ruling.

She also wrote that arbitrator who reinstated Casto exceeded her powers, made a decision that did not comply with terms of the police union contract and filed her decision too late.

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8 ODOT highway projects planned for Stark in 2026



The Ohio Department of Transportation plans to add a roundabout at the intersection of Wales Avenue NW and Shuffel Street NW in Jackson Township. PHOTOS BY KEVIN WHITLOCK/MASSILLON INDEPENDENT

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JACKSON TWP. – The Ohio Department of Transportation is planning a new roundabout at the state Route 241 and Shuffel Street NW intersection to improve driver safety.

It’s one of eight projects the agency has planned this year around Stark County.

The state is investing nearly \$36 million on roadway improvements, signal upgrades, lane additions and other pro-

jects this year in the county.

It’s a lighter construction year for Stark County, mostly focused on roadway resurfacing.

“We’re really taking care of what we have,” ODOT District 4 spokesperson Ray Marsch said.

The largest resurfacing project in the county will be on portions of U.S. Route 30 and state Route 172 in Canton and surrounding areas. The department is spending \$12.8 million on the project, which also includes bridge repairs.

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The Ohio Department of Transportation will spend \$12.8 million this year to resurface U.S. Route 30 and state Route 172 in Canton and surrounding areas.

Trump says Iran asked for ceasefire

President threatens to pull U.S. out of NATO

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President Donald Trump, ahead of his scheduled prime time address to the nation, signaled the United States may soon end its part in the Iran war but sent conflicting messages on his strategy.

In a social media post on April 1, Trump said Iran’s “new regime” president asked for a ceasefire but added that he would only consider it when the Strait of Hormuz is open.

“Iran’s New Regime President, much less Radicalized and far more intelligent than his predecessors, has just asked the United States of Amer-

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