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Canton police officers set to go on trial in Frank Tyson's death

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CANTON – The death of Frank Tyson drew national attention, sparked local protests and brought high-profile civil rights leaders such as Ben Crump and the Rev. Al Sharpton to the city for his funeral.

Tyson, a 53-year-old Black man from

Canton Township, died April 18, 2024, after he struggled with two White Canton police officers and then was left face down while handcuffed for nearly eight minutes following his arrest.

Now, more than two years after Tyson's death and following numerous delays and postponements, Canton police officers Beau Schoenegge and Camden C. Burch are set to go on trial Aug. 10 in Stark County Common Pleas Court on charges of reckless homicide,

a third-degree felony.

They will face an unfamiliar judge and prosecutor, as Stark County judges and the Prosecutor's Office recused themselves.

The jury trial, being overseen by retired Medina County Common Pleas Judge James Kimbler, is expected to last at least two weeks as more than 30 subpoenas have been issued.

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Chris Zimmerman, chief executive officer of the Massillon Community Health & Innovation Center, points out the spot where military veteran housing is planned at the facility's Eighth Street NE campus. KEVIN WHITLOCK / MASSILLON INDEPENDENT

New veterans housing coming to health campus

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MASSILLON – Local military veterans will have a new housing opportunity in the future at a revamped health campus.

The Massillon Community Health & Innovation Center will be the new site for a \$5.5 million, 24-unit housing complex on the city's northeast side. The health hub is located on former Affinity Medical Center property.

The Veterans Service Commission of Stark County, Axess Family Services, a nonprofit integrated healthcare operation based in Akron, and Massillon Community Health are primary partners on the project. The city of Massillon is also offering support.

De Ann Williams, executive director of the Veterans Service Commission, called the housing project — involving all four entities — a paramount addition aimed at benefiting military vets countywide.

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An artist rendering of new military veterans housing at the Massillon Community Health & Innovation Center campus. PROVIDED BY CHRIS ZIMMERMAN

Canton man guilty of Stark County court system database hack

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CLEVELAND – A 21-year-old Canton man has admitted to hacking the Stark County Criminal Justice Information System and a multi-national corporation headquartered in Connecticut.

Michael Rogers entered the guilty pleas to computer fraud and destruction of records before Magistrate Judge Jennifer Dowdell Armstrong in U.S. District Court on Aug. 5.

She sent the case to Judge Charles E. Fleming and ordered a presentence investigation for the defendant. If the judge concurs with the acceptance of the guilty pleas, he will then sentence Rogers.

No date has been set for sentencing. Federal sentencing guidelines indicate Rogers could be ordered to serve 21 months to 27 months in prison, which is less than the maximum punishment, due to mitigating factors such as his acceptance of responsibility.

The magistrate judge said the judge could give Rogers more or less time in prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Duncan T. Brown said the maximum prison term for destruction of records is 20 years, and computer fraud, five years.

Both offenses carry a potential fine of \$250,000.

The federal charges were filed by a document described as an information, which bypasses the grand jury process.

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