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Garfield Heights Council votes to buy new fire truck to replace 1997 model

By Ellen Psenicka

The Garfield Heights Fire Department will be ordering a brand new 2024 Toyne fire engine very soon, thanks to an ordinance that passed city council on second reading Monday night, but the department will have to wait a couple years before delivery.

The purchase of the new engine will allow the city to replace a 1997 fire engine which it bought used from the city of Lakewood years ago. Cost of the new fire vehicle will be at a cost not to exceed \$663,000.

The following legislation was also passed at Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council:

- Purchase of a 2024 International HV507 Chassis salt truck from Rush Truck Centers at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.
- Increasing the Petty Cash Fund for the daily operational use of the police department from \$25 to \$125.
- Increasing the Petty Cash Fund for the daily operational use of the recreation department from \$100 to \$200.
- Directing the mayor and the finance director to enter into a contract with Zupka & Associates to provide the city with "Basic General Purpose External Financial Statements" for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- A resolution congratulating Bright Start Child Care Center on its 30-year anniversary and for its exceptional service to the Garfield Heights community.

Bright Start, co-owned by Nettie Barksdale and Kathryn Bishop, is located at 4477 E. 131 St., in Garfield Heights, with a second location at 16200 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights.

Since Feb. 12, 1993, Bright Start has cared for and educated thousands of children and employed hundreds as staff members giving families the support they need to thrive and excel, according to the resolution.

Passed to a third reading at Monday night's meeting was an ordinance to increase the salary of the mayor to \$100,000 annually. A final vote on the legislation will be taken at council's next regular meeting on March 13.

Water Drive to help East Palestine residents

A Water Drive to help the residents of East Palestine, Ohio in their time of need is currently being held in Garfield Heights, sponsored by Ward 5 Councilwoman Rachelle Tonsing. A recent train derailment occurred there that released 11 cars of hazardous materials in the small city near the Ohio and Pennsylvania border that contaminated the surrounding soil and caused concerns about the safety of drinking water.

Donations of cases of water can be dropped off at Garfield Heights Fire Station #1, 5115 Turney Rd., until March 17.

Bedford police praised at council meeting for arrest of shooting suspect; new cameras credited with helping

By Judith Goldsworth

The Bedford Police Department was praised by City Manager Mike Mallis for its work in tracking down and arresting a suspect in the fatal shooting of a teenager in the city last month. He and other officials credited recently installed traffic cameras for providing important information in this case and others at the council meeting last week.

David Harden III was arrested earlier this month in Martinez, Georgia, as a suspect in the shooting death of Hysheen Thomas, 13, of Maple Heights, at Corkhill Rd. and Lee Rd. South in Bedford, on Jan. 29. Harden is also suspected in the shooting of another boy, 15, who was with Thomas at the scene and survived his injuries.

About two weeks after the double shooting, in an unrelated incident, a teenage girl living in an apartment on Lee Rd. South in Bedford was hit by a stray bullet as a result of gunfire coming from nearby Maple Heights, police stated. Mallis said Bedford's detectives and officers were able to identify the vehicle allegedly involved through the newly installed cameras. They provided that information to Maple Heights police and they were able to make an arrest.

"So within, I think it was one week of those cameras being up and running, that they've already proved valuable," Mallis said.

Bedford FD aids Oakwood explosion response

Mallis also praised the city's fire department for their quick response to an explosion at a factory on Alexander Rd., in Oakwood Village, that resulted in the death of an employee and injuries to 13 other workers on Monday, Feb. 20.

Free safety, health services in Independence

Independence Mayor Gregory Kurtz, in his Weekly Update of Feb. 24, reminds residents about safety and public health programs and services that his city offers free of charge all year 'round.

"If you plan to be away from home for a vacation or an extended period, be sure to sign up with the Independence Police Department to be on their vacation watch list. Officers will check your home while you are away to make sure everything is okay.

"The police department also offers free interior and exterior home security assessments. They will check windows, locks, lighting, landscaping, security cameras and your garage to make sure your property is secure.

The Independence Fire Department offers another important free home safety evaluation. They will come to your home to assess any potential fire hazards and will check the operation of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you purchase a new smoke detector, they can help you install it."

"This was a tragic accident, and our staff was right there to help, the police department and fire as well as many others," Mallis said. "That's what they're trained to do, and all of those classes and all of that training they go through, it shows in situations like this."

Tinkers Creek Commerce Park development approved

Council approved a number of motions on the agenda concerning future development and occupants of the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park (TCCP) in the Egbert Rd. area, after Liberty Development Company purchased the roughly 27-acre parcel of property from the city last month, at a cost of about \$1.4 million.

Council approved the following recommendations of the Planning Commission: Liberty Development Company's request to subdivide the 27-acre lot into six

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Fashion Show/Luncheon

The 37th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon of the St. Monica Ladies Guild will be held on Sunday, April 23, at Birchwood Banquet and Party Center, 7540 Northfield Rd., Walton Hills, at 1 p.m. Fashions by Blossoms 'N Bows Boutique in Sagamore Hills will be featured.

The Luncheon Buffet includes chicken marsala, tender roast beef au jus, oven browned potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, assorted cold salads, fruit tray, rolls, desserts and beverage. Tickets are \$30.00 each. For tickets or more information, please contact Marlyn at 216-218-2482 or mpraznik@aol.com.

Resource Fair to offer help with utility bills

The cities of Garfield Heights and Maple Heights have partnered to present a Utility Assistance Resource Fair on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

This is an opportunity for residents to get help with their utility bills and other assistance from representatives from CHN Housing Partners, Community Housing Solutions, Cuyahoga County Job & Family Services, Step Forward, Cleveland Division of Water, Cleveland Public Power, Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Participants should bring proof of household's total gross income, birth certificate(s), Driver's License or state ID, Social Security Card, lease agreement if renter, supplemental medical insurance, current electric, gas, water and sewer bills and copies of the above documentation for all members of your household.

Limited advanced registration will be accepted by calling 216-881-8247. Limited walk-ins only accepted from 11 a.m. to noon.

Bedford police praised at council meeting for arrest

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industrial development lots; LDC Construction LLC's request to construct a 108,000-square-foot industrial/manufacturing facility; and LDC Construction's request to construct another industrial/manufacturing facility in TCCP, this one measuring 110,000 square feet.

Mayor Stan Koci said that one of the companies that was planning to move into the commerce park was Cleveland Tank & Supply, currently based in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood of Cleveland. He stated that the company manufactures diesel fuel and hydraulic tanks.

"It's a very good, family-owned business and it'll bring a bunch of jobs to the city," Koci said.

He also said that another family-owned business, Lakeshore Electric on Willis St., will be building a new facility adjacent to Cleveland Tank as it had outgrown its present space.

Council also passed a motion to approve emergency funding due to "unforeseen circumstances" regarding repair and replacement of certain items at the Municipal Pool House, which is undergoing an extensive renovation.

Mallis explained that it was discovered during the course of the construction work that is taking place that a main sewer line running under the building had failed and needed to be replaced. He said it made sense to do the work while the renovations were in progress.

Other legislation passed

•Contract with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council to accept the NOPEC 2023 Energized Community Grant. The city was able to escrow NOPEC funding from last year and will add that to the new grant to replace two boilers at the Municipal Complex, Mallis said.

•Authorizing approval of engineering fees to GPD Group for services regarding design costs and construction administration associated with the repair to the Lincoln Waterline Improvements, in the amount of \$78,500. It is anticipated that the project will go out for bids this spring, Mallis said.

•Authorizing approval of engineering fees to GPD Group for services regarding design costs and construction administration associated with the repair and resurfacing of Broadway Ave., in the city, at a cost of \$20,851.

•Authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the improvement of Broadway Ave., from the western corporation limit to the eastern corporation limit of the city of Bedford, with the city's share of the cost set at \$1,296,546. Mallis said that the total project cost was close to \$4 million, and the city had negotiated its percentage of the cost to 15%.

Announcements

Koci swore in Officer David Kempinski to his new position as a sergeant with the Bedford Police Department.

Koci also presented a proclamation to Joshua Armstrong on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Bedford Scout Troop 399. Joshua's Eagle Scout project was building a gated fence around an air conditioning

unit at Bible Baptist Church in the city.

A representative of the Bedford School District spoke at the meeting to announce that the schools will have an issue on the November ballot to raise funds for the district's facilities, and asked city officials for their support.

Legal Aid can help with federal income tax issues

By Tonya Sams

If you are having tax issues, you don't have to navigate it alone - Legal Aid is here to help. Legal Aid's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) is a free legal service that helps to resolve taxpayer disputes with the IRS regarding federal income tax matters.

Legal Aid attorneys can help taxpayers avoid going to court because of unresolved tax issues in a number of ways including negotiating with the IRS to accept less to settle a debt than the full amount owed, and lowering or eliminating taxable income from debts that were forgiven from banks and credit card companies.

Legal Aid attorneys can also help prevent the IRS from taking property, wages and social security benefits; help with identity theft and tax preparer fraud; help obtain income tax records; protect against spousal abuses in connection with tax returns; advise taxpayers on their rights and obligations regarding the health care marketplace and more.

Legal Aid was able to help Joel (name changed to protect privacy) with his tax issues. Joel received a letter from the IRS saying he owed a significant amount. Joel lives with his longtime girlfriend and her three young grandchildren. He claimed all of them as dependents on his taxes, but the IRS letter informed him that this was against the rules because he was not related to them and did not have custody. Joel was referred to Legal Aid. With Legal Aid's help, Joel was able to demonstrate his eligibility for the child tax credits, avoid trial and negotiate a settlement with the IRS.

If you need help resolving a tax issue, call Legal Aid at 888-817-3777 or seek help 24/7 at laslev.org. Free resources are available to help Northeast Ohio residents with tax preparation. Contact 2-1-1 or find resources at laslev.org/taxhelp.

Tonya Sams is the Development and Communications assistant at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

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Community police reports

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Cleveland

Burglary/Suspected Overdose

On Feb. 22, at 10:53 a.m., a 37-year-old male was the victim of a suspected drug overdose in the 6500 block of Lansing Ave.

Shooting

On Feb. 23, at 8:09 p.m., a 20-year-old in the 3600 block of E. 63 St., was the victim of a gunshot wound to the leg. EMS transported the victim to University Hospitals. Suspect arrested.

Garfield Heights

Disturbance

On Feb. 21, at 8:35 a.m., the school resource officer at Garfield Heights High School observed two females physically fighting in the cafeteria with a group of students circled around them. The two students were separated and walked to the office. While walking to the office one of the students made threatening comments to the assistant principal and the school staff in general. Her mother showed up a short time later and mirrored her daughter's behavior, according to the report. She was extremely disrespectful to school staff and swore and cursed at the staff and blamed them for her daughter's behavior. After school dismissal dispatch received phone calls that about 30 kids were fighting at the Sunoco gas station, 4949 Turney Rd., two of them from the previous incident. The parties dispersed when police arrived. Incidents recorded on body camera footage.

Theft-Firearm

On Feb. 25, a complainant was at the police station to report that the window of his vehicle was broken out while parked in the Turneytown parking lot between 12:50 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., and his firearm was taken from the car. He was advised to return home and contact GHPD with the serial number of the firearm as soon as possible.

Traffic Offense - Fleeing

On Feb. 25, about 4:15 a.m., a GHPD officer advised

dispatch he was going to perform a traffic stop on Turney Rd. near Antenucci Blvd., on a Chevy Malibu which was fleeing southbound on Turney going 60 mph. The driver later crashed in the city of North Randall when he attempted to make a westbound turn onto Miles Rd., but failed to slow down and struck a NuLife Fitness sign, which disabled the vehicle. Maximum speeds in the chase reached 95 mph. After crashing the car, the driver fled on foot from officers at the scene. After the foot pursuit he was later apprehended and found to be in possession of a loaded Glock 19. He was also found to have a current felony warrant with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas on a weapons offense and showed cautions for armed and dangerous. He will be criminally charged with fleeing and eluding, obstructing official business and improperly handling a firearm in a motor vehicle, and issued traffic tickets for driving under suspension and reckless operation.

Homicide

On Feb. 26, at 8:37 p.m., a female came to the back door of the police station to report that when she was dropping off someone at a residence in the 13100 block of Darlington Ave., she observed two people "bleeding out," one of them in a car and the other possibly in the home. Police found

a 65-year-old female bleeding profusely from the head inside the vehicle and did not appear to be breathing. They found a 70-year-old male down inside the house, both with apparent gunshot wounds. The male and female were pronounced deceased. GHPD is withholding further information pending ongoing investigation of the incident.

Call Crime Stoppers with anonymous tips

Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips to encourage citizens to volunteer vital information to law enforcement agencies. By offering anonymity and cash rewards for information leading to indictment or arrests, the program encourages otherwise reluctant callers to provide information.

The 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, allows the caller to remain anonymous. The phone does not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded.

Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at www.25crime.com.

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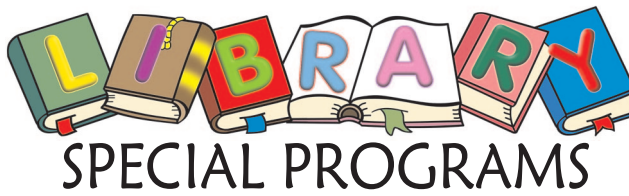
Job Fair at CVCC is March 2

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will host a Job Fair on Thursday, March 2, from 3 to 5 p.m., and invites all job seekers age 14 and older to attend. The event is free and will be held at CVCC, 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. Registration is not required.

Area businesses and nonprofit organizations will be on site to interview potential employees for full-time, part-time and seasonal employment opportunities.

For more information, including Job Fair Tips and a list of participating businesses and organizations, visit <http://www.cvccworks.edu/JOBFAIR.aspx> or contact Martha Sluka at mssluka@cvccworks.edu or 440-746-8260.

CVCC serves the public school districts of Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Independence, Nardon Hills, North Royalton, Revere and Twinsburg. Adult and Student Workshops and Adult Education courses are open and available to all residents of Northeast Ohio.



Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the FREE programs being offered in March at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Dr., Independence. For more information or to register for any program, please call 216-447-0160.

ADULT

Fairy Garden Mirror Craft - Adult Craft / Registration required. Use your creativity to decorate a wonderful fairy garden mirror! All materials provided. Sponsored by Friends of the Independence Branch Library. Saturday, March 4 / 2 p.m.

Victoria Woodhull - Leader of the Women's Suffrage Movement / Registration required. Historian Susan Cannavino will share the fascinating story of Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for president of the United States in 1872. The election campaign was one of many "firsts" that the Ohio native achieved. As a bonus, you will also be introduced to another interesting woman: Josephine Baker. Tuesday, March 7 / 2 p.m.

Introduction to Art Journaling - 3-week series / Registration required. Start building your own personal

journaling practice with this beginner-friendly series. Each week this class will combine a variety of mixed media supplies and techniques with the principles of self-expression and self-discovery to create full-page spreads and designs. Blank journals will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own journal (blank book, sketchbook, graph pad, upcycled old book, or whatever you like) if they choose. Saturdays, March 11, 18, 25 / 11 a.m.

March Book Discussions / No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date at the check-out desk. All are welcome! Wednesday, March 15 / 7:15 p.m.; Thursday, March 16 / 2:15 p.m.

Diana, The People's Princess - A Tribute Presentation / Registration required. "One minute I was a nobody, the next minute I was Princess of Wales." Join Julie Koenig of Royally Amused to discuss all things Diana as we continue to reflect on her life and her legacy. Wednesday, March 29 / 7 p.m.

TEEN

Teen Maker Club / Registration required. Join us each month to work on a creative project using the Cricut cutting machine. March 1st: stickers. Wednesday, March 1 / 7 p.m.

Book Talkers Tween Book Club / Registration required. Grades 5-8. Chat about your recent reading adventures with Ms. Dottie and Ms. Kathy. Group mem-

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application(s):

2023-PZ-13 An application from James R. Sabatine, Jr. on behalf of Cardinal Realty, LLC, requesting approval of a lot split of **PPN 783-19-022** for property to be used to construct a new 2,325 sq. ft. Chipotle Restaurant with a digital pick-up window located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5501 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All Applicants and/or their representatives are required to attend. Members of the public are invited to attend, but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The application(s) and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary
City of Maple Heights

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

A Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**, before the Maple Heights City Council at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following:

2023-PZ-06 An application from Anthony Rockman of Bedford Nissan Collision, LLC requesting approval under Sect. 1268.02 of the MH Codified Ordinances to rezone PPN 781-16-025 (5741 South Boulevard, Maple Heights, Ohio) from Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District to the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow members of the public to ask questions or offer comments regarding this re-zoning request.

The applications and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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3/27/2023: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive

Valley View

3/21/2023: 12 - 6 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Road

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Independence Library news

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bers can share books they've enjoyed and will walk away with some great book suggestions and a journal to take reading notes in! The group will help determine a book or books to be read for the following month. Wednesday, March 8 / 3:15 p.m.

Paper Circuit Light up & Pop-up Card / Registration required. Ages 11-18. Create a paper circuit light up and pop-up card with an LED, battery, copper tape and paper. Tuesday, March 14 / 7 p.m.

CHILDREN

Baby and Toddler Storytimes / No registration required. Birth - 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books. Mondays / 10 a.m.; Wednesdays / 10 a.m.

Family Storytime / No registration required. All ages with caregiver. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays. Mondays / 6:30 p.m.

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Focus on 4's and 5's / Registration required. Preschool children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten. Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29 / 11 a.m.

Create with LEGO WeDo 2.0 / Registration required. Students grades 2-4 can build and program several fun projects with our LEGO WeDo kits. No previous experience necessary. Wednesday, March 22 / 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 23 / 3:30 p.m.

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in March at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver, Monday, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 10:30 a.m. Join us for

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Three indicted on additional charges for six carjackings

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Treveon Jones, 18, Jaahdarion Louis-Jones, 20, and Anthony Evans, 21, with additional charges for six separate carjackings that happened throughout Cuyahoga County, one of which happened in the city of Independence.

According to prosecutors, on Aug. 17, 2022, around 12 a.m., the victim, 34, exited a gas station and was walking back towards her parked vehicle near Lakewood Heights Blvd. and Bunts Rd., in Cleveland. Treveon Jones approached the victim with a gun, demanded her car keys, and fled the scene in the victim's vehicle.

Later that day, around 5 p.m., the victims, 64 and 73, pulled into an apartment complex near Golden Ave. and E. 80 St., in Cleveland. Treveon Jones and Jaahdarion Louis-Jones are accused of approaching the victim, 64, sitting in the driver's seat, and pointing a gun at her face. It is alleged they pulled her out of her vehicle and told her to "keep moving." The second victim, 73, exited the vehicle. The suspects fled the scene.

That evening, around 9 p.m., the victims, 46 and 47, parked their vehicle at a gas station near Lakewood Heights Blvd. and Bunts Rd., in Cleveland. Treveon Jones and Anthony Evans, prosecutors said, approached the victims with rifles and demanded their car keys. They were unsuccessful in taking the vehicle.

Afterwards, around 11 p.m., the victim, 49, parked her

vehicle at a gas station near Center Ridge Rd. and Wagar Rd., in Rocky River. Treveon Jones and Anthony Evans approached the victim, chased her, hit her in the head with a gun, kicked her multiple times, stole her purse containing her key and wallet, and then fled the scene in her vehicle, it is alleged.

On Aug. 18, around 3:40 a.m., the victim, 62, was walking back to his car from a gas station near Brecksville Rd. and Rockside Rd., in Independence. Treveon Jones and Anthony Evans, it is alleged, approached the victim, brandished AK-47s, verbally threatened him, stole his wallet, and then fled in his vehicle.

On Aug. 19, around 12 a.m., the victim, 23, exited a gas station and was walking back towards her parked vehicle near Mayfield Rd. and Coventry Rd., in Cleveland Heights. Prosecutors said Treveon Jones and Anthony Evans approached the victim, Evans brandishing an AK-47, pistol whipped her, and stole her car keys. Evans then fled the scene in her vehicle.

An investigation conducted by the Cleveland, Rocky River, Cleveland Heights and Independence police departments linked Treveon Jones, Jaahdarion Louis-Jones and Anthony Evans to the six incidents, according to police. The investigation remains ongoing.

On Feb. 3, 2023, all three were indicted on one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, and several other counts of aggravated robbery, kidnapping, robbery, felonious assault and possessing criminal tools.

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