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YOUNGSTOWN Man pleads guilty to 2012 murder

Dogs found victim's dismembered body months after shooting

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YOUNGSTOWN

A man charged in a 2012 murder in which the victim's body was not found for months entered a guilty plea Monday — the day jury selection was to begin in his trial.



Williams

Kevon Williams, 23, entered an Alford Plea of guilty in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court

to charges of involuntary manslaughter, tampering with evidence and abuse of a corpse for the late November 2012 shooting death of 26-year-old David Jackson.

It took the entire morning, after back-and-forth talks between prosecutors, defense attorney Jeffrey Limbian and some of Williams' relatives, and at one point, even Judge Lou A. D'Apolito joined the negotiations.

Williams opted to be sentenced immediately, and Judge D'Apolito gave him a sentence of 10 years, with credit for time served while awaiting the outcome of his case.

The judge followed the recommendation of prosecutors for sentencing.

An Alford Plea means a defendant maintains his innocence but admits that there is enough evidence that a jury may conclude that he committed the crime for which he is charged.

Williams was indicted in November 2013 in the death of Jackson, whose body was found in February 2013.

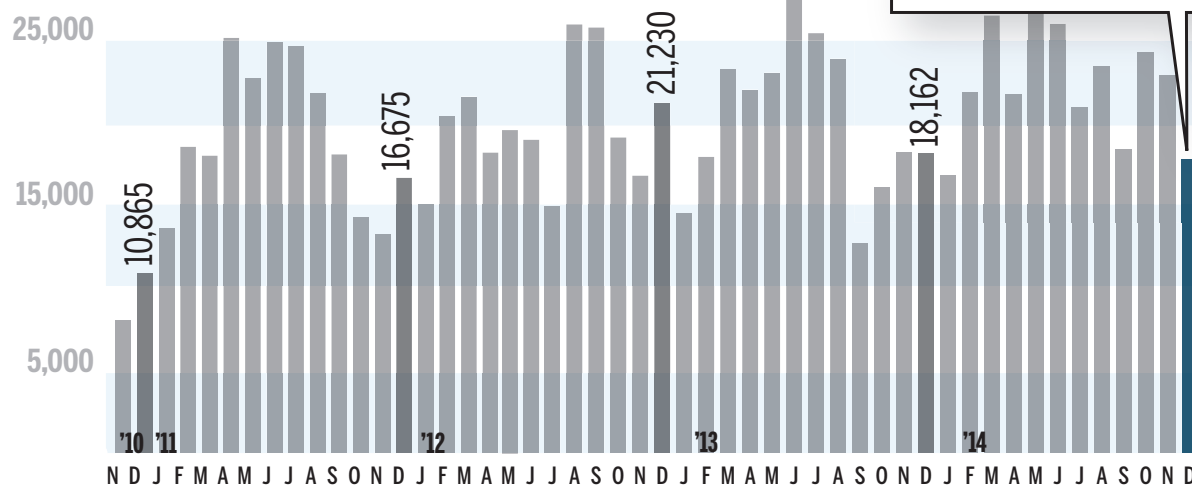
A man's dog on Vaughn Avenue in the Sharon Line neighborhood found his skull. Other dogs belonging to the same owner found more bones that were identified as Jackson's.

The coroner's office was able to identify the partial skeleton in March through dental records.

Williams is serving a three-year sentence after entering guilty pleas to counts of possession of drugs and a count of selling counterfeit drugs that was handed

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Lordstown's Chevrolet Cruze sales figures



GM CRUZE SALES INCREASE 10% OVER 2013

Rolling along

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YOUNGSTOWN

Despite recalls in 2014, General Motors Co. closed the year on a high note, according to figures the company released Monday.

GM dealers delivered 274,483 vehicles in the U.S. in December, up 19.3 percent compared with a year ago, making it the company's best December sales in seven years. GM delivered more than 2.9 million vehicles in 2014 compared with more than 2.7 million in 2013 — a 5 percent increase.

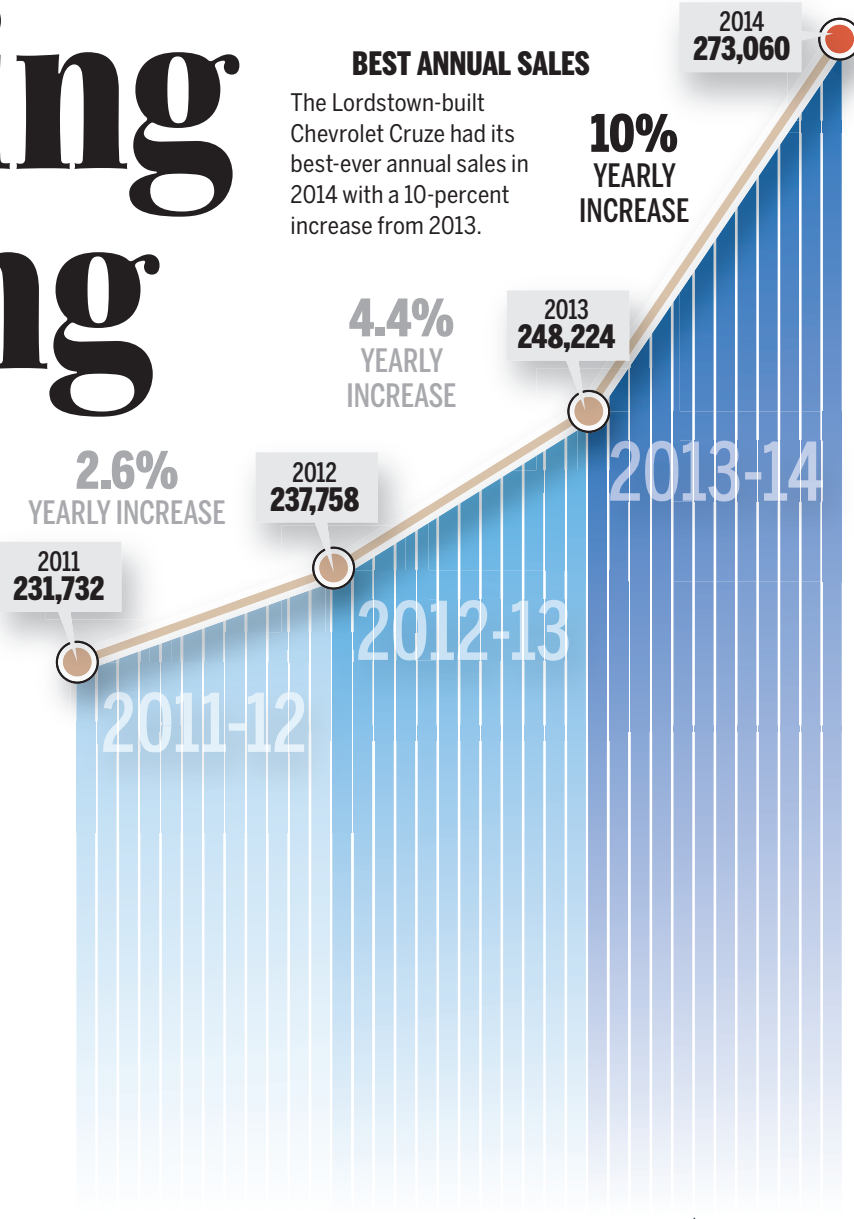
Retail sales were up 23 percent and fleet deliveries were up 6 percent, according to the company.

Lordstown-built Chevrolet Cruze sales declined by 2 percent from last year with 17,800 sold this December compared with 18,162 sold last December. The Cruze, however, had its best-ever annual sales in 2014 with 273,060 sold

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BEST ANNUAL SALES

The Lordstown-built Chevrolet Cruze had its best-ever annual sales in 2014 with a 10-percent increase from 2013.



SOUTH RANGE SCHOOLS District moves forward with levy

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NORTH LIMA

South Range School District is moving forward with a levy for the May 5 ballot, but with different parameters than the levy that failed in November.

The board of education Monday approved a resolution of necessity for a levy to generate revenue for the schools, the first step to getting the tax issue before voters for the spring primary election.



Dunham

The new tax issue is a three-year, 4.9-mill levy that would generate \$931,838 annually. That is different from the 10-year, 3.9-mill operating levy that failed in November and which would have generated \$707,500 annually. The district's 2013 failed levy was for 4.8 mills.

Superintendent Dennis Dunham said if the levy does pass for three years, the dis-

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WARREN

Social media aid cops with burglary ring

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WARREN

Technology, social media and vigilance appear to have helped police put together the pieces of a burglary ring involving about a half-dozen people.

Maj. Thomas Stewart of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office said the arrests of three people in the Dec. 1 burglary of a house in the 3000 block of Barclay-Messey Road in Southington was aided by a photograph taken by a neighbor.

The woman posted a photograph on her Facebook page Dec. 1 of a maroon Buick Rendezvous in the driveway of her neighbor's house, saying it seemed suspicious because a woman from the vehicle was running around the back of the house and acting strangely.

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NEW DRAMA ON FOX

Taraji P. Henson stars in the new Fox drama "Empire." The show about a music mogul premieres Wednesday.
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NORTH JACKSON

Sisters showcase \$9M assisted living facility

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NORTH JACKSON

The Antonine Sisters in North Jackson say they continue to meet the needs of the elderly in the Mahoning Valley.

The seven-member community of Maronite Catholic religious women soon will see the completion of Antonine Village, 2675 N. Lipkey Road, a new \$9 million

assisted-living and memory-care center that will complement their adult day care facility.

"The purpose of the facility is to keep them active mentally and physically," said Sister Marie Madeleine Iskandar, local superior of the Sisters.

Built around a secure courtyard, the new campus

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The Antonine Sisters will have an open house for its \$9 million assisted-living and memory-care center on Lipkey Road in North Jackson from 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 18.