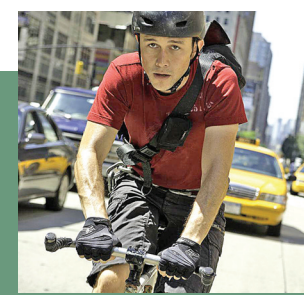


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## Ex-DQ owner returns to court

Rapp faces up to 8½-year sentence in probation case

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Rapp

**YOUNGSTOWN**  
Drug and sex offender Trent Rapp's arrest for violating probation didn't surprise some involved in the case against him.

Rapp, 44, of Beaver Township, has been in jail since July 27, when police said he violated terms of his probation by contacting one of the victims in his case.

Rapp was sentenced May 30 to five years of probation after pleading no contest in February to charges of marijuana trafficking, cocaine possession, corrupting another with drugs, possessing criminal tools, illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material and two counts of pandering sexually oriented material.

The former owner of the Canfield Dairy Queen also was ordered to have no contact with the victim in the case and to register as a Tier 1 sex offender.

Carl Frost, Beaver Township police chief, said finding out that Rapp had been arrested for violating probation came as no shock to him or other police officers involved in the case.

"I think he was engaging in illegal activity for a while before we arrested him [in 2009,] and continued after his arrest, but got a little less careful as time passed," Frost said.

Sam Amendolara, Rapp's attorney, didn't return calls to comment.

Judge Maureen A. Sweeney, of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court, found probable cause to have a probation-violation hearing. The hearing today will determine what punishment Rapp will receive.

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## GM ANNOUNCES \$200 MILLION UPDATE FOR LORDSTOWN



# KEEPING THE CRUZE

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**LORDSTOWN**  
WORKERS AT THE General Motors Co. Lordstown plant have job security into the next decade after GM and two local United Auto Workers unions announced a \$200 million investment in the Valley factory.

GM is investing in tooling and equipment to build the next-generation Chevrolet Cruze, retaining 5,000 jobs between the company's Lordstown and Parma plants. An additional \$20 million will be invested in Parma.

GM already has begun to retool the Lordstown factory.

"It's a great day at Lordstown," UAW Local 1112 President Glenn Johnson told those at a news conference at the union hall.

"As leaders, we secured the future of this plant for a very long time."

The expectation is that this agreement will keep the Lordstown GM complex operating until 2020, said Dave Green, president of UAW 1714.

In the last contract, union members made individual concessions of "\$7,000 to \$30,000 to make today possible," he said.

"The majority of the money at Lordstown will go toward

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Glenn Johnson, president of United Auto Workers Local 1112, speaks, and Dave Green, president of UAW Local 1714, applauds at the announcement that the next-generation Chevrolet Cruze will be constructed at GM's Lordstown plant. At left, State Rep. Bob Hagan of Youngstown, D-60th, and State Rep. Ron Gerberry of Austintown, D-59th, applaud the announcement.

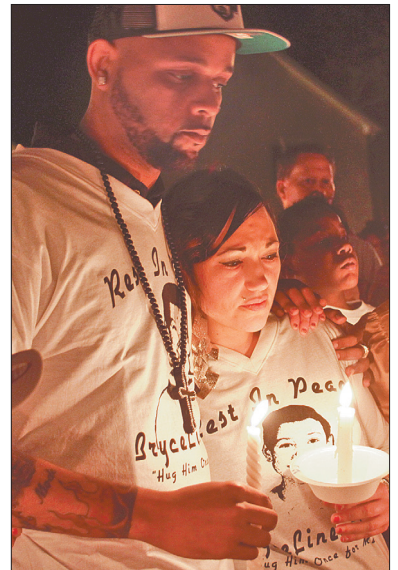
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## YOUNGSTOWN MURDER



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Jessica Linebaugh, mother of 8-year-old murder victim Bryce Linebaugh, is comforted by Thomas Hight during a Thursday candlelight vigil outside the Rockford Village apartment where the boy was killed by a stray bullet.

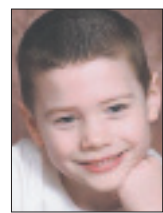
## Hundreds celebrate 'amazing' boy at vigil

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### YOUNGSTOWN

Bryce Linebaugh's tragically brief life, ended by a gunman's bullet, was celebrated with tears and prayers, raised candles and a verse of "Amazing Grace" at a candlelight vigil in his honor Thursday.

Bryce, 8, was shot in the head early Monday while he slept in the top portion of his bunk bed in an upstairs bedroom of his home at 1404 Maplewood Court in Rockford Village on the city's East Side.



Bryce

"He was an amazing, beautiful boy who was so full of life. He didn't deserve this. He was asleep in his bed," said Bryce's mother, Jessica Linebaugh, after the vigil ended.

Jessica and her boyfriend, Thomas Hight Jr., and her other children, Jayvon Harris, 4, and daughter, Aniah Harris, 5, stood silently for some time in front of the patio of their former home holding lighted candles.

A crowd of about 200 mourners began gathering in front of 1404 Maplewood Court about 9 p.m. Jessica, Jayvon, Aniah and Hight arrived later after calling hours at Lane Funeral Home in Mineral Ridge.

Wearing a shirt with the words

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## Wow! Kapow! Bam! Batman fulfills wish of Boardman boy

By SEAN BARRON  
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### BOARDMAN

Holy big turnout! Batman was in the house!

That certainly more than suited 4-year-old Jayden J. Barber.

"This is just amazing, a blessing," said Jayden's father, Tim Barber, referring to the family, friends and residents who filled the stands at Boardman Center Middle School's football field on Market Street to see Jayden meet his favorite hero, Batman. The event Thursday certainly

did not disappoint. It allowed him to meet the Caped Crusader, which fulfilled one of the biggest wishes for Jayden, who was diagnosed last November with myelodysplastic syndromes leukemia, a disease in which the bone marrow fails to make enough normal blood cells.

Jayden, his dad and mom, Charlene Barber; and brothers, Noah and Carson, arrived with a police escort, then emerged on the track next to the field from their blue Nissan Altima

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Jayden Barber, 4, and his father, Tim Barber, look into the sky at a helicopter that was drawn to the Boardman High School football field by the Bat Signal behind them.

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