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Murderer denied parole

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Convicted murderer Mark Headley has been denied parole until January 2021. It was a close call.

Letters from concerned citizens, current and former members of the Barberton police, and the family of the murder victim, may have made the difference.

Headley appeared before the parole board March 11, however, “the first hearing the panel couldn’t all agree, so they sent it to the next level,” said Teresa White, the sister of murder victim Sandy Burger, who died from injuries after Headley viciously beat her in 1982 in his Barberton residence.

After a second hearing, “that’s when they reached this decision,” said White.

Burger’s family was informed by phone and in letters by the Notification Unit of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. A letter dated March 13 stated, “The panel was unable to render a final, majority decision at the aforementioned release consideration hearing and therefore forwarded the



Sandy Burger was beaten to death in 1982 by Mark Headley.

case to the Central Office Board Review for further review and consideration.”

A second letter dated March 21 stated, “It was the decision of the Ohio Parole Board to deny the offender parole at this time.”

Headley had been sent back to the Marion Correctional Institution after serving time in Florida

for driving drunk and crashing into a sheriff deputy’s car in 2012. This crime was in violation of the terms of his five-year parole, granted in 2007 after serving 25 years in prison for the murder. The original 15 years to life sentence was issued after Headley had agreed to a plea deal in which he pleaded guilty to Burger’s murder.

Cleavenger released days after arrest

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Todd M. Cleavenger pleaded not guilty to charges of obstructing official business, hit-skip and possession of marijuana in Summit County Common Pleas Court.

Cleavenger, 42, former owner of the Fast Lane bowling alley and The Garage Bar in the Magic City Plaza, was released from custody March 28 after he was arrested March 24.

A \$5,000 bond was set by Barberton Municipal Court Judge David Fish. According

to the Summit County Clerk of Courts website, his bond was revoked March 26. His pretrial is set for Wednesday, April 17 at 9 a.m.

Prior to the arrest, he was involved in a singe-vehicle accident on Interstate 77 North. The report claims he was found hiding in the bushes near 600 Swartz Road in Akron, one half-mile away from the accident. Marijuana was seen on the dashboard.

Cleavenger is wanted out of Kansas for a felony warrant pending out-of-state matters. Ohio is out of the range for him to be arrested.

He has a history of run-ins with law enforcement. In addition to Ohio, his criminal record shows charges from Texas and Pennsylvania ranging from theft, drug abuse, vehicle and traffic violations.

Cleavenger was also charged in a brutal attack for felonious assault and abduction Jan. 4. His pretrial is Thursday, April 11 at 8:45 a.m. and the court hearing is Monday, April 29 at 9 a.m.

Officers from The Barberton Police Department declined to comment on these events.

Dive into family history

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Cops

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had enough money to buy the police.

- Dustin R. Kyle was arrested after a traffic stop for a warrant out of Norton.
- Michael A. Nicholson was arrested for a warrant out of the Parma Police Department after being found sitting in a car on 16th Street NW.

Sunday, March 24

- John A. Colston was arrested for obstructing official business and resisting arrest after a traffic stop for no brake lights on Norton Ave.
- A small tool box was stolen from a bike on W. Park Ave.
- Rhonda G. Knox was turned over from APD on a Barberton warrant.
- Roger A. Speck was arrested for OVI after a report of a hit-skip on E. Huston St.
- Kelly Christine Firth was arrested in Copley and turned over to Barberton for a warrant.
- Ashlee Mae Wickiser was arrested for a Barberton warrant after a report her daughter slashed her friend’s car tire on Shannon Ave.

- Items were reported stolen from an apartment on W. Tuscarawas Ave. as the tenant was moving in.

Monday, March 25

- A verbal argument was reported on W. Hopocan Ave.
- Jazz Deanna Duncan was arrested on a Barberton warrant after a report of a car chasing someone and driving on the sidewalk on Illinois Pl.
- A juvenile theft report was made for an employee stealing from Kmart.
- Colleen L. Duke was turned over from Medina County on a Barberton warrant.
- Joshua C. Leach and Mahala M. York were arrested for a warrant and possession of methamphetamine, respectively, after a search warrant was executed on 16th St. NW.
- After a traffic stop for an improper right turn, Keith T. Gullledge was arrested on SCSO and Cuyahoga Falls PD warrants.
- Robert M. Tanski was arrested for driving without

a license after being found driving a van with stolen plates.

- A man was uncooperative with police after a confrontation with a man he states is hanging out with his wife on Wooster Rd. W.
- Andrew Robert Green was arrested for felonious assault and domestic violence after a fight on 8th St. NW.
- A woman reports an individual stole money from her purse while she was using the restroom in a 2nd St. NW restaurant.
- Jason E. Borkowski was arrested on Norton and Cuyahoga Falls warrants after a traffic stop on Morgan St.

Tuesday, March 26

- A Smith and Wesson handgun was stolen on Grandview Avenue.
- Police were called to a home on Fernwood Avenue (See COPS, Page 16)

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JULY 26: LaFlavour (Variety)

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AUGUST 9: Out of Eden & Just One Look *6:30pm (Eagles & Linda Ronstadt Tribute)

AUGUST 16: The Diamond Project (Neil Diamond Tribute)

AUGUST 23: Jersey (Springsteen Tribute)

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