



Owner of property searched was coworker of missing Lower Mac woman



ROSS TWP., Pa. - Pennsylvania State Police are digging at a property in Ross Township, Monroe County, and have been for several days.

Authorities are being tight-lipped about the investigation, but we have learned some new details this morning.

The home on Woodhaven Drive belongs to Michael Horvath. Records reveal he has lived in the house since the late-1990s.

69 News has also learned that Horvath was an employee at Allen Organ in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, and was a coworker of Holly Grim. She disappeared from her home in Lower Macungie Township in 2013. A colleague has confirmed that the two worked together in Allen Organ's woodshop.

69 News spoke with Grim's mother Friday morning. She said she hopes the investigation does not involve Holly, because she hopes that Holly is still alive. She said state police contacted her earlier in the week to say they were investigating, but did not say if they think it is Holly. Holly knew Horvath because they worked together, but they were not friends, according to Holly's mother.

State police have named no suspects in her disappearance, and no charges have been filed in either of these investigations.

A Pennsylvania State Police forensics unit and the coroner have been on the scene digging in the backyard.

The Pocono Record newspaper is reporting that a human bone was found on Wednesday.

Right now, investigators aren't saying what it is they're looking for.

"I don't know. I guess there is an attempt to keep whatever it is a little bit hush-hush," said Byron Foster, a neighbor.

People who live on Woodhaven Drive have a lot of unanswered questions.

"It's also a little confusing, because you have this mixture of game commission, fire department, state police and so forth in the corner, all in there. You really have to wonder what it is that is going on," said Foster.

"I've never had no problems with the people. They've always seemed nice. You wave as you go by," said a neighbor, who wanted to remain anonymous. She said she was surprised by the number of officials who flocked to her street Tuesday morning.

"I took my grandsons down to the bus stop and there had to be about 20 cars there, and I can't say. I have no idea what's going on," said the neighbor.



Pocono Mountain Regional Police bid farewell to K9 Niko



POCONO SUMMIT Pa. - Pocono Mountain Regional Police are saying goodbye to one of their own. They announced that K9 Niko has died.

On Wednesday Niko reported for duty with his handler, Corporal Matthew Nero.

That morning Niko and Nero were searching for narcotics. After the search, Niko began showing signs of distress and was rushed to Barton Heights Veterinary Clinic. Niko was found to have a terminal medical condition unrelated to the search, police said. Niko's life expectancy was minimal and in consultation with the hospital, Niko was euthanized.

Police said Niko was a German Shepard/ Belgian Malinos mix.

He was born in Slovakia and trained with Nero since he was a pup. Niko joined the Pocono Mountain Regional Police in 2010 and was involved in numerous drug seizures and fugitive apprehensions.

Police stated "Niko truly worked until his last hour and will be missed by his family at the Pocono Mountain Regional Police."



Grand jury releases report on decades of sexual abuse at Solebury School



DOYLESTOWN, Pa. - A Bucks County grand jury released a report on Wednesday that detailed the sexual abuse of students at Solebury School for decades. It is a college prep school for 7th-12th grade boarding and day students.

According to the report, the abuse took place from the 1950s through 2005. Bucks County District Attorney Matthew Weintraub said the abuse was enabled by a campus environment free of student-faculty boundaries and was concealed by the school's past administrators.

The assaults allegedly occurred on or near the private campus outside New Hope, as well as at locations as far away as New York City. Because of the statute of limitations, only one case can be prosecuted, but the victim is not pressing charges, according to Weintraub.

"Although we are unable to proceed against the perpetrators, some of whom are deceased, it is important to expose how these crimes were allowed to occur and how they were concealed for so long," Weintraub said.

The grand jury described the school's atmosphere as relaxed and informal, where students formed friendships with teachers and called them by their first name. The grand jury determined that while most students received an excellent education, others fell victim to select faculty members.

According to the DA, the school's current headmaster, Tom Wilschultz, learned of the abuses, urged victims to come forward, admitted the school's guilt and took steps to protect the students. The grand jury said Wilschultz "is blameless and has taken some steps to correct the problems," but more work needs to be done.

The grand jury found that allegations of sexual misconduct went unreported to authorities over for several decades. According to the grand jury, only once in the five decades was anyone from the school prosecuted for sexual abuse.

In each of the cases, the former students said administrators at Solebury School knew of the illegal relationships, but did not discipline the teachers or notify police. The grand jury determined that each of the victims witnesses were credible and identified nine adults associated with Solebury School, who could have been prosecuted if the crimes were more recent.

The grand jury recommended stronger changes, such as drug and alcohol testing for faculty and staff, zero tolerance campus drug policies, hiring added security for boarding students and immediate termination of a faculty member when there is a founded allegation.



FBI: Former teacher arrested for child pornography



ALLENTEW, Pa. - An FBI investigation that began in Florida ended with the arrest of a former teacher from Bethlehem on child pornography charges.

Authorities arrested 64-year-old David S. Golden Jr. Thursday afternoon, after searching his Bethlehem home. FBI officials said he admitted to having hundreds of sexually-charged online conversations with minors, as well as requesting and receiving sexually explicit photos of them.

The investigation began in January, when the FBI's Jacksonville office received information from a father of a 12-year-old girl, that she was being sexually exploited by an unknown male who identified himself as "Don Hine." He represented himself as an 18-year-old from eastern Pennsylvania.

On November 1, the father had taken the girl's phone and found a sexually explicit conversation in the Kik app. That occurred around October 31, 2016.

Kik is an instant messaging app that is known for allowing users to hide their actual identity. For example, users can register without providing personal information, and only the username is required.

According to the FBI, the father took screenshots of the Kik conversation and handed over the phone for forensic testing.

Based on the investigation in Florida, the FBI said it sent a lead to its Allentown office on January 27. The Allentown FBI office received a digital video disk with the Kik messages and the results of the forensic analysis the girl's phone.

The FBI said 'Don Hine' said that he was an 18-year-old man from eastern Pennsylvania who played a trumpet and liked classical music. The minor victim claimed she was 17, when she was actually 12 years old. 'Don Hine' repeatedly asked her to record sexual acts and send him images and videos, according to the FBI.

A federal subpoena was served by the FBI to Kik to obtain user subscriber information on 'Don Hine.' Kik reported the subscriber information associated with 'Don Hine', had an associated username of 'tubeyou1.' The FBI said 'Don Hine,' had a listed email address containing 'dgolden.' The FBI said it traced the IP address to David Golden Jr., at an address in Bethlehem that was known to them.

According to the FBI, another IP address he used was subscribed to by the Arts Academy Charter School in Allentown. During the investigation, the FBI said it conducted surveillance of Golden's home and determined he was employed by the academy. According to the school's website, Golden was listed as a music faculty member.

On Thursday, the FBI raided his home. The FBI said during an interview, Golden admitted to using a website to meet minors and would then continue communication through Kik. Golden admitted his preference is for girls around age 15 or 16 years old, according to the FBI.

Authorities said Golden admitted to using the Kik profile name 'Don Hine.' He also admitted to having hundreds of online sexually explicit communications with minors and exchanging sexually charged images with them, according to the FBI.

Golden told investigators that he was formerly a faculty member of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts in Bethlehem but now works in facility management for the Arts Academy Charter Middle School in Salisbury Township. He's since been suspended.

FBI officials said they took his cell phone and found two sexually explicit chat threads with two different minor females. Investigators said they also discovered more than 100 images of minor girls engaged in sexually explicit conduct, on the phone. The Kik username on his phone was "youtube1."

The executive director of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts said the school has not been contacted by authorities regarding Golden.

"Mr. Golden was employed as a substitute teacher at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts from Oct. 2008- June 2010 and was employed as a part-time instrumental music teacher from September 2010-June 2012. During his employment, Mr. Golden was cleared through all of the standard background clearances, including: Pennsylvania Child Abuse check, Pennsylvania Criminal Check and FBI criminal check," she added.

Golden will next be in court Monday for a bail hearing.



Cat found doused in gasoline moves into foster home



READING, Pa. - A cat in Berks County is proving felines really do have nine lives.

Miracle Maisy was saved by trash collectors in Reading last week, moments before she would have been crushed by their trash truck. The workers noticed a bag moving, opened it up and found Maisy doused in gasoline.

[Humane Pennsylvania](#) began caring for the one-year-old cat, which the staff has named Miracle Maisy. She suffered chemical burns and a host of other injuries.

Over the weekend, Maisy was deemed healthy enough to be transferred into foster care, according to the [group's Facebook page](#).

Her new foster mother said Maisy seems very happy and hungry and won't stop eating or drinking. Humane Pennsylvania said that is a good thing because they are still trying to get her to a healthy weight. Her blood levels are back to normal, although she does have a bit of tenderness in her hip area. Tests, however, have not shown any major injuries, Humane Pennsylvania said.

She is wearing a sweater, per veterinarians' orders. She was shivering the morning before she left Humane Veterinary Hospitals Reading, so the group said it will help keep her warm as she continues to recover.



Officials launch initiative to prevent vehicle thefts this winter



ALLENtown, Pa. - Law enforcement is trying to crack down on vehicle thefts this winter in Lehigh County.

Officials, including Lehigh County District Attorney, James B. Martin are warning drivers to not leave their cars unlocked, unattended and running, or "puffing" this winter.

Police are giving out ice scrapers with a prevention message and offering free posters to local businesses to help raise awareness.

According to reports, More than 399 vehicles were stolen in Lehigh County last year.

The Lehigh County Auto Theft Task Force, which is made up of the district attorney, American Automobile Association and the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority, is spearheading the initiative.

The Task Force says it is one of the only ones in the state that tracks statistics on vehicles that are stolen with the keys inside.

"Locking your car is the first line of defense," said Steve Wheeler, ATPA executive director. "It's common sense but not common practice. About half of all of Pennsylvania's stolen cars were left unlocked, many with the keys inside, and some running and unattended."

Officials say a recent case in Allentown shows why it is important to not leave your vehicle unattended or unlocked.

On Feb. 18, a woman left her 2016 Toyota Corolla running on West Chew Street for about 10 minutes.

Police say in that time, someone had stolen it and then crashed it a short time later in Whitehall Township.

The car sustained major front end damage (pictured above) and police are still investigating the crime.

AAA is urging drivers to ask their insurance companies about discounts for anti-theft or vehicle recovery devices and says these gadgets have been successful in recovering stolen vehicles.

Officials say "puffing" does not enhance its ability to perform on the road, and that most vehicles built after 1990 do not need time warm up.



Germansville dog takes a stand against cancer



Local canine takes a bite out of cancer

GERMANSVILLE, Pa. - It is a story of friendship and survival.

Before Pamela Formica lost her 15-year-old son David to Leukemia, she made him a promise to keep fighting until there was a cure.

"I chose to come here to LLS and definitely try and make a difference," Formica said.

And she has, quitting her job, and teaming up with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Pam has since raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the cause.

Now she's is pairing up with two friends for some help.

Denise Grothouse was so impressed with Pam's fundraising work and so touched by her story, she recruited her baby, a German Shepherd named 'Jericho', to start a campaign of his own.

Jericho is teaming up with pet friends to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through a campaign called "Pets for LLS."

"If my dog had a voice he would do this," Grothouse said. "Many people's pets feel the same, they are the most loyal trustworthy animals that you have."

It is not often you see a dog heading up a charity fundraising campaign.

Denise says that is part of the fun.

She asked herself "What would Jericho do?" before getting the campaign started.

"He is a herding dog and he would heard people together," Grothouse said. "He would bring a community of pets and make everyone work for the cause."

Denise says if a community of all of the dogs and cats in the Lehigh Valley donated \$10 dollars, that would be enough to train a doctor for a year.

"Imagine if that doctor would go on to save your own child's, based on your 10 dollar donation," Grothouse said. "It is a very compelling story, and it is something that can become a legacy."

It is a story many pet owners have already jumped on board with, to reach a fundraising goal of \$55 thousand dollars before June 1st.

It is an ambitious goal, but one both Pam and Denise believe is achievable though the donations of furry friends throughout the Lehigh Valley.

"We are excited to have Jericho on board," Formica said.

And it appears Jericho is excited too.

The program's [Facebook page](#) already has more than 3,000 likes and donations from local businesses.