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## TRISTATE

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### Officer cleared in domestic case

A Lincoln Heights police officer suspended after he was arrested on a domestic violence charge in May will return to his job and get his gun back after a municipal court judge found him not guilty Monday.

Officer LaRoy Smith of Carthage was relieved of his police powers after the arrest and has been on administrative leave since the warrant for his arrest was filed. He returns to work Wednesday.

"He will get his gun back and will get to go back to work," said Clyde Bennett II, Officer Smith's attorney. "Cross-examination indicated (his wife) wasn't credible."

Officer Smith faced a maximum of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine if he had been found guilty. Under a federal law, he also would have lost the right to carry a gun if he had been convicted.

Mr. Bennett said a civil malicious prosecution charge against the woman is being considered.

whose body was shown on a television broadcast after she committed suicide.

The family of Lillian Mae Smith sued Columbus police and a TV station, saying officers should not have allowed video footage to be taken of Mrs. Smith after she shot herself in January 1993.

City council was considering the settlement at its meeting Monday night, Assistant City Attorney Glenn B. Redick said.

### 'Most Wanted' list reduced by one

Another "Tristate's Most Wanted" suspect has been arrested, bringing the total to 490 arrests out of the 825 suspects featured in *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

James Cox, 42, of Northside was arrested Friday on a felony domestic violence charge.

The *Enquirer* publishes "Tristate's Most Wanted" each Monday. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest. Callers to 352-3040