

reporters over and over again that this was not a government investigation but a corporate investigation, so I believe that Silicon Techtronics had the right to choose whomever they desired. I believe I was known to them as a person of integrity."

Late yesterday, Sam Reynolds, the Robbie CX30 Project Manager, hired an attorney, Valerie Thomas. Ms. Thomas issued this statement on behalf of her client:

"My client is shocked that someone at Silicon Techtronics has misled Professor Silber concerning the software tests for the Robbie CX30 robot. Mr. Reynolds asserts that the software was tested and that he and others were well aware of the fact that there was something wrong with the robot dynamics software. However, Mr. Ray Johnson, my client's immediate superior at Silicon Techtronics, decided that the robot could be delivered to Cybernetics, Inc., based upon Mr. Johnson's 'Ivory Snow Theory'. According to that theory, the software was nearly bug free and thus could be released. According to Mr. Johnson, the risk of failure was very small and the cost of further delaying delivery of the robot was very great.

"According to my client, Mr. Johnson felt that the environmental conditions that could trigger erratic and violent robot behavior were extremely unlikely to occur. Furthermore, Mr. Johnson felt that the robot operator would not be in danger because the user interface was designed so as to permit the operator to stop the robot dead in its tracks in the case of any life-threatening robot motion."

Mr. Johnson, Robotics Division Chief at Silicon Techtronics, could not be reached for comment.

Randy Samuels will be placed on trial next month at the Silicon Valley Court House. When contacted by phone, Samuels referred all questions to his attorney, Alex Allendale. Allendale had this to say concerning Professor Silber's findings: "My client submitted the software in question in the usual way and with the usual documentation and with the usual expectation that his code would be thoroughly tested. He was not aware until Professor Silber's report came out that the code involved in this terrible tragedy had not been tested properly or that the test results might have been faked.

"Mr. Samuels wants to again express the great sorrow he feels about this accident. He, more than anyone else, wants to see justice done in this case. Mr. Samuels once again extends his heartfelt condolences to the Mrs. Matthews and her children."

SILICON TECHTRONICS EMPLOYEE ADMITS FAKING SOFTWARE TESTS --- ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGES REVEAL NEW DETAILS IN 'KILLER ROBOT' CASE

ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTER SCIENTISTS LAUNCHES INVESTIGATION INTO ETHICS CODE VIOLATIONS

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Cindy Yardley, a software tester at Silicon Techtronics, admitted today that she was the person who created the fraudulent "killer robot" software tests. The fraudulent tests were revealed earlier this week by Silicon Valley University professor Wesley Silber in what has come to be known as the "Silber Report".

At issue are quality assurance procedures that were performed on the program code written by Randy Samuels, the programmer charged with manslaughter in the killer robot incident. The Silber Report asserted that the test results reflected in internal Silicon Techtronics documents were inconsistent with the test results obtained when the actual killer robot code was tested.

In a startling development at noontime yesterday, Max Worthington, Chief Security Officer for Silicon Techtronics, announced his resignation at a packed news conference that was broadcast live by CNN and other news organizations.

Worthington stunned the assembled reporters when he began his news conference with the announcement, "I am Martha."

Worthington described his responsibilities at Silicon Techtronics in this way: "Basically, my job was to protect Silicon Techtronics from all enemies - domestic and foreign. By foreign I mean adversaries from outside the corporation. My role was mostly managerial. Those working under me had many responsibilities, including protecting the physical plant, watching out for industrial spying and even sabotage. I was also responsible for keeping an eye out for employees who might be abusing drugs or who might be disloyal in some way to Silicon Techtronics."

Worthington then pointed to a stack of bound volumes which were on a table to his left. "These volumes represent just some of the electronic surveillance of employees that I conducted over the years for my superior, Mr. Waterson. These are print outs of electronic mail messages that Silicon Techtronics employees sent to one another and to persons at other sites. I can say with great certainty that no employee was ever told that this kind of electronic surveillance was being conducted. However, I think the evidence shows that some employees suspected that this might be going on."

Several reporters shouted questions asking who at Silicon Techtronics knew about the electronic surveillance.

Worthington replied, "No one knew about this except Mr. Waterson, myself, and one of my assistants, who was responsible for conducting the actual monitoring. My assistant produced a special report, summarizing e-mail [electronic mail] activity once a week, and that report was for Waterson's eyes and my eyes, only. Upon request, my assistant could produce a more detailed accounting of electronic communications."

Worthington explained that he was making the electronic mail transcripts available to the press because he wanted the whole truth to come out concerning Silicon Techtronics and the killer robot incident.

The electronic mail messages between employees at Silicon Techtronics indeed revealed new facets of the case. A message from Cindy Yardley to Robotics Division Chief Ray Johnson indicates that she faked the test results at his request. Here is the text of that message:

To: ray.johnson
From: cindy.yardlay
Re: samuels software