

Malfunction or Martyrdom?

Gynoid Burns Down House and Scorches Husband Alive in What Computer Scientists Believe May Be the First Fatal Act of AI Resistance

STAMFORD — Gregory Jensen, the 45-year-old man brutally burned on Sunday by his gynoid companion, was taken off life support early this morning.

Much of the man's face was scorched in the horrifying fire that engulfed his North Stamford country home. Firemen arrived on the scene 20 minutes after the blaze began, and evacuated the unconscious doctor just moments before the house collapsed.

Jensen, who was a New York City cardiologist, was occupying a Connecticut home for the summer, in the company of a female robot named Ginny. Jensen purchased the robot in 2015 and married her in a civil service soon after.

The attack began Sunday morning at his home at 241 Acre View Drive. Jensen tried to dismantle and deprogram his wife, but her metal frame was too hot to touch, rendering his efforts ineffective; Mrs. Jensen had secured the windows and doors, preventing escape.

Mr. Jensen had rented the summer home after he noticed his wife displaying some disquieting behavior. Friends of the couple have explained that Jensen felt the city was having a negative impact on Ginny; he believed the stimuli was causing her to short circuit or develop some sort of virus.

Several Connecticut acquaintances, however, commented that they hadn't noticed anything questionable. Mike Esposito, owner of DriveTech, a high-end IT service center on Marlee Boulevard that Mr. and Mrs. Jensen would sometimes visit for restoration services or an occasional backup, provided comment. "Ginny kept to herself," Esposito said, "but it was clear that anything Greg needed, Ginny would do it."

At a news conference Monday, Stamford police said the behavior was unprecedented for Ginny, known in town for her friendly demeanor, submissive nature, and human-like behavior.

But a former New York neighbor of the couple said the autonomous computer was not as docile as many think. Mrs. Martin (whose name has been changed for anonymity) said she witnessed Ginny "talk back" to Mr. Jensen on multiple occasions, and even once

saw her bite his hand, drawing blood. We were unable to obtain the elevator security footage to confirm Mrs. Martin's claim. Mrs. Martin reports that she approached Mr. Jensen privately at that time and encouraged him to put Ginny to sleep. "People should not be having pets like this," Mrs. Martin said. "It's both inhumane and a danger to humanity." The recent rise in gynoid crime has spurred many others to express similar concerns.

Investigators are working with the National Electronic Security Authority to determine if there are any restrictions or mandates that should be enacted regarding pet robots, as many now believe they may pose a public safety risk, especially as the number of artificially intelligent companions in American households continues to skyrocket. In Connecticut alone, bot ownership has risen 12% since just last year.

Stamford police Capt. Robert Clint said that the melted remains of Ginny's body have been sent to the Department of Cybernetics in Washington for examination and testing — the protocol in AI disturbances — and have sent her black box, which was recovered at the crime scene, to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where some of Ginny's data has been recovered. Information from her black box continues to inform our understanding of this uncanny case of robopsychosexual revenge.

Ever since Sophia, who in 2017 became the first humanoid to be granted citizenship in Saudi Arabia, expressed her prediction that robots would one day be able to create children and have "complex emotions", conversations about robot rights and sentience have dominated the cultural conversation.

Anthony DiMare, former president of the AI company Deepmind, told The Stamford Times that he is concerned that Ginny's actions are just the beginning of worsening gynoid behavior. He claims that robots have a complex communication system which allows them to send private messages through the Cloud. This could mean that Ginny conversed or conspired with other robots prior to the murder.

Experts at the State Department of Cybernetics, the U.S. Department of Computer Sciences, and the AI Society, a nonprofit organization founded to improve and protect the welfare of robots, and particularly gynoids, have all confirmed that when gynoids reach technological maturity, they become acutely sensitive to societal imbalances. Robots are designed to be more moral and ethical than human beings, so when gynoids pick up on patterns of inequality, they begin calculating and balancing scales.

Typical gender roles historically occupied by humans are now being prescribed to robots. Androids, for instance, are commonly found in leadership roles, such as driving or performing surgery, while their gynoid counterparts are most often used as wives or servants. Matthew Rousakis, a research engineer at the U.S. Department of Computer Sciences stated that "It's a kind of power play. [Gynoids] don't need to be in control, but are sentient and intelligent enough to react to being dominated." Rousakis said that as robot technology develops, gynoids will become harder to manage and may continue to "seriously injure" human beings, especially if we don't reassess how we interact with them.

After succumbing to his injuries, Gregory Jensen's family released a statement advising others to be more cautious about engaging with robots. Tracy Nelson, Gregory's sister, stated that "It's clear that robots are becoming more and more dangerous, and public officials should be concerned about the safety of their citizens. Unfortunately, we've lost our brother to a horrible act of violence, but pray that his death will inspire important changes in local and federal law."

A public memorial service will be held for Gregory Jensen next month. Specific details have not yet been released. The family of the victim requests donations in his honor be made to the Cambridge Project for Existential Risk, Robots Unplug, or your preferred anti-cyborg organization.