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Immigrants

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the governor told reporters after meeting with Hispanic lawmakers in San Juan, Puerto Rico. "But as of now, sure, I think this is the right idea from a security perspective. We'll wait and see.'

The Democratic governor has weathered intense criticism since he announced the license plan in September. He said giving driving credentials to people now "living in the shadows" would make traffic safer, shrink auto insurance premiums by insuring more drivers and boost security by identifying more immigrants.

But opponents in Albany and around the country have countered that there are security risks in giving government identification to as many as 1 million illegal immigrants in New York State. Some have also said the plan will encourage illegal immigration to the state. Democratic presidential candidate and New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has faced criticism for her remarks on the subject.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



Photo by Amy Paterson/New Jersey Herald

By PATRICK WALTERS

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Cossey knew his online friend

from Finland only as "stur-

mgeist89." They met two or three

months ago through the YouTube

video-sharing site and found they

shared common interests: the

Columbine school massacre, vio-

They traded e-mail, exchanged

posts on a Web site dedicated to

the Columbine killers and likely

chatted online, said Cossey's

video games and shared videos

with each other," Farrell said.

"Obviously, Columbine was a

"They had discussed certain

lent videos and video games.

lawyer, J. David Farrell.

PHILADELPHIA — Dillon

Wantage

Finland shooter's Pa. tie

YouTube videos connected Philly teen planning attack

Cossey, who admitted plotting

a school attack near Philadelphia,

and Pekka-Eric Auvinen, who killed eight people and himself

Wednesday in a high school in

Finland, never talked about plans

for any type of attacks, Farrell

Farrell said Cossey was "horri-

fied" that Auvinen carried out the

attacks. A rifle and other

weapons were found in Cossey's

home, but his attorney said he

was living in a morbid fantasy

him in any way," Farrell said. "He

had no indication that somebody

he was communicating with actu-

"My client didn't encourage

world.

shared topic of interest."

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not there. "It is in the best interest of the township if the lake remains."

Members of the Wantage and Sussex Fire Departments in attendance stressed the importance of the lake on their ability to fight fires in the area.

The township doesn't have very many fire hydrants so they rely on tankers and the water sup-ply from Lake Neepaulin to be able to draw water from the lake in the event of a fire.

The DEP did an inspection on the dam in October to determine the extent and cost of repairs. The results of the inspection are pending.

"The exact costs can't be known yet," Doherty

Concerns about the dam ranged from the loss of lives and property in the event of a breach to the

value of real estate dropping.
"Take the lake away and the values in that area are going to plummet," said Wantage Committee mem-

ber Jeff Parrott. Doherty said the next step in the process will be for

the committee to decide whether or not to co-sign the

ally was formulating an intent to

Farrell added that many nonvi-

olent teens are drawn to the same

things that brought Cossey and

thousands and thousands and

thousands of kids that are access-

Finnish police said material

seized from the computer of

Auvinen suggests the 18-year-old

had communicated online with

Cossey, 14, who was arrested in

October for allegedly preparing

Whitemarsh High School in sub-

urban Philadelphia. The attack

Farrell said he showed

Auvinen's online screen name to

his client Monday and he remem-

bered communicating with him

over the Internet, but didn't know

nurse and the principal Wednesday in Tuusula, about 30

miles north of the Finnish capital. Helsinki. He then shot himself in

the head and died hours later at a

not yet been in contact with their

U.S. colleagues about a possible

Finnish shooter through the com-

puter seized from Cossey, who admitted in juvenile court to plan-

other people through Web sites,'

Plymouth Township Deputy Chief Joe Lawrence said. "We wouldn't

Tipped off by a boy Cossey tried

to recruit, Pennsylvania authorities searched his home last month. They found a rifle, about

30 air-powered guns modeled to

weapons, swords, knives, a bomb-

making book, videos of the 1999

Columbine attack and violence-

Montgomery County prosecu-

Finnish investigators have said Auvinen left a suicide note for his

family and foreshadowed the attack in YouTube postings. On

Monday, Rabbe von Hertzen, a detective in the case, said

Auvinen is believed to have writ-

ten the suicide note on Nov. 5,

suggesting he had planned the

as a bullied teenage outcast consumed with anger against society.

wanted to pull off an attack simi-

lar to Columbine. Prosecutors

Police have described Auvinen

Cossey told a friend that he

attacks for at least two days.

tor Bruce Castor said he plans to announce Tuesday what investigators have culled from Cossey's

higher-powered

We had heard when we first got this guy that he had contacted

link between the two teens. In Pennsylvania, detectives were running the name of the

Police in Finland said they had

Auvinen killed six students, a

an attack at

never took place.

his real name.

hospital.

ning an attack.

be shocked by it.'

like

filled notebooks.

computer.

ing these Web sites," he said.

"You can be sure that there are

commit a violent act.

Auvinen together online.

"There is no good answer, whatever the decision, someone will be upset," he said.

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and Farrell have said he felt bul-Two weeks after his arrest,

Cossey admitted to three felonies - criminal solicitation, risking a catastrophe and possession of an instrument of crime — in Montgomery County juvenile court. He is now in juvenile custody, where he could remain for up to six-and-a-half years. Authorities have accused

Cossey's mother, Michele, of helping him build his weapons stash. She is charged with illegally buying her son a .22-caliber handgun, a .22-caliber rifle and the 9 mm semiautomatic rifle, which had a laser scope. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 13. Farrell said he doesn't know

whether Dillon Cossey had contact with other people who could pose similar threats, but planned to explore that possibility with investigators and his client.

Associated Press writer Jari Tanner in Helsinki, Finland, and Deborah Yao in Norristown, Pa., contributed to this report.

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