EXAMPLES OF ALTERED PHOTOGRAPHS

The Blade began investigating after determining that a photograph from a March 30 Bluffton University baseball game had been digitally altered by a staff photographer before being submitted to editors. The inquiry found that since January of this year, former photographer Allan Detrich submitted 947 photos for publication, of which 79 had been digitally altered. Twenty-seven of the altered photos were published in the newspaper and on toledoblade.com, and an additional 31 were published only on the Web site. Another 21 altered photos submitted were not published.

Above: The original image of the Bluffton University baseball team praying before its first game on March 30 included a pair of legs beneath the No. 19 sign at far right.

Below: The legs had been digitally removed in an altered image that was submitted by the photographer and appeared in the March 31 edition of The Blade.

Left: A photo taken at the Kut-N-Up salon on Sylvania Avenue for The Blade’s Toledo 24 series contained a white cord in the upper right of the image. Right: When the photographer submitted the image, which was published on toledoblade.com on March 25, the cord had been removed.

Left: A photo taken during the Jan. 27 University of Toledo and Kent State women’s basketball game showed players reaching upward. Right: A basketball had been added to the image when the photographer submitted it to editors. The image was not selected and did not appear in the paper.