

Three Drugs found In Meade Heights

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During the seven days between Aug. 15 and Aug. 22, three PSH students were arrested, charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, evicted from their Meade Heights student housing and charged with violation of Penn State University policy.

According to criminal complaints filed with District Justice Joseph Solomon, Vincent James Grillo, 22, Craig Crisafulli, 23 and Neil Kishorlal Tilva, 22 of 937B Mars Drive were charged with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a small amount of marijuana and/or hashish and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. In addition, Tilva was charged with possession of cocaine. According to PSH investigating officer Ryan Morris, while the possession charges are misdemeanors, intent to manufacture or deliver controlled substances is a felony.

According to Penn State Harrisburg Chief of Police Kevin Stoehr, a search warrant was issued Aug. 15 following a phone call from PSH Director of Housing JoAnn Coleman.

According to Coleman, a new student had been assigned to the residence occupied by Grillo, Tilva and Crisafulli and that inspection of university housing prior



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PSH officials reported finding marijuana plants and other drugs inside this apartment at 937B Mars Drive in Meade Heights.

to move-in is routine. However, Coleman admitted that a university-issued couch had been observed on the front lawn of the residence, raising questions about the apartment's condition.

During their inspection, Coleman and Assistant Director of Housing Greg Schiavoni discovered three marijuana plants growing in a closet. Coleman noted that a bright light inside the closet caught their attention. Based on past experience, Coleman said, she expected to find a reptile tank under a heat lamp in the closet, not marijuana plants under a plant light. Coleman notified university

police of the discovery.

Stoehr reported that armed with a search warrant based on probable cause, university police accompanied by an officer of the Dauphin County Drug Task Force searched the premises and seized the plants, additional amounts of marijuana, a small amount of cocaine and assorted drug paraphernalia. According to Morris, the seized materials were sent to the Pennsylvania State Police Lab for testing after initial positive tests at the scene.

Morris subsequently swore out arrest warrants for the three students. Crisafulli and Tilva were arrested while on campus.

New Jersey resident Grillo's arrest warrant was served during his preliminary hearing on Aug. 30. Each of the students made bond of \$2,500. During the preliminary hearings held Aug. 30 for Grillo and Tilva and Sept. 5 for Crisafulli, District Justice Yanich ordered each case held for court. According to Morris, a mid-October trial date is planned.

In addition to the criminal charges, Grillo, Crisafulli and Tilva's PSH housing contracts were cancelled. According to a

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Diggin' Penn State

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Three months ago, Penn State Harrisburg implemented the first phase of a \$50 million state-funded project to upgrade systems and equipment at PSH, provide new student housing, improve facilities in the Olmsted Building and expand the Capital Union Building. The overall goal of this project, according to Ed Dankanich, director of business services at PSH, is to create a "mall concept" that will promote a more cohesive "university effect" at PSH.

In the initial phase of the project, the hill between the Capital Union Building and the bookstore was flattened.

Excavation of the hill is the first step in an electrical distribution system that will place campus electrical lines in underground ducts. Fairfield Construction is the contractor for this portion of the project. Leveling the hill also improves visibility and pedestrian access to all academic buildings via the mall. Dankanich points out that "the library can be seen from College Avenue and the Capital Union Building can be seen as you walk out of the Olmsted Building." Plans are underway for a traffic loop surrounding the campus mall area. The loop will extend Olmsted Drive to intersect with Penn

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Contractors moved tons of earth as part of the campus redesign process.