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Search continues

Burglary victim remembers being 'very scared'

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Dallas Borough Police are continuing to search for two men who held up a Back Mountain gas station attendant last Friday morning in front of the First Eastern Bank on Route 309, Dallas.

Joseph Ellsworth, 24, manager of the Atlantic service station at the intersection of Lake Road and Route 415, said he was accosted by two men as he was about to walk into the bank building and was robbed of approximately \$4,000. The men reportedly then fled across Route 309 and

up a wooded area toward Newberry Estates.

Shortly after, police interviewed John Halbing, a contractor working at the Estates, who said he saw two men near a parked car on Main Street that may have been used as a getaway car.

Ellsworth, who began working at the station exactly one year ago today, said he was not harmed in the fracas but is still bothered by the incident.

"I'm paranoid about the thing," he said on Monday, his first day back on the job since the incident. "I remember I was very scared when it happened. I just can't believe something like this could happen in such a small community in broad daylight."

Ellsworth said he was about 10 feet from the door and had the two bags of money under his jacket when two men in front of him turned around and jumped him. He said one of the bags fell to the ground, which contained about \$45 in change and bills, but the two men continued to wrestle him for the other bag.

"I guess they didn't care about the other bag that fell to the ground," Ellsworth noted. "They just kept tugging at the other one inside my jacket."

Ellsworth, who was making a deposit with revenues from Wednesday and Thursdays business, something he has done countless times before, said he was not hurt in the incident and

never experienced any trouble before either at the station or when making deposits at the bank.

Ellsworth said he has not made a deposit since last Friday's episode, but said he may take extra precautionary measures from now on.

"What some of the businesses do is call the police before they go to the bank," he said. "Then they (the police) follow that person to the bank until the deposit is made."

He also said he may consider carrying some form of protection or may also just use the bank drive-thru to make the deposits. He said he would have to discuss the matter further with the owner of the station.

Council begins its investigation into incident handling

The Dallas Borough Council began its investigation last Friday into a borough policeman's handling of an alleged underage drinking incident he responded to in November.

Borough Solicitor Atty. John Fine said the borough's police committee on Friday spoke to Dallas Township police officer Wayne Miers, who assisted Dallas Borough policeman Chris Purcell, the target of the investigation. Fine added the committee also plans to speak with Township officer Doug Lamoreaux, who also participated in the investigation.

"We wanted to talk to him (Lamoreaux) on Friday, too, but he got called out to investigate a robbery so we were not able to speak with him," Fine said.

Fine said the borough will

continue its probe this week and should have the matter cleared up by Christmas. He said the council has already spoken to Purcell and Arthur Miller, who lodged the complaint, but plans to re-interview both if they. He also said the council plans to speak with several of the students who were involved in the episode.

The investigation stems from Purcell's handling of an alleged underage drinking incident at a home owned by Miller on 84 Norton Ave., Dallas, on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Reportedly, approximately 20 Dallas High School students were in attendance, with eight of the individuals eventually being cited for a number of violations.

— JOHN HOINSKI



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Among the first

Lydia German and her husband, Carl, of Dallas were among the first shoppers at the grand opening of Insalaco's Supermarket in Dallas last Sunday. Both expressed their pleasure with the store, especially the meat department.



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Talking registers?

The scanner equipment and talking registers at the front of the new Insalaco's Supermarket in the Country Club Shopping Center, Dallas, fascinated shoppers as they checked out with their groceries. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

News you need

Library Auction campaign begins

A Christmas Dinner Dance has been planned to kick off the campaign for the 1987 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. According to Dr. John Shaskas, Chairman for the Christmas Dinner Dance, the event which is the second of its kind, will take place on Wednesday evening, December 10 at the Woodlands, in Wilkes-Barre.

The festivities of the evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an open bar. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., with a Christmas Auction and Raffle following at 8:30 p.m. The auction will feature several antiques suitable for gift giving, and the raffle prize will be provided by Hill the Florist. Music for dancing will be provided by Timmy and The Bits and Pieces, a Back Mountain, four-piece ensemble presenting hits from the 50's and 60's.

Tickets for the dinner dance are priced at \$40.00 per person, and \$75.00 a couple. They may be purchased at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, or by contacting Shaskas or the Auction General Chairman, Debbie Dinger.

Human Service grants now available

The Luzerne County Office of Human Services has announced that applications for the 1987-88 Luzerne County Human Service Development Fund grants are now available to eligible non-profit and government agencies.

The Human Service Development Fund program, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and the Luzerne County Commissioners, makes competitive grants available to agencies to provide select services to eligible clients.

Agencies interested in obtaining the applications should contact the Luzerne County Office of Human Services at 111 North Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, 826-8805.

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Shoppers 'check out' new Insalaco's

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Insalaco's Enterprises held the grand opening of its new supermarket at the new Country Club Shopping Center in Dallas on Sunday at 8 a.m. The supermarket, ninth store of the Insalaco Enterprises, features everything from a floral department to a special display of large stuffed animals.

The produce department was stocked with several hundred items, many not seen in other local stores. A soup and salad bar attracted the shoppers and the mouth-watering aroma from the on-premises bakery attested to the freshness of the variety of baked goods.

A variety of ready-to-heat party foods and the department featuring ready-to-eat hot foods and luncheon meat competed with the assortment of international cheeses in the cheese department for the attention of the shoppers.

The well-stocked meat department with its VIP counter of special cuts of meat attracted shoppers and few, if any, shoppers passed the homemade ice cream department without stopping to take home some freshly-made ice cream.

Shoppers were waiting outside the store prior to 8 a.m. and entered a few at a time at first but as time went on, the crowd grew in size.

Robert Warner of Dallas, among the earliest shoppers, had his two sons,

Brandon and Justin, with him. He had heard a lot about Insalaco markets and was anxious to visit the store. He found it very impressive, but was disappointed he could find no generic diapers for his young child at home.

Carl and Lydia German of East Dallas said they have shopped at the West Pittston store which is nice, but nearly as beautiful as the new supermarket at Dallas. "A few of the prices are a little high", said Lydia, "but they have excellent meat."

Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy was in the store with his wife. "This is much nicer than any other Insalaco Market. It's fantastic, better than any other store," he stated.

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Our kids not like other kids

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Although national statistics indicate that today's child is more interested in war games and toys that pretend to destroy human nature, the children of the Back Mountain are proving the national figures don't hold true here.

Although Lazer Tag seems to be the most requested item on Back Mountain children's Christmas lists this year, the old standbys of Barbie and G.I. Joe are not far behind.

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War-like games fill shelves

Shelves in any toy store these days are filled with war-like games such as "Raven," "Stinger," "Mask," and "Slingshot." Back Mountain youths have gone against the national norm, however, and are not making war-like games and toys their priorities for Christmas gifts.