

Operator of boat in accident faces several charges

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The operator of a boat which ran over the top of another boat September 1 has been charged, according to Kerry Messerle, Region Manager of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

Daniel Cochran, 23, of Dallas, has been charged with a third degree misdemeanor count of reckless and negligent operation of a watercraft, a first degree summary charge of reckless or negligent operation of a watercraft, and four third degree summary charges: failure to stop render assistance and identify himself, failure to maintain proper lookout, failure to operate at a safe speed, and operating at greater than minimum wake swell within 100 feet of docks.

The charges have been filed with District Justice Earl Gregory of Shavertown.

Water Conservation Officer Sally Corl, a certified boating accident

investigator, is the investigating officer.

Cochran was allegedly the operator of a speedboat carrying three passengers, when it rammed the rear of a slower boat and jumped over it, landing in the water at the front of the other boat.

After the collision, Cochran allegedly docked his boat and ran off. He was accompanied by his lawyer when he turned himself in to Harveys Lake police September 2.

Cochran's three passengers were treated and released from area hospitals.

Bill Sickler, the operator of the boat which was run over, was also treated and released along with his three passengers.

The penalty for the third degree misdemeanor is a fine of \$250 to \$5,000 or 90 days in jail, or both. For the first degree summary the penalty is a \$100 fine or 90 days in jail or both. The penalties for the summary charges are \$25 fines.

Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from September 4, 1991 to September 16, 1991. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transfers such as those between family members, are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

Estate Mildred Rittenhouse to Allen Moss, RR 1, Box 1163, Sweet Valley, property 2 2/10 acres, Lehman Twp., \$7,000.

T/A Young Investors Club to Brdaric Excavating Inc., 913 Miller St., Luzerne, property Kingston Twp., \$1,600.

Joseph W. Borkowski to Patricia Romonoski, RR 2, Box 250B, Hunlock Creek, property L103, 104, 105, Lake Rest, Nanticoke Dr., Lehman Twp., \$2,400.

Margaret Walkonis to David Merrick, Box 151, Hunlock Creek, property L10 thru 13, 1/2 L14, Lyons Park, Ross Twp., \$159,000.

Estate Joseph Borkowski to Ronald Perlis, RD 2, Box 260-E, Hunlock Creek, property 1. Berk St., 2. Lakeside Dr., Lehman Twp. Carol Joyce Vrhel to John G. Frank, Box 337-A, RD 1, Harveys Lake, property L 19, 0.46 ac., W. Hemlock Dr., Harveys Lake, \$10,000.

Myrtis D. Funke to Henry J. Funke, RD 1, Box 103A, Sugarloaf, property L10, Warden Ave., Harveys Lake Boro, \$100.

Stephen R. Hudak to Vincent S. Spaitis, RD 1, Box 391A, First St., Harveys Lake, property L52, East Ave., Harveys Lake Boro, \$47,775.

Michael S. Garr to Lynn M. McLaughlin, 111 Church St., Dallas, property L7, Dallas Twp., \$72,000.

Randy Schoonover to Thomas McHutchinson, RD 6, Box 66A, Dallas, property Roushey St., Dallas Twp., \$62,500.

Raymond H. Whelan to Thomas T. Hodle, 815 Kennedy Blvd., Manville, NJ, property L15, Bk 13, Lehman Twp., \$49,000.

Woodrich Associates to Donald J. Savage, 280 Lantern Hill Rd., Shavertown, property 0.387 ac., Lantern Hill Rd., Kingston Twp., \$4,500.

Anthony J. Maruca to Mark D. Whitebread, RR 1, Box 59, Shickshinny, property Ross Twp., \$132,000.

Scott E. Henry to Raymond H. Whelan, 57 Rocky Point Rd., Middle Island, NY, property 2 parcels, Lehman Twp., \$100,000.

Andrew Senio to Allen L. Laidacker, RR 2, Box 173, Hunlock Creek, property 1.51 ac., Lehman Twp., \$3,684.

Thomas A. Olaviany to Thomas A. Olaviany, 38 Linda Dr., Larksville, property 1) 5.052 ac., 2) 3.051 ac., Bronson Rd., Lake Twp. Ralph D. Jones to Marion D. Jones, c/o Morton Industrial Supply, 138 W. Union St., Kingston, property White Birch Lane, Dallas Twp.

Helen J. Johnson to Samuel D. Johnson, PO Box 5, Shawanese, property Harveys Lake, Lake Twp. Fred F. Dodson to John F. Dodson, Box 301A, RD 1, Dallas, property Dallas Twp.

Estate Ella F. Brace to Wm. A. Brace, RD 1, Box 180, Dallas, property 65 acres, Dallas Twp. JRH Inc. to Anthony G. Maruca, 4 Idlewood Dr., Dallas, property Idlewood Dr., Dallas Twp., \$24,500.

Anna Bebey to Leslie D. Hoover, Troxell Switch Rd., Lake Twp., property 2 parcels, Lake Twp., \$114,500.

Wm. R. Ide to J. Elliott Ide, RD 4, Box 534B, Dallas, property 1.26 ac., 42nd St., Lehman Twp., \$5,000.

Anthony Garbush to Richard D. Glass, Lot 73, Meadowcrest Manor, Jackson Twp., property Oak Dr., Jackson Twp., \$23,500.

Selma Siegel to Harry F. Goeringer, 416 Orchard West, Dallas, property 5 parcels, Dallas Boro, \$152,000.

David R. Moser to Harry F. Goeringer II, 127 Church St., Dallas, property Church St., Dallas Twp., \$108,000.

Charles S. Gelson to Aldo Francioni Jr., 39 Genoa Lane, Shavertown, property 0.293 ac., Cedar Lane Phase II, Kingston Twp., \$13,100.

Mark J. Thibodeau to David Moser, 127 Church St., Dallas, property 2 parcels, Kingston Twp., \$44,000.

Arthur Raymond Miller Jr., to Richard C. Giuntli, 84 Norton Ave., Dallas, property 2 parcels, Norton Ave., Dallas Boro, \$129,750.

Comm Center may move

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The Back Mountain Communications Center Board is planning to move the Communications Center from the Dallas Township Municipal Building to an unused garage area at Nesbitt Hospital's Medical Center on Route 118 in Lehman Township.

The reason for the move, according to Kingston Township Police Chief and Communications Board Chairman Paul Sabol, is the lack of space in the Dallas Township building.

Sabol said that the possibility of moving is still in the planning stages. No contract has been made, and a date has not been set for the move.

In preliminary discussions at

the Communications Center Board meeting on September 10, the Medical Center said it would not charge any rent, and would remodel the area used by the Communications Center.

The Communications Center would be responsible for utilities and wiring the area. The Communications Center is also investigating the cost of a tower to put radio antennas on, and a natural gas back-up generator.

The board also discussed the difficulty of finding homes without house numbers during an emergency and encouraged residents to put up numbers.

"There's a sign in by the Kingston Borough Building that says 'If we can't find you, we can't help you,'" said Sabol.

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an R-1 area."

Bob Bayer, chairman of the zoning board, said that his board went by the book and their decision was that the five men living in the home comprise a family.

Robert Frey, who lives across from the group home agrees with the supervisors.

"The Institute for Human Resources receives money and board to operate the home which makes it a business. Robert Kotsul, manager of Human Resources, should have gone before the board and asked for a variance before putting the people in the house instead of moving them in without permission," Frey said last week.

"Ordinances are enacted to control the various areas such as residential and other zoning. What good are they if people ignore them."

"The people living in the area of Church Street have nothing against the men. They do believe if one business is allowed to open in the R-1 area what is to stop other individuals from doing the same thing," said Frey.

A next door neighbor who asked to remain anonymous said the men living there are no problem at all but she hates to think it might open the door to other businesses moving in.

Wagner said the supervisors will

file an appeal in the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days. "We believe it is a business and we believe we have to appeal the decision made last Tuesday (Sept. 17)," he said.

In other business, Nick Desiderio was granted a side yard variance at the property formerly Hughy-O's. Desiderio stated that he is going to operate a pizza shop at the location.

College Misericordia officials asked for a variance for parking for a proposed new athletic complex. The board refused the request until the more spaces are included in the plan.

Residents of College Manorm, which is across from the proposed parking, told the board that the parking area was too close to their property and when the people come out of games as late as 11:00 p.m. they are noisy.

The planning board approved Gary Bennett of Kunkle's petition for a two-lot subdivision.

The board also approved a three-lot subdivision on property owned by William Hoerner on Kunkle's Alderson Road. The members also approved a petition by William Rehring of Kingswood Drive to straighten out an offset on his lot which will square the property.

Police report

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP TWO CAR ACCIDENT

Officer Charles Rauschkolb was dispatched to an accident on Sept. 18 at the intersection of South Pioneer Avenue and Route 309 where Melissa A. Meade, RD 2, Harveys Lake, driving a 1983 Plymouth said she was stopped at the stop sign when she was struck on the rear bumper by a car driven by Pruben Patel, Shavertown. Patel was taken to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

JUVENILES CHARGED

Two juveniles were arrested for disorderly conduct, Sept. 15, the first for damaging a handrail at the Kingston Township building, and the second one for riding a motorcycle at Echo Valley and Center Street creating a hazard and making unnecessary noise.

TOOLS STOLEN FROM PICKUP TRUCK

Mark Grundowski reported Sept. 14, that while he was parked at the Candlelight between 11 and 12 p.m. someone entered his pickup truck and took miscellaneous carpentry tools. The victim said his truck was parked in the rear of the premises near a rear kitchen door and that his truck had a cap on the bed and the rear tailgate was locked. The tools were valued at \$1500.

THROWN BOTTLE BREAKS WINDOW

Elizabeth Heist, West Eighth Street, reported Sept. 4 that someone threw a bottle through a front window of her home from a car on Eighth Street, breaking the window and a lamp. She told police the car was a dark-colored Jeep Cherokee with at least two individuals occupying it.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP VCR STOLEN

Mrs. Albert Bellas, Ransom Road, Dallas, reported that sometime between Sept. 13 and 19 someone smashed a window in their rear door leading to the den in their home and unlocked the door. When the Bellas' returned

home from vacation they discovered the house had been entered and a VCR taken.

DALLAS BOROUGH DRIVER SHOWS PHONY LICENSE

Dallas Officer James J. Drury charged Thomas Lee Campbell, RD 2, Hunlock Creek with unsworn falsification when Campbell was stopped for a traffic violation and submitted to the officer a traffic citation knowing it to be forged. He also gave a false name and date of birth, and his license was suspended related to driving under the influence. He was cited by the officer for driving on traffic islands, driving the wrong way on a one-way road while license was suspended and operating without an official inspection sticker. Campbell was stopped Sept. 12 while traveling the wrong direction on Mill Street, Dallas.

CAR STOLEN, LATER RECOVERED

Anna Wildes, 119 Lehman Ave., Dallas, reported to police Sept. 14 that her 1981 Volkswagen was stolen from her property. Later the car was found by police sitting in the middle of Crescent Lane with the doors open.

VANDALS STRIKE

Donald and Karen Berlew, Sept. 14, told police that someone opened their garage, took paint and threw it over their car, a 1986 Plymouth parked on Crescent Lane. Other incidents that occurred between August 31 and Sept. 9 were cleared by the confessions of two juveniles who have been petitioned to juvenile court.

MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALLS REPORTED

James Davis, Davenport Street, Dallas, reported to police that he has received numerous calls on his business line where someone calls and lets the phone ring once, then hangs up and calls right back doing the same thing. Police advised Davis to call Commonwealth Telephone and have a tap put on his business line.

Police to hold baton certification class

The Back Mountain Police Association will sponsor a side-handled baton certification class on October 10.

The four-hour class will follow the association's regular meeting at 6 p.m.

The course is free to members, and \$30 for non-members.

The instructor will be David Burman of the Defence Tactics Institute.

For reservations, call any Back Mountain Police Officer.

HL Police warn sign slanderers

Harveys Lake Chief of Police Lionel Bulford warns that anyone caught putting up signs slandered others will be prosecuted to the

limit.

Chief Bulford has recently removed several slanderous signs from public places in the borough.



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