

Police report

Kingston Twp.

VEHICLE FLIPS

Andrew Bushkar, 77, of 7th Street, Wyoming was taken to General Hospital for treatment after his Jeep Cherokee flipped over onto its side January 20, police said.

Bushkar was driving north on 8th Street at about 11:15 a.m. when he said that he saw a snow plow truck backing out of the Somerfield Estates Entrance. Bushkar said that he did not think the truck was going to stop, but he passed it and the next thing he remembers was he lost control of the vehicle.

A witness behind Bushkar said that the plow truck was clearly not in the northbound lane, and was only a little bit in the southbound lane of 8th Street. The witness said that Bushkar's Cherokee went of the right side of the road, and started to slide on slush. When Bushkar tried to countersteer, the Cherokee spun around 180 degrees, and flipped onto its side.

Investigating officer William Norris of Dallas Borough determined that the truck was not responsible for the accident by taking measurements.

MAN HURT WHILE PUSHING CAR

A Shavertown man was injured while attempting to push his car from the side of the road January 20, police said.

Thomas N. Kreidler, 61, of Division Street, Shavertown, was pushing his car off of the southbound side of Mount Olivet Road at about 3:30 p.m. when his car was struck by another vehicle, police said. Kreidler's car broke down after sliding into a ditch.

The police report said that John Corcoran, 19, of South Main Street, Plains, was driving south and slide into Kreidler's car after applying his brakes. The collision threw Kreidler to the ground, where he was struck by his car. A witness helping Kreidler move his car was unhurt. Kreidler was taken to Nesbitt Hospital for treatment.

JUVENILES ARRESTED FOR STEALING QUADS

Two juveniles have been arrested for stealing two Suzuki quad motorcycles from Joan Cohen of 105 Church Road on January 24, police said.

Both quads have been recovered. Investigating officer was Ptl. Robert Weiss.

CITED FOR DRIVING TOO FAST

Francis M. Yakowski, of RD3 Wyoming, was cited for not driving at a safe speed after he lost control of his car on Carverton Road near Somerfield Road January 24, police said.

At about 10:54 p.m., Yakowski was driving east on Carverton Road and lost control of his car on an icy bridge. The car spun out of control and hit the guardrail on the west-bound side of the road, police said.

Yakowski refused medical treatment. Investigating officer was Ptl. Charles Rauschkolb.

BEDDING STOLEN FROM LAUNDROMAT

Bedding items belonging to Beth Ann Deangello of Downey Street, Dallas were reported stolen from the Back Mountain Laundromat at the Back Mountain Shopping Center on January 25, police said.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Robert Weiss.



Boat Derby winners

These members of Cub Scout Pack 281 won trophies in their divisions and in overall scores at the pack's annual boat Derby Friday, January 17, at Dallas Middle School: front row, from left: Ryan Morgan, Ryan Strbedney, Eric Kowalek, Dave Werts, Dave May, Colin Liput, Paul Mizenko, John Cyprih, Paul Hiller and Nick Zimniski; back row from left: T. C. Harding, Bryan Whalen, Shawn Whalen, Chris Smith, Aaron Stedney, Dave Neiman, John Viada, Dave Kowelek, Mike Baye, Brian Miller and Rich Samen. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Dallas Borough

CHARGED WITH POSSESSING DRUG PARAPHENALIA

According to Dallas Borough police, Martin Louis Kaye, 33, of Midland Drive, Dallas, was arrested Sunday, January 19, and charged before District Magistrate Earl Gregory with two misdemeanors: possession of illegal drug paraphenalia and possession of an instrument of crime. The charges stemmed from an incident in which Kay was observed operating his Datsun pickup truck on Route 309 in an erratic manner and without headlights at night. Police found a metal drug bowl (pipe) in his vehicle and an Oriental knife concealed on Kaye's person, according to the report. Kaye was also cited for operating a motor vehicle without headlights in the dark. Dallas Borough Patrolman James Martin, assisted by Dallas Township Patrolman Wayman Miers, investigated the incident.

POLICE INVESTIGATE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

According to Dallas Borough police, Cherise Lynn Valanski, 18, of RR 2 Dallas, reported that someone slashed the rear passenger's side tire on her 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier while it was parked at Back Mountain Bowling Thursday, January 23. The tire's value is estimated at \$120.

Dallas Borough Patrolman James Martin investigated the incident.

REAR-END ACCIDENT ON ROUTE 309

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1979 Plymouth Horizon operated by Mary Ann Meeker, 52, of RR 4 Dallas was involved in a rear-end accident with a 1981 Chevrolet Monte Carlo operated by Ann Marie Wilson, 21, of P.O. Box 12, Noxen, Friday afternoon, January 17. Police said that the Meeker vehicle, which had been traveling north on Route 309, had stopped with its turn signal on, waiting to turn left into the parking lot of Rite-Aid Pharmacy, when the Wilson vehicle struck its rear end. Wilson was cited for careless driving, police said. The Meeker vehicle was towed from the scene.

Dallas Borough Patrolman Mike Krzywicki investigated the accident.

PITSTON RESIDENT ARRESTED FOR THEFT

According to Dallas Borough police, John W. Popish, 19, of Pittston was arrested Thursday, January 23 and charged before District Magistrate Earl Gregory with retail theft. Police said that Popish removed a bottle of Tylenol from a Dallas business without paying for it; he was caught by the merchant's security camera. Popish was also cited for operating his vehicle with a forged inspection sticker.

Dallas Borough Patrolman James Martin investigated the incident.

WOMAN CITED AFTER CAR RUNS OFF ROAD

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1987 Honda sedan operated by Heather Mary Collins, 16, of Garbutt Ave., Dallas and owned by Margaret Edith Collins of the same address, was involved in a one-vehicle accident Saturday night, January 18, shortly before midnight. Police said the Collins vehicle was traveling south on Franklin St. at a high rate of speed when the driver lost control after nearly hitting a police cruiser head-on. The Collins vehicle left the roadway, hit a chain link fence and came to rest in the parking lot of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, police said. Collins was cited for driving at an unsafe speed.

Dallas Borough Patrolman James Martin investigated the accident.

CHARGED WITH D.U.I.

According to Dallas Borough police, Alfred Jerome Koziel, 32, of RR 6 Dallas was arrested Monday, January 20, and charged before District Magistrate Earl Gregory with D.U.I., based upon the results of a field sobriety test, a portable breath test and a blood test done at Wilkes Barre General Hospital, which indicated that Koziel's BAC level was .27%. Koziel was also cited for two motor vehicle code violations: driving at an unsafe speed and driving with an expired operator's license.

Dallas Borough Patrolman James Martin investigated the incident.

Harveys Lake

ARRESTED FOR 1990 BURGLARY

Andrew Reed, 19, of Parkview Circle, Wilkes-Barre, was charged with burglary, criminal trespass, criminal conspiracy, theft by unlawful taking, and receiving stolen property on January 15, police said.

Police said Reed and a juvenile accomplice entered the cottage of William and Catherine Price in September of 1990. Among the items taken were two stereo speakers, a compact disc player, a video cassette recorder, 40 compact discs, a compound bow, and a BB gun.

DUI CHARGES

Stephen Francis Roesky, 31, of Laurel Street, Plains, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol January 1, police said.

Police said Roesky was observed driving south on Route 415 in an erratic manner at about 10:20 p.m., and that it took about half a mile to pull him over. A breath test showed that Roesky had a .322 percent blood alcohol level, above the .10 percent which is defined as legally drunk, police said.

Roesky was also cited for careless driving and driving without insurance on the vehicle, according to police.

Investigating officer is Assistant Police Chief Ronald Spock.

William Byron Evans III, of Second Street, Kingston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol December 24, police said.

At about 2:25 a.m. Ptl. Wade Curtis was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident where he found Evans' car with heavy front end damage.

A blood test showed Evans to have a .17% blood alcohol level, police said. Evans was also cited for driving on the left side of the road, not driving at a safe speed, and underage drinking.

Paul Andra Weber, 32, of RD3 Wyoming, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol January 3 at 1:45 a.m. after he was observed weaving back and forth while driving. A breath test showed Weber's blood alcohol level to be .192%, police said.

Investigating officer was Ptl. Wade Curtis.

BURGLARY ARREST

Leo Daniel Edwards Jr., 18, with no known address, was charged with burglary, criminal trespass, and theft by unlawful taking, po-

lice said.

According to police, Edwards was observed leaving the home of his step-mother, Susan Rose Edwards, on January 13, which he was told not to enter. Missing from the home was \$1,000 worth of items, including a pair of gold earrings, a gold chain, a pair of blue jeans, a bottle of vodka, an Eagles tape, and a gold ring with a diamond cluster, police said.

The diamond ring was recovered, police said. Investigating officer was Assistant Chief Ronald Spock.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Michael Casselbury, 24, of RD1 Meshoppen, was charged with theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property on January 21, police said.

Investigating officer was Assistant Chief Ronald Spock.

Wetlands

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terrain and a violation," commented Mark Carmon of DER's regional office.

Graham had also complained that Commonwealth had lengthened a drainage ditch to drain water from the wetland through a culvert into a ponding area across Route 309 behind the company's office.

According to Irwin Garskof, a biologist for the Baltimore District of the Army Corps of Engineers, the drainage ditch has existed since at least 1979. "We have infra-red aerial photographs which clearly show the ditch extending from the back of the wetland to the culvert underneath the highway. There is also a second ditch running from an area of standing water to the pond," he said.

Garskof's office uses infra-red photographs because they are more accurate. Water and plant growth reflect light differently, making it easier to spot the water, he explained.

Garskof also said that inspectors had dug into the ground alongside the drainage ditch at the end by the culvert and found that there had been no recent disturbance to the plants' roots or the soil.

Pat Amendola, of Commonwealth's public relations department, said that the utility had not been aware that they were technically altering the contour of the wetland by filling in their equipment's ruts. The utility has been following the advice of Russell James of EcoScience, their environmental consultants, she said. Amendola also said that Commonwealth will apply for wetlands permits.

But Graham still feels that some of his questions have not been answered. "The pond behind Commonwealth's Route 309 office was constructed in April, 1991," he said. "Was it on a wetland? If so, why didn't they get a permit? And were any wetlands filled in to build the new data processing building?"

Graham noted that in April, 1991 the utility dumped an eight-foot layer of fill on a 7,000 square-foot area of its property adjacent to his, and later had to remove it. "This isn't their first violation," he concluded.



WETLANDS CHECK - Representatives of Commonwealth Telephone, DER, the Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District and EcoScience inspected a parcel of land on Route 309 January 23 in order to investigate alleged wetlands violations. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

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