

Police Reports

Dallas Borough

REAR-END ACCIDENT AT DALLAS CORNERS

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1992 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer operated by Elizabeth Lynne Quick, 40, of Plains and a 1981 Cadillac operated by Tamara Rilke, 24, of Wilkes-Barre, were involved in a rear-end accident Sunday, November 1, shortly before 10 a.m. at Dallas Corners. Police said that the Quick vehicle was stopped in the northbound lane of Route 415 at the red light, when the Rilke vehicle collided with its rear end. Ms. Rilke was cited for careless driving, police said.

Patrolman Michael Krzywicki investigated the accident.

REAR-END ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1979 Chrysler Cordoba operated by Marie R. Johnstone, 38, of RR 2 Dallas and a 1986 Mercedes-Benz operated by Michele Magli Fagula, 36, of Shrine Acres, Dallas, were involved in a rear-end accident Wednesday, October 28, shortly after 2 p.m. on Main Street at the intersection with Route 309. Police said that the Fagula vehicle was stopped in the southbound lane of Main Street at the stop sign at the Route 309 intersection when the Johnstone vehicle struck its rear end.

Patrolman James Drury investigated the accident.

REAR-END ACCIDENT ON ROUTE 415

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1985 Chevrolet Camaro operated by Arlene F. Bankovich, 50, of Dallas, and a 1986 Toyota Celica operated by Elizabeth A. Bryant, 29, of Lehman, were involved in a rear-end accident Thursday, October 28, at 9 a.m. on Route 415 at the intersection with Machel Ave. Police said that the Bankovich vehicle was stopped in a line of traffic in the southbound lane of Route 415 when the Bryant vehicle collided with its rear end.

Patrolman William Norris investigated the accident.

POLICE APPREHEND PAROLE VIOLATOR

According to Dallas Borough police, Jason Bealla, 20, of Dallas, was arrested Thursday, October 29, for violating his parole. He was also charged with criminal trespass, theft and receiving stolen property in several incidents, in which he is accused of stealing a 1989 Ford F-150 from a garage at Newberry Estates, removing two VCR's from Back Mountain residences and attempting to sell them to a Wilkes-Barre flea market dealer and removing a flashlight, key ring and car keys from the garage of a Dallas residence. Police said that Bealla had been camping

out in the woods on a property at RR 4 Dallas. Bealla is currently in custody at the Luzerne County Prison, police said.

Patrolman James Martin investigated the incident.

VANDALISM AT DALLAS CAR WASH

According to Dallas Borough police, a vacuum cleaner hose was reported removed from a vacuum cleaner at the Dallas Car Wash Saturday, October 31. Vandals apparently placed it inside a large metal garbage can and set it on fire, according to the report.

Patrolman Mike Krzywicki investigated the incident.

CAR'S CONVERTIBLE TOP SLASHED

According to Dallas Borough police, Richard Carl Andrews of Wyoming reported that the convertible top on his 1989 Chevrolet Camaro was slashed Saturday, October 31, while it was parked at the Dallas Village Shopping Center. Its value is estimated at \$1,200, according to the report.

Dallas Township

SAXOPHONE STOLEN FROM BUS STOP

According to Dallas Township police, Mrs. Kathy Morgan of Fox Hollow, Dallas, reported that her child's saxophone, valued at \$800, was removed from its case after it had been accidentally left at a school bus stop.

Patrolman John Appel, Jr., investigated the incident.

Kingston Twp

TWO CAR ACCIDENT ON ROUTE 309

According to Kingston Township Police, light damage was sustained to a 1981 Datsun wagon driven by Edward Byczek of Trucksville and moderate damage was sustained to a 1988 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Lynn Ashworth of Shavertown in a collision on October 30.

Officer Mike Moravec reported that Ashworth was traveling north on Route 309 when he came to a red light at the intersection of 309 and Carverton Road. The police report that Byczek exited Carverton Road and turned onto South 309 at the same time Ashworth was crossing the intersection from Church Street to Carverton Road. Both vehicles collided in the center of the northbound lanes along Route 309 according to the police. Kingston Township Police report that although Byczek complained of chest pains and an ambulance was called, he declined treatment.

School

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"We began our efforts after the accident occurred by talking to the eleven students on the bus and contacting the parents and explaining the situation to them," Dallas Assistant Superintendent Gil Griffiths said. Superintendent Gerald Wycallis spoke to the Brown family and offered the same assistance, Griffiths said.

"Members of the student assistance team and children's services, as well as counselors from First Hospital met at 7 a.m. on November 2 to coordinate our efforts in dealing with the accident," school district counselor Jack Wolensky said.

Wolensky said that the district has four additional counselors in addition to a team from the Children Services Center. Griffiths said that while the initial concern was with the children on the bus, the district is making counselors available to anybody who needs help.

"We are willing to help anyone involved with the accident from the parents of the other students to the bus driver," Griffiths said.

"The doors are open for students who want to talk to someone and we have one staff member who is going through the classes today in order to answer any questions," Griffiths said.

Dallas Middle School Principal Tony Martinelli said that the school will continue to monitor the students' feelings over the next week and the counseling team will remain on standby if there is a problem.

"The counselors from First Hospital and Children's Service Center can be at the Middle School within 15 minutes should there be a need for them," Martinelli said.

Wolensky added that a counselor has spoken to Brown's class section to explain what happened and answer any questions which students may have. In addition, a staff member is speaking to every class in order to answer questions, Griffiths said.

The response to the accident is the result of the school district's crisis management program which keeps them ready for this type of situation, Griffiths said. Wolensky said that it is the district's Support for Teens at Risk (STAR) program that has coordinated the efforts with the counselors.

"The STAR team met with the representatives from First Hospital and Children's Services in order to plan everything out," Wolensky said.



MITCHELL BROWN

A program was held on November 3 so that parents and students could have an opportunity to discuss the accident Wolensky said.

The school district decided to hold the program after Martinelli received questions from parents and students concerning the accident, Griffiths said.

"Counselors were available and the evening was planned in order to give everybody a chance to discuss the grieving process," Wolensky said.

Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol, who arrived at the accident minutes after it occurred, said that while his officers have not requested help, it is available to them. He added that the school district has been helpful in assisting police in the accident.

"The accident is under investigation and we still have to interview a few more people; however, charges will probably not be filed against the bus driver," Sabol said.

Brown was killed at about 3 p.m. October 30 when the school bus he had exited ran over him near the intersection of Pioneer Avenue and Wellington Drive. Several classmates and the boy's mother were nearby at the time of the accident.

Griffiths said that bus safety is stressed by the school district in the student handbook. Transportation coordinator Susan Farr said that a flyer is sent home to all students stressing the 10 foot danger zone around the bus.

Young woman critical after one-car accident

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

According to Jackson Township police, Jennifer Ragukonis, 17, of RR 4 Dallas, was life-flighted to Community Medical Center in Scranton after being seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident Friday, October 30, in Jackson Township.

Police said that the car in which Ms. Ragukonis was a passenger, a 1992 Dodge Stealth operated by Mark Mehlochick, 21, of RR 1 Dallas, was traveling east on Huntsville Road at a high rate of speed when it swerved to miss an oncoming truck and ran into a stand of trees.

"This was a very serious accident. Ms. Ragukonis' seat belt saved her life," said Jackson Township Assistant Police Chief Jerry Leedock, the investigating officer.

Ms. Ragukonis is listed in critical condition in C.M.C.'s trauma unit, where she was transported by Geisinger Hospital's Life Flight helicopter, according to a hospital spokesman.

Mehlochick was transported by the Dallas Ambulance to Wilkes Barre General Hospital, where he was treated and released, police said.

His car sustained severe damage and was towed from the scene.

The Pennsylvania State police, the District Attorney's office, police from Larksville, Dallas and Kingston Township, the Larksville ambulance, Medic-1, Kingston Township Rescue Unit and Geisinger Hospital's Life-Flight assisted Jackson Township police at the scene, Leedock said.

Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from October 20, 1992 to October 27, 1992. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid.

Robert D. Kreidler to Douglas J. Belford, RR 3, Box 149, Hunlock Creek, property 1.00 ac., Lehman Twp.

Robert LaFrance to Christopher G. Cave, 29 E. Center St., Shavertown, property E. Center St., Kingston Township, \$82,000.

Leo J. Rutkowski to Christopher Giza, 24 Huyler Ave., Dallas, property Huyler Ave., Dallas Boro. Harry Salavanti, to Robert A. Kester, 562 N. Gates Ave., Kingston, property Field Ridge Dr., Kingston Twp., \$38,000.

Peggy L. D'lorio to Henry R. Bartos, RD 3, Box 236, Dallas, property LR40074, Franklin Twp., \$105,000.

Anthony Menkavitch to John J. Durr, 21 Dorchester Ave., Dallas,

property Bywood Ave., Harveys Lake, \$14,000.

Leland J. Sorbers to Andrew R. Chachan, 140 Noxen Rd., Harveys Lake, property L1, Laurel Rest Bldg. Plot, Harveys Lake, \$79,000.

Per Atty. in fact Katherine Gabel to Charles Dwayne Nafus, 1935 Chase Rd., Jackson Twp., property LR40059, 1.147 ac., Jackson Twp., \$65,000.

Frank N. Massara to Jerome H. Rosenstein, RR 3, Box 133, Wyoming, property LR 40122, Franklin Twp., \$175,000.

Michael J. Nugent to Mark A. Robbins, 73 Davis St., Shavertown, property Davis Ave., Kingston Twp., \$94,000.


Donald R.A. Schaap to Robert D. Voytko, 186 Butternut Rd., Shavertown, property Butternut Rd., Kingston Twp., \$96,000.

Michael Development Inc., to Rosemary Massara, 8 Richard Dr., Dallas, property Bluff Pointe, Dallas Twp., \$86,000.

Career program at Shavertown UMC

Youth Ministry of the Shavertown United Methodist Church will sponsor a Careers Program for senior high students and for young adults on two consecutive Sunday evenings, November 8 and 15 at 7 p.m.

Members of the church as well as the public are invited to attend. Sessions will be held in the church lounge. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Avenue.



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