



HARD TO HANDLE - Lake Township police chief John Masloski donned protective gloves while handling Noxen resident Edward Engelman, charged with assaulting Masloski and Jackson Township police chief Jerry Leedock after trying while Masloski was fingerprinting him.

Bribery charge will go to court

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - When Ralph Greco and a friend offered \$500 to a Dallas patrolman to drop a DUI charge, they thought he wouldn't refuse it.

Patrolman William Norris did, and arrested Greco and James Barto for conspiracy to commit bribery and bribery of a public official.

Greco waived his right to a preliminary hearing on both charges June 9 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

An additional charge of driving under a suspended license was dropped when police learned Greco had an occupational license which allows him to drive to and from work.

The bribery charges stemmed from his arrest March 24, when Norris arrested Greco for driving while under the influence (DUI).

Greco's friend, Mike Barto, allegedly tried to get Norris and



BOUND OVER TO COURT - Ralph Greco, accompanied by his attorney, Gifford Cappellini, foreground, will stand trial for bribery of a public official and conspiracy to commit bribery after his preliminary hearing June 9.

police chief Jack Fowler to drop the DUI charges by offering Norris \$500, taking candy to Fowler's mother and telling the officers "money is no object."

Barto was bound over to Luzerne County court after a preliminary hearing May 10.

Both charges are felonies,

punishable by a jail sentence of up to seven years and a \$15,000 maximum fine, Tupper said.

Represented by Gifford Cappellini, Greco didn't apply for accelerated rehabilitation (ARD) because of the gravity of the charges against him.

Man fights cops in escape try

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP - Criminal charges against a Noxen man went from bad to worse after he attacked two police officers last Thursday.

While being fingerprinted before a preliminary hearing on an assault charge that stemmed from a domestic dispute, Edward Engelman punched and scuffled with two police officers, tried to escape from them and now faces felony charges.

According to Jackson Township assistant chief Jerry Leedock, Lake Township chief John Masloski was using his station to fingerprint Engelman before taking him for a preliminary hearing before District magistrate James Tupper.

"Masloski had removed Engelman's handcuffs and was fingerprinting him in the other room, when I heard Masloski yell," Leedock said. "When I looked in, Masloski was lying on the floor and Engelman was on his way out the door."

Engelman ran towards the woods behind the police station, where Leedock tackled him. As he doubled back toward Huntsville Road after punching Leedock in the chest, Masloski sprayed Engelman with pepper Mace.

"He got a face full of the stuff and it didn't affect him at all," Leedock said.

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Jerry Leedock
Jackson Twp. ass't police chief

Both officers caught Engelman near the road and struggled with him, tumbling onto the roadway as traffic drove past, Leedock said.

"He said he didn't want to live and he wanted us to shoot him," Leedock added.

It took three officers - Masloski, Lehman Township patrolman Sev Newberry and Dallas Borough police chief Jack Fowler - to get a handcuffed and shackled Engelman into the cruiser, Masloski said.

Leedock had called Fowler and Newberry on the radio for assistance.

Masloski, Newberry and Leedock were treated by the Jackson Township ambulance for exposure to the pepper Mace. Engelman refused treatment, Leedock said.

Engelman was arraigned before Tupper on two counts of simple assault, two felony counts of aggravated assault, two misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment, two counts of escape and two counts of resisting arrest.

"They had to arraign him outside in the parking lot because he was covered with pepper Mace and smelled real strong," Leedock said.

Engelman's preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 15 at 10 a.m.

Property transfers

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of May 26 - June 1:

Anna Daron Estate to Norman Sallitt, Grandview Ave., Dallas Twp., \$118,000.

Samuel T. Cramer, et ux, to Antoinette M. Kutchka, Rose Manor, Dallas Twp., \$38,000.

Sharyn West to Francis H. Holena, et ux, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$10,000.

James R. Dwyer, et ux, to Steven J. Martin, et ux, Lot 58 Sc. A Pine Valley, Hunlock Twp., \$86,000.

Ruckno Associates Inc. to Theodore F. Blazick, Jr., et al, 1.49 acres Indian Rock, Jackson

Twp., \$22,000.

Ruckno Associates Inc. to Theodore F. Blazick, Jr., et al, 1.28 acres Indian Rock, \$22,000.

Ruby Spencer to Douglas Jennings, et ux, Manor Drive, Kingston Twp., \$200.

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