

# Burglar torches AAA Travel safe, takes \$44,000, is caught

According to Dallas Borough police, Michael Trinajstic, 20, of North Plainfield, NJ, was arrested October 2 and charged with the felonies of burglary, criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking after admitting to police that he had stolen \$44,068 in traveler's checks.

He stuffed \$44,068 in cash, traveler's checks and tickets from the safe into a brown paper bag and fled the scene, later throwing it into the woods after removing \$200.

### DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

## Theft suspect extradited from Georgia going to county court

Matthew Bullock, 18, of West Overbrook Road, Dallas, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of burglary and theft by unlawful taking September 26 before District Justice James Tupper.

apparel with a total value of more than \$60,000, according to court records.

## WOMAN CHARGED WITH PASSING POT TO INMATE

Doreen Lolen Williams, 19, of Philadelphia, waived her right to a preliminary hearing September 27 before District Magistrate James Tupper on charges of possession of a controlled substance, criminal conspiracy and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

## DRIVER ACCUSED OF D.U.I. MAKES FALSE STATEMENT TO COPS

Edward Christilaw, 37, of Exeter, waived his right to a preliminary hearing September 28 before District Magistrate James Tupper on charges of D.U.I. (driving while under the influence) and making false statements to police.

According to court records, corrections officers at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas saw Williams pass two balloons to her boyfriend, Monroe Broadus, an inmate at the facility.

He was also cited for careless driving and driving without a license, according to court records. The charges resulted from an incident in which police pulled Christilaw over after observing him driving erratically on Route 309.

Guards later found 15 more balloons containing what Williams admitted was "weed" concealed in her bra. Guards also retrieved the two balloons from Broadus, who had concealed them about his person.

During the investigation, police learned Christilaw doesn't have a valid Pennsylvania driver's license, and that his driver's license in Florida has been suspended indefinitely.

Williams told corrections officers she had previously brought balloons containing marijuana to the prison and had received money in return.

Christilaw waived his right to legal counsel and is free on \$300 bail.

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## Baiting deer charged

**IDETOWN** - The first day of archery season got off to a rough start for Joseph Solinski and a companion. Solinski and a 15-year-old male juvenile were arrested September 30 at 8:30 a.m. by Game Commission officers, who had observed them using corn and grain to attract deer to a wooded area near Briarcrest. The juvenile was also cited for hunting without proper adult supervision. Using food as bait to lure deer to a specific area is illegal within 30 days of the start of the hunting season. Officers confiscated two hunting licenses and a compound bow in the arrest.

## Garage sale at Our Lady of Victory Church

Our Lady of Victory Church of Harveys Lake will hold a garage sale, Thursday, Oct. 5 and Friday, Oct. 6, 10-5, and Saturday, Oct. 7, 9-12.

## DUI CHARGES

Bruce Nagle, 42, of RR 5 Dallas waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of D.U.I. (driving while under the influence) September 27 before District Magistrate James Tupper. According to court records, police pulled Nagle over after observing him driving in an erratic manner on Route 415. He failed field sobriety tests and submitted to a blood test, which showed his blood alcohol level to be .209, more than twice the legal maximum of .10.

## ACCUSED DRUG SELLER WAIVES HEARING

Teresa Karasek, 32, of Wilkes-Barre, waived her right to a preliminary hearing on a felony charge of delivering a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance at a preliminary hearing September 27 before District Magistrate James Tupper. According to court records, a police officer from the Region 8 Strike Force and a confidential informant met Karasek at a Harveys Lake home, where she sold him 5.4 grams of marijuana for \$70.

A charge of D.U.I. against Kenneth E. Taylor, 32, of Hunlock Creek, was sent to Luzerne County Criminal Court after a preliminary hearing September 26 before District Magistrate James Tupper.

The arresting officer was Pennsylvania State Police trooper David Hann. Karasek was represented by attorney Frank Nocito and is free on \$500 bail.

According to court records, police pulled Taylor over after observing him driving in an erratic manner on Route 415. Taylor told police he couldn't take a field sobriety test because he had a slipped disc in his back, and failed a field eye test. He refused to take a blood alcohol test, which results in the automatic forfeiture of a person's driver's license for one year under the state's Implied Consent Law.

## PLEADS GUILTY TO WRITING BAD CHECKS

A guilty plea by Achey's Auto Sales and Service of Wilkes-Barre for writing a bad check was entered at a preliminary hearing September 25 before District Magistrate James Tupper. Complainant Ed Spencer, trading as Spencers Auto Parts, is seeking repayment of a check for \$550, plus bank costs of \$20. Achey's must also pay a \$10 fine plus \$81 in court costs.

The arresting officer was Dallas Borough Patrolman William Norris. Taylor was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum and is free on \$300 bail.

## Republican meeting cancelled

The Back Mountain Republicans meeting originally scheduled for October 4 has been cancelled.

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## Two nabbed for using stolen checks

According to Dallas Borough police, Alfred Murillo, 30, of Hazleton, and Stephanie Marie Siegel, 19, of Shavertown, were arrested September 29 in connection with using stolen checks. Murillo was charged with four counts of criminal conspiracy and receiving stolen property, while Siegel was charged with forgery, receiving stolen property and theft by deception.

Linda Murphy of Wappingers Falls, NY, who had reported them stolen from her home September 26. Siegel, who works at Mr. Z's, told police she gave the money to Murillo. Police found 15 more checks belonging to Murphy in Murillo's car.

## Flea mart Oct. 7 at Harveys Lake Legion

Harveys Lake American Legion will host a flea market Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the post home. Tables at \$10, may be reserved by calling 675-0104 or 639-5500.

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