

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Man charged with D.U.I. and carrying gun without permit

Dallas resident Thomas P. Pavlichko, 37, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of D.U.I. and carrying a firearm without a permit March 7 before District Justice James Tupper.

Related charges of carrying a loaded weapon, reckless endangerment and driving without a license were dismissed, according to court records.

The charges stemmed from an incident Dec. 22, in which police observed Pavlichko driving erratically on Route 415, swerving into the oncoming traffic lanes, between Memorial Lane and the Hi-Meadows apartments.

A witness told police Pavlichko had run his car into the curb in front of the Honor Roll at Dallas Corners, going up on two wheels and nearly flipping over. Police determined he had then travelled 73 feet along the curbing and an additional 83 feet along the roadway before colliding with a snow-bank near Carr's Beverage.

When police pulled him over they saw a .22-caliber revolver in

his lap, which police later found to be loaded and ready to fire, with the hammer cocked back. During a routine search of his car, police also recovered a knife with a nine-inch blade and nine more rounds of .22-caliber ammo.

After failing field sobriety tests and vomiting in the police processing center, Pavlichko took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .186. The legal limit is .10.

Pavlichko admitted to police that he didn't have a permit to carry the gun. According to a routine license check, his driver's license had expired in 1994 and wasn't renewed.

Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin was assisted in the arrest by Kingston Twp. officers Martin Maransky, Frank Buckler and James Ibbotson, Dallas Township patrolman John Appel and Brian Feeney and Lehman Township police chief Howard Kocher.

Represented by attorney Mark Mack, Pavlichko is free on \$500 bail.

SHOPPING SPREE GAINS RETAIL THEFT CHARGE

Wilkes-Barre resident Terry Jean Evans, 37, waived her right to a preliminary hearing on a charge of retail theft March 7 before District Justice James Tupper.

The charge stemmed from an incident Dec. 30, in which assistant manager Thomas Lovecchio of the Insalaco's Market in the Country Club Shopping Center saw her place items worth a total of \$86.36 in her purse.

He recovered four 10-12-oz. lobster tails, a box of Contac Day and Night cold and flu caplets, four bottles of salad seasoning, a box of Peppid AC acid controller, a box of Tylenol PM gels, a pack of Kraft American cheese, a 4.5-oz. jar of Polaner chopped garlic and a 12-oz. bag of Melissa's Serrano.

Evans was arrested by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney, who noted on the arrest report that she had been arrested for retail theft on April 3, 1990 by the Wilkes-Barre Twp. police with no disposition of the case and on Oct. 10, 1993, by the Dallas Borough and Dallas Township police, for which she pled guilty and was sentenced to the Luzerne County Prison for 15 days to one year. She was on probation for these charges from March 9, 1994 until March 9, 1995.

Represented by public defender Jonathan Blum, she is free on \$10,000 bail.

D.U.I. DISMISSED

A charge of D.U.I. against Dallas resident George Casterline, 45, was dismissed at a preliminary hearing March 7 before District Justice James Tupper. A related citation for driving with an expired license was sent to traffic court, while a non-traffic citation for disorderly conduct was sent to non-traffic court, according to court records.

The citation resulted from an incident Dec. 16, in which Casterline was arrested by

Harveys Lake patrolman Damian Hoover after he was involved in an accident with another car and a scuffle with its driver.

Police determined that Casterline's car apparently was hit in the rear end by a 1986 Ford Tempo operated by Tad Chasborough. Casterline then followed Chasborough to the parking lot of the Grotto Pizza, where they engaged in a struggle.

After failing field sobriety tests, Casterline took a blood test, which indicated his blood alcohol level to be .09, less than the legal limit of .10.

Casterline was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum.

FIREARMS CHARGES DROPPED, TRAFFIC TICKET STICKS

Charges of carrying a gun without a license and carrying a loaded weapon against Berwick resident Louis Mandrillo, 48, were dismissed after a preliminary hearing March 4 before District Justice James Tupper.

A related citation for failure to stop at a red light was sent to traffic court, according to court records.

The charges stemmed from an incident Feb. 6, in which Kingston Township officer James Ibbotson pulled Mandrillo over for running a red light at Route 309 and Harris Hill Road and found several rounds of .12-gauge shotgun shells and some high-powered ammo on the front seat of his pickup truck.

Mandrillo told Ibbotson he had a .380-caliber handgun behind the seat, which police found to be loaded with jacketed hollow-point ammo. Although Mandrillo told police he had a permit to carry the handgun, records checks showed that he had no permit and the gun wasn't registered to anyone.

Kingston Township sergeant Mike Moravec and officer Maransky assisted in the arrest.

Represented by attorney Vito Geroulo, Mandrillo paid a \$25 fine and \$71 in court costs.

New township secretary has deep roots in town

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP—Newly appointed township secretary-treasurer Davida Roberts is an interesting, talented person who has lived and worked all over the country.

Roberts, 38, is the granddaughter of the Kasaba family, one of the township's older names, and has lived on the old family homestead for the past 18 months.

A graduate of Bishop Hoban High School, she earned her BA in English from Wilkes University and her master's degree in speech from the University of Oregon. She is working towards a PhD in speech communications from Penn State.

"My goal is to finish my doctoral work by December and get it out of the way," she said, laughing.

When she isn't studying or working in the township office, Roberts enjoys her hobby of interior design and hopes one day to turn it into a business.

Before moving to Franklin Township, Roberts taught speech and coached debating teams at colleges and universities all across the country. She was the director of debating at Lafayette College in



DAVIDA ROBERTS

Easton and director of forensics at Oregon University and Central Missouri State. She has also taught at Penn State and Keystone Junior College.

Roberts has set regular office hours weekdays from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the township office on Municipal Road. On the Monday nights when municipal meetings are held, office hours will be noon until 6 p.m.

The township office's telephone number is 333-5131.



Boro to spray for caterpillars in May

Dallas Borough Council has arranged with Luzerne County Environmental Special Projects to have Dallas Borough sprayed in May.

Bob Ruhe Ag Service will do the spraying with insecticides harmless to humans and pets. The time table for spraying will depend on the elmworm cycle.

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Water

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ing the rest of the year, SCID will use its wells for 50 percent of its needs and buy the rest of its water from PG&W.

Although Horn questioned the residents' opinion that the prison's water use is adversely affecting nearby residential wells, he said he made the decision "in an effort to remain good neighbors."

Lemmond had asked the department to re-examine its policy on SCID's use of its wells in response to neighbors' continuing concern that the prison's wells might cause their wells to go dry.

"This action...may well be the answer to the concerns we have raised over the past several years," Lemmond wrote to SCID Concerned Citizens head Pat Rusiloski and other area legislators.

"We have enlisted the aid of area legislators, circulated petitions, met with prison officials and even gone to Harrisburg, but we feel we've reached a dead end," Rusiloski said. "The department of corrections has not been very cooperative at all. Since Joe Ryan left, it seems like it's been a waste of time. We have done all we can, and would like to see the Jackson Township supervisors take it up now. Maybe they have more pull than we did."

When the prison was first built, it relied exclusively on three of its four wells, one of which had run dry and is permanently capped. It uses between 250,000 and 275,000 gallons of water a day.

Water has been a major concern at SCID since at least January, 1987, when former superintendent Joseph Ryan wrote to the department of corrections that he had closed the inmates' showers for 24 hours because the water pressure was too low. He was also worried that low water pressure could affect the facility's fire hydrants.

In 1993 the department of corrections caved in to pressure from area legislators and spent more than \$600,000 to build a pipeline to the Ceasetown Reservoir. The legislators became involved after a series of droughts caused residents near the prison to become concerned the prison could cause their wells to go dry.

The prison began to use the line in 1994 under orders from corrections commissioner Joseph Lehman, who said he wanted SCID to "be a good neighbor." The department of corrections then spent another \$43,000 on a hydrogeological study, which indicated that 10 nearby wells could go dry if the prison continued to rely on its wells for all its water.

However corrections officials disagreed with the study and said the pipeline was to be used only if the prison's wells went dry, Horn ordered the facility to once again rely on its wells for all its water needs in June, 1995, reversing Lehman's decision.

Horn cited economics as the basis for his decision, describing the water coming from the prison's wells as "free water in the ground."

Later that summer, when Governor Thomas Ridge placed the area under a drought emergency, area legislators frantically tried to convince Horn to resume using the water line. He refused, saying he needed "substantial proof" that SCID's wells were adversely affecting nearby residents' wells.

Jackson Township board of supervisors chairman Walter Glogowski praised Rusiloski's efforts on behalf of the residents.

"I laud Pat and all her work, and appreciate her committee's involvement," he said. "If I personally knew that a township committee to work with the prison would serve its purpose - to achieve the goal of the prison using the pipeline all the time - I would support it wholeheartedly if the other supervisors wanted it."

The committee, the township and the prison have gone through similar battles before, in which the Department of Corrections promised to use the pipeline, then "arbitrarily and capriciously changed its mind," he said.

"It's hard to accept policies which change so frequently," he added. "We have the right as taxpayers to know what's going on at the prison. It might be worthwhile for the supervisors to meet with the committee and take a long, hard look at the situation."

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