

POLICE LOG

Dallas Township DRIVER CITED IN TWO-CAR ACCIDENT

A two-car accident on Route 309 at the entrance to New Goss Manor Mar. 22 closed the highway for approximately 45 minutes and netted a citation for one of the drivers.

Police said a 1989 Chrysler Le Baron convertible operated by Shannon Caboot, 17, of Shavertown and owned by Linda Caboot of Dallas, struck a 1987 Audi Quattro operated by Selena M. Siglin, 24, of RR 1 Harveys Lake and owned by Michael Ondish of RR 2 Tunkhannock.

The Caboot vehicle had stopped at the stop sign at Grandview Ave, then pulled onto the highway in an attempt to turn left into the southbound lane.

The Siglin vehicle had been traveling south on Route 309 and swerved into the center lane, trying to avoid the Caboot vehicle, which struck it in the northbound lane. Rescue personnel had to cut the door of the Caboot vehicle to extricate her from the wreck.

Both drivers and a passenger in the Caboot vehicle, Sherry Havish, 16, of Trucksville, were treated at area hospitals and released. No one was wearing seat belts, police said.

Caboot was cited for not obeying stop and yield signs.

Patrolman Brian Feeney investigated the accident. Police from Dallas Borough and ambulances from Dallas and Kunkle assisted at the scene.



Rescue personnel remove Selene M. Siglin from her car after it was involved in an accident March 22 on Route 309 near the entrance to New Goss Manor.

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Dallas Borough TWO DRIVERS CITED IN FOUR-CAR ACCIDENT

A four-car pileup Saturday shortly after 11 a.m. closed two lanes of Route 309 at Offset Paperback and resulted in citations

for two of the drivers.

Police said a 1995 Mercedes, operated by Julie Savage, 47, of RR 3 Harveys Lake and owned by Peter Savage of the same address, was traveling south in the passing lane and attempted to turn left onto Main Road, when its left side struck the right front of a 1995 Ford Econoline van operated by Heidi Jo Allen, 35, of Sweet Valley. Allen's van was traveling

southbound in the center turning lane.

After the impact, the Savage vehicle crossed over both northbound lanes of the highway, coming to rest facing east on Main Road. The Allen van crossed into the northbound passing lane of the highway, where its front struck the left side of a 1989 Ford Aerostar minivan operated by Sean McMahon, 35, of Shavertown.

The McMahon van flipped onto its side and was struck in the rear by a 1996 Chevrolet Astro van operated by Thomas George Landon and owned by D. L. Peterson Trust of Hunt Valley, MD. The Landon van was traveling north on the highway and had swerved into the driving lane in an attempt to avoid the collision

between the Savage and Allen vehicles.

McMahon and a passenger, Sean McMahon, Jr., Allen and Landon were taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where Sean, Jr., was admitted. He is listed in stable condition, according to a hospital spokesperson. Allen, Landon and Sean McMahon, Sr., were treated and released, police said.

Savage was cited for making an improper turn. Allen was cited for driving at an unsafe speed.

Patrolman James Drury, Jr., investigated the accident. Ambulances from Dallas and Kunkle, Medic 302, the Kingston Township rescue unit and police from Dallas and Kingston townships assisted at the scene.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Harveys Lake man to face trial for D.U.I., possession of marijuana

Harveys Lake resident Leonard Karasek, 31, waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper March 31 on misdemeanor charges of D.U.I. and possession of marijuana. He was also cited for giving police false information, driving a car with an expired inspection sticker and not signing his registration card, according to court records.

The charges stemmed from an incident Oct. 7, in which Harveys Lake patrolman Mark Karlonis arrested Karasek at the scene of a one-vehicle accident in which Karasek's truck struck a guard rail at Pole 146 and flipped over onto its roof.

Karasek failed field sobriety tests and told police he had been traveling in the opposite direction to that indicated by tire tracks at the scene. He refused to take a blood test for alcohol, which under the state's Implied Consent Law results in the loss of one's driving license for a year.

During routine searches of the truck, police found five 12-oz. cans of beer in a cooler, two empty 12-oz. cans of beer and a small plastic bag containing a small amount of a green vegetable substance which later tested positive for marijuana. Karasek waived his right to counsel and is free on \$300 bail.

D.U.I. CHARGES SENT TO COUNTY COURT

Three men waived their rights to preliminary hearings on D.U.I. charges March 21 before District Justice James Tupper and will be tried in Luzerne County criminal court. They are free on \$300 bail each.

Wilkes-Barre resident David C. Kresge, 36, who was arrested by Jackson Township assistant chief Jerome Leedock after being involved in a two-car accident on Hillside Road. Kresge failed field sobriety tests and took a blood test, which showed his blood alcohol level to be .214, more than twice the legal limit of .10.

He was also cited for failure to keep right and driving without an insurance card. Kresge waived his right to counsel.

Dallas resident Francis Koterba, 18, a resident of a dormitory at College Misericordia, was arrested Jan. 26 by Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris after Norris saw him driving erratically on Route 309 and he ran through a red light at East Center Hill Road.

Koterba failed field sobriety tests and took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .109. He was also cited for disregarding a traffic signal. Related charges of possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and underage persons purchasing alcohol were dropped.

Karasek was represented by attorney Brian Cali.

Wilkes-Barre resident Brian K. Cook, 23, who was arrested Feb. 4 by Kingston Township officer Walter Davis after being involved in a one-car accident on

Route 309, in which he and his passenger, Eric Wright, had to be cut from the wreck with rescue tools.

Routine blood work done at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's trauma unit showed Cook's blood alcohol level to be .323, more than three times the legal limit of .10. He was also cited for driving without a license.

Cook was represented by attorney John Pike.

ASSAULT CHARGE DROPPED, DISORDERLY CONDUCT STICKS

Dallas resident Christopher John VanGorder, 29, was found guilty of disorderly conduct at a preliminary hearing March 19 before District Justice James Tupper. A related charge of simple assault was dismissed, according to court records.

He was arrested March 6 by Harveys Lake patrolman Scott Davis while police were investigating a reported domestic dispute in which a male was heard yelling obscenities. VanGorder told police he had been arguing with his girlfriend and had thrown her out of the house.

His girlfriend, Corinna Smith, told police he had thrown a bowl at her, grabbed her and dragged her from the bedroom through the hallway, then into the yard. Police saw a small laceration and bruise above her right eye, abrasions on both elbows and several false fingernails which had been ripped from her fingertips.

VanGorder was represented by public defender Ferris Webby.

Truck doing 'doughnuts' wrecks grass at schools

DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Swoyersville resident Charles H. Roper, Jr., 24, was cited by police March 15 after "doing doughnuts" in a grassy area between the Dallas high and middle schools' two driveways and tearing up the turf with his four-wheel-drive pickup truck. Police nabbed him at the tennis courts, his older model black Ford F-150 completely covered with mud.

Roper had driven over a chain barrier buried in a snow bank in order to get onto the lawn, police said.

District director of buildings

and grounds Mark Kraynak estimates the damage at between \$900 and \$1,200.

"Some of the ruts are a foot deep," he said. "We'll have to roll everything out, then add topsoil and reseed the area, but we can't do any work until the ground dries out."

The district has referred the matter to its solicitor. Kraynak added.

Patrolman Jeff Dennis cited Roper for damaging real property with a motor vehicle and trespassing by motor vehicle, which carries a \$500 fine.



Mark Kraynak, supervisor of buildings and grounds at the Dallas School District, surveys the 12-inch deep ruts which the driver of a four-wheel-drive pickup truck left on the lawn of the high school last week.

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