

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

2 charged with using forged plates

Edwardsville resident Aleksey Bash, 21, and Kingston resident Michael Dombek, 25, waived their rights to preliminary hearings on charges of using altered vehicle documents before District Judge James Tupper.

Bash was arrested April 4 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after a routine records check showed his license plate to be two months out of date, while the inspection sticker was good until September. Police found the inspection sticker had been removed from another vehicle.

Bash was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum and is free on \$300 bail.

Dombek was arrested Feb. 24 by Drury after a routine records check showed the license plate on the car he was driving had expired, although it had a temporary sticker on it. Dombek told police he had been given the plate a year ago and was using it to drive to Tunkhannock to go fishing. He also admitted he didn't have a driver's license.

Related citations for driving without a license, driving an unregistered vehicle and not having a valid plate for the car were dismissed.

Represented by attorney Joseph Yeager, he is free on \$500 bail.

CHARGES DISMISSED

Charges of D.U.I. against Noxen resident Joseph Luketic, 40, were dismissed at a preliminary hearing June 5.

He was arrested Jan. 18 by Lake Twp. patrolman John Young at the scene of a two-vehicle accident, but the charge was dismissed because police couldn't prove he was actually driving one of the cars involved, according to District Magistrate James Tupper.

Luketic had refused to take a blood alcohol test, which results in the automatic loss of one's driver's license for a year under state law. He may appeal the suspension, Tupper said.

Luketic paid a total of \$325 in fines and \$77.50 in costs for related charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct for using obscene language to police.

He was represented by attorney Mark Mack.

TO FACE TRIAL FOR POSSESSING MARIJUANA

Kingston resident John Ciocca waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of possession and selling of drugs June 5.

He was arrested Nov. 29 by Pennsylvania State Police trooper Richard Geffken after selling Geffken .25 ounces of marijuana for \$60 in the parking lot of the Burger King in Shavertown.

Ciocca was represented by attorney Joseph Yeager and is free on \$10,000 bail.

D.U.I. CHARGES SENT TO COUNTY COURT

The following D.U.I. cases were sent to Luzerne County court after preliminary hearings the week of June 3:

- Donald W. Segear, Sr., 41, Wilkes-Barre, who was arrested April 27 by Kingston Twp. officer Walter Davis after police observed him driving erratically on Route 309. After failing field sobriety tests, he took a breath test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .231, more than twice the legal limit of .10. Represented by attorney Joseph Nocito, Segear is free on \$300 bail.
- Peter Kijek, Harveys Lake, was arrested April 27 by Harveys Lake patrolman James Karłowicz

after police observed him driving erratically on Route 415. After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .227. He was also cited for careless driving. Kijek was represented by attorney Joseph Nocito and is free on \$300 bail.

- Diane Berlinski, 29, Sweet Valley, was arrested April 20 by Lehman Township patrolman Benjamin Bigus after flipping her Blazer onto its roof on Old Rte. 115. A blood test showed her blood alcohol level to be .11. She was represented by attorney Theodore Krohn and is free on \$300 bail.
- Sean Lickers, 27, Wilkes-Barre, was arrested April 27 by Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris after police observed him speeding and weaving in and out of traffic on Route 309. After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .152. He was also cited for careless driving. Represented by Joseph Carmody, he is free on \$300 bail.
- Keith R. Thomas, 31, Shavertown, was arrested March 21 by Dallas Twp. chief Carl Miers after another driver observed him driving erratically on Route 309, nearly striking a tractor-trailer, and called police.

Police located the vehicle, owned by A&A Auto, in the A&A parking lot. The person in charge told police Thomas had just returned to the store after making several deliveries. During a routine search of the car police recovered an opened cold case of 12-oz. cans of beer, with five cans missing. Thomas was represented by attorney John Dougherty.

- Walter R. Smith, 48, Wilkes-Barre, who was arrested May 24 by Kingston Twp. officer James Ibbotson after police timed him driving 57.3 mph in a 35 mph zone, with his car only halfway in the proper driving lane. When police pulled him over, Smith said, "You got me! I give up!" He refused to take field sobriety tests, but agreed to take a blood test.

He was also cited for not driving in the proper traffic lane. A related charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed. Represented by Gerald Wassil, Smith was remanded to the Luzerne County Prison in default of \$1,000 bail.



Ready for Market on the Pond

More than 70 vendors will be present at the Flea Market planned by the Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary for June 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Center's grounds, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas. Rain date is June 22. All proceeds benefit residents. A new feature this year will be a Kiddie Korner booth featuring toys for children of all ages, a Penny Candy Booth, and face painting by students of the Dallas High School from 10 to 1 p.m. Showing off some of the kids' items are auxiliaries Louise Montigney, Lois Keller and Barbara Barakat.

Mazula's license suspended, Watkins' hearing June 14

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

DALLAS - The state has suspended the licenses for another six months of an area dentist who gave anesthetic to a Sweet Valley tot.

Dr. Joseph Mazula, an oral surgeon who gave an inhaled anesthetic to Jonathan Walski at the office of Dr. William Watkins, is licensed to practice dentistry and give all types of anesthetic through the Board of Dentistry, an arm of the Department of State's 27-board occupational licensing division.

The board suspended Mazula's licenses for 30 days May 14 and Watkins's licenses to practice dentistry and administer nitrous oxide May 17.

After a hearing last week, it voted to continue Mazula's suspension for another six months, pending the outcome of further investigation. Watkins's hearing before the board is scheduled for June 14.

"It's not a routine thing - in the past four years we have issued only two such suspensions," said Board of Dentistry press secretary David Hixson. "We suspend licenses in only the most extreme cases, although varying degrees of charges are often filed with us."

The board may impose penal-

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ties ranging from fines to permanent suspension of a dentist's license.

Mazula has the right to apply for a dentist's license in another state, but the discipline would be permanently noted in Pennsylvania and picked up by another state during a routine background check, Hixson said.

Jonathan, 3, died May 1 at Watkins's office from a reaction to the anesthetic, according to the results of an autopsy performed the same day by Luzerne County coroner Dr. George Hudock. According to the investigation, neither dentist had the monitoring and emergency resuscitation equipment required by the state.

A criminal investigation by Dallas Borough police chief Jack Fowler and Luzerne County detective Richard Capitano is continuing, according to district attorney Peter Paul Olszewski. No criminal charges have been filed.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property deeds were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of May 24-30:

Charles A. Mulhern, et ux, to Robert H. Graham, et ux, 18 Colonial Dr., Dallas Borough, \$150,000.
Howard M. Levinson, et ux, to Robert R. Metcalf, et ux, 28 Highland Dr., Dallas Twp., \$127,500.
Wayne E. McOwen, et ux, to John P. Douglas, et ux, 119 Elmcrest Wood, Dallas Twp., \$127,500.
James Anderson, trustee et al, to Donald Scronek, et ux, 44 Warden Place, Harveys Lake Bor., \$43,635.
James J. Keeney, et ux, to Robert K. Robbins, et ux, 8 Carpenter Rd., Harveys Lake Bor. \$26,000.
Josephine Bonham, to Robert Wesley, 2.39 ac. Lot 2, Hunlock Twp., \$10,000.
Joseph Klose, et ux, to Mark E.

Opoeck, et al, 1.9 ac., Hunlock Twp., \$72,500.
Shawn A. Renzo, et ux, to Eugene A. Everett, et ux, 10 ac. 94 perches 11.71 ac., Hunlock Twp., \$95,000.
Hazle Fielding, to Brian J. Gallagher, et ux, 4 parcels, Jackson Twp., \$10,000.

James E. Miller, et ux, to Carol Barney Cresko, Maple Leaf Rd., Kingston Twp., \$45,900.
Maple Crest Phase II Dev. Co. to Daniel J. Viotek, Jr., et al, 9 Maple Leaf Rd., Kingston Twp., \$40,900.
Margaret A. Fielding, to George G. Lazur, et ux, 1.60 ac. Lake Twp., \$80,000.

Jeffrey P. Gardner, et ux, to Howard E. Sensbach, 0.89 ac. Lehman Twp., \$98,500.
Vincent Pohanilla, et ux, to Richard M. Cronin, et ux, 78 Oak Hill, Lehman Twp., \$91,500.

Karwaski earns community service award

Gary M. Karwaski, pharmacist and owner of The Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacy at 26 Dallas Shopping Center, recently received the 1995 Medicine Shoppe® Community Service Award.

Karwaski earned the award for participating in a variety of health care screening and wellness programs throughout the past year, such as blood pressure checks, body fitness evaluations and foot clinics, which help identify warning signs of potential health problems.

Dr. Kaminski moves office to Fern Brook

Dr. Peter Kaminski announces the relocation of the Back Mountain Foot Center to 46 Main Road, Fernbrook, next door to The Dallas Post. The phone number remains the same: 675-5006. New patients are welcome.

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BMT Kiwanis holds benefit salt sale

The Back Mountain Kiwanis Club and the Pennsylvania District and District 15 Kiwanis will hold a salt sale June 15 at McCrory's in the Shavertown Shopping Center from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The sale will help to prevent an iodine deficiency, which most United States residents do not give a second thought to.

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