

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

News rack theft yields little

Dallas resident Joseph Bardzel, 18, and Tunkhannock resident Robert Zamber, Jr., 19, were arrested Jan. 24 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin for stealing a Citizens' Voice newspaper dispenser from Mr. Z's in Dallas. The two were discovered in a sparsely populated area in Exeter. Exeter officers came across Bardzel and Zamber standing in the middle of the road with the paper dispenser, trying to get the money out of it.

Bardzel's car was parked in front of them with lights on, so they could see the money that had fallen out, Bardzel later told police.

Dallas Borough was informed of the incident and called the two in for questioning. Both Bardzel and Zamber separately told police they were coming back from taking a friend into Wilkes-Barre and needed gas and some food on the way back. They tossed around a few ideas before deciding to steal a newspaper dispenser and take the money from it.

The Citizens' Voice was informed and sent to two employees to retrieve the dispenser. The men told police the dispenser yields approximately \$10 a day and that there was approximately \$11 damage done to it.

Both were charged with theft by unlawful taking, conspiring theft, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief.

D.U.I. CHARGES

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing in front of Judge James Tupper on March 20:

• Trucksville resident Donald M. Cool, Sr., 55, who was arrested on Jan. 19 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309, Harris Hill Rd. and Lehigh St. Ibbotson was made aware of Cool when he observed Cool's vehicle and another racing on Rt. 309 near the Kingston Twp. Municipal Building.

Cool refused to take both a field sobriety test and a blood alcohol test. Refusal of taking a blood alcohol test results in a one year driver's license suspension.

• Dallas resident Andrew Gulla Jr., 76, who was arrested on Jan. 13 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Hillside Rd. and Rt. 309. Gulla pulled over on Rt. 309, blocking traffic in the right lane. He immediately got out of his truck and Ibbotson led him to the side of the road away from traffic where he repeatedly asked the defendant to step onto the curb. Gulla asked, "What curb?"

When Ibbotson asked the defendant to participate in field sobriety tests, he stated he was not drunk and only had a couple beers.

Gulla refused to participate in field sobriety tests, but submitted to a blood test at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. His blood alcohol level was .204, twice the legal limit. Gulla was also charged with disregard for a traffic lane.

HARASSMENT CHARGED

Wilkes-Barre resident Joseph Charles Triplett, 48, was arrested Feb. 3 by Harveys Lake patrolman Damian Hoover after police were called to a domestic dispute at the lake. Hoover was told by

the dispatcher that the person who reported the dispute was remaining on the telephone and hiding in her house.

The defendant and his girlfriend reportedly broke up and he moved out of the house they shared. On Feb. 3, Triplett allegedly made calls of a threatening nature to his girlfriend and her friend at the house. He stated that he had been drinking for three days and if he could not have her, no one could. Police said on the same day, Triplett drove to the house and was banging and kicking on the front and back doors. He also took a metal bar and threw it against the front door.

As police arrived the defendant got into his car and drove to Rt. 415 where police pulled him over and got him out of his car. On the way to Harveys Lake police station, Triplett began to kick the back window of the patrol car in which he was riding. Only after police warned that he would be sprayed with pepper spray did he stop.

Triplett is charged with simple assault, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license. A related charge of terroristic threats was dropped.

THEFT CHARGES

Dallas resident Brian Krasniak, 24, pled guilty to one count of theft by unlawful taking on March 20. He was charged by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after Krasniak's ex-girlfriend informed police that he had stolen her car battery on Jan. 20.

His ex-girlfriend took police to Krasniak's parent's home to see if he was there. He was not, but his stepfather told them to just take the battery out of the car. Since the car was locked and they could not legally force it open, his ex-girlfriend filed the charge.



Tobacco store opens

Chris and Meagan Ferrara have opened Back Mountain Tobacco in the 309-415 Plaza in Dallas. The store carries a wide selection of fine cigars including Macanudo, Partagas, Don Diego and others, humidors and accessories by Colibri. They also stock pipes and their own blends of pipe tobacco in a variety of flavors, as well as a full selection of tobacco products at low prices. Shown above, Meagan and Chris Ferrara with their son, Christopher.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of March 7-13:

Miriam N. Fleischman, to Stephen F. Demidovich, 629G Meadows/Newberry, Dallas Twp., \$226,500.
Arthur R. Tompson, et al, to James M. Hufford, ux al, Harveys Lake Bor., \$4,500.
William T. Carpenter, et ux, to

Francis G. Kalish, et ux, Lot 2 Newhart Rd., Jackson Twp., \$21,000.
Stephen F. Demidovich, et ux, to Michael I. Gottdender, 6 ac, Jackson Twp., \$640,000.
Fred Wisniewski, et ux, to Ricky E. Noler, et ux, 4.22 ac. Lot 3 Happy Acre, Lake Twp., \$40,000.
Stanley C. Ushinski, et ux, to Raymond C. Hall, 118.5 ac. Lehman Twp., \$300,000.

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