

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Bealla faces multiple charges after running from police

Dallas resident Jason J. Bealla, 24, faces five counts of reckless endangerment, five counts of resisting arrest, three counts of aggravated assault, three counts of harassment, disorderly conduct, flight to avoid apprehension and receiving stolen property.

Bealla led police on a chase through Dallas on Jan. 7. He was arrested by Dallas Borough patrolman Russell Devens after police responded to a call from Probation Officer Paratore that a person wanted by both state and county probation and parole was supposed to be at an apartment on Main St.

Upon arrival police saw two men looking out the front window at them. Devens immediately approached the residence because he believed Bealla had seen him pull up and might try to leave, according to the police report.

Officer Devens was met at the door by Cathy Ellsworth who told him Bealla had just left. With permission police searched the apartment and did not find the Bealla. Ellsworth told police Bealla was going to Huntsville Rd. to wait for a ride. Police units were dispatched to that area.

As Devens observed a mountain bike outside the residence that had been reported stolen, he heard a crashing noise come from the side of the house. Bealla was in a tree and jumped approximately 20 feet to the ground.

Bealla began to run behind residences while police yelled for him to stop. He ran through Toby's Creek and up a steep embankment. Devens followed him and twisted his ankle between two rocks and smashed his left knee.

Bealla then ran towards the creek near the Crab Claw restaurant. Kingston Township patrolman Maransky ran to the guard rail on Rt. 415, just up the embankment. Bealla ran up the embankment towards Maransky despite being ordered to remain still. When Bealla reached the top of the embankment and lunged over the guard rail at Maransky, Maransky pushed Bealla back down.

Bealla came right back up the embankment and charged Maransky. After repeated warnings, Maransky struck Bealla in the upper leg with his baton.

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A search of the defendant's car revealed partially smoked marijuana cigarettes in the ashtray, a bottle of whisky and an empty can of beer.

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After failing field sobriety tests, Richards took a breath test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .130. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

• Tunkhannock resident Robert Edwards, 35, who was arrested March 3 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309. Edwards abruptly turned onto the ramp to Rt. 309 from the passing lane without a signal and proceeded to weave his vehicle up the highway.

After failing field sobriety tests, Edwards took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .132. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

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Due to his injury and the fact that he had a difficult time trying to stand, police did not administer a field sobriety test. Instead, Cobleigh was taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where a blood test showed his blood alcohol level to be .296, nearly three times the legal limit.

• Wyoming resident Daniel B. Casterline, 23, was arrested Jan. 24 by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney after police observed him driving erratically on Lower Demunds Rd and Wyoming Rd. Casterline drove into oncoming traffic at a high rate of speed numerous times, skidding on many sharp curves.

After failing field sobriety tests, a breath test showed his blood alcohol level to be .170. A related charge of driving with a blood alcohol level of .10 or higher was dismissed.

THEFT CHARGE

Edwardsville resident Shawn Thomas Miller, 25, waived his preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Miller was arrested Feb. 18 by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney after police responded to a burglary at 96 Claude St. The resident of the house told police that she noticed her boyfriend's VCR, power amp and television were missing. She waited for her son to get home, thinking maybe he borrowed them and took them to a friend's house. When it was determined that he did not, she called the police.

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• Dallas resident Mary Shively, 38, who was arrested March 1 by Kingston Township patrolman Frank Buckler after police responded to a two-car accident at Rt. 309 and Center St. Shively's car was disabled due to the collision.

According to the police report, Shively ran a red light at West Center St. and crossed into the path of the other car.

After failing field sobriety tests, she took a breath test which showed her blood alcohol level to be .287.

• Dallas resident Gerald Cobleigh, 38, who was arrested Feb. 4 by Kingston Township patrolman Walter Davis after police observed him cross into oncoming traffic at high rates of speed on Carverton Rd.

Cobleigh was charged with theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property. Two charges of burglary and criminal trespassing were dismissed.



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Kingston Twp. buys new roller

Kingston Township recently purchased a new BOMAG pavement roller from Medico, Inc. The new addition replaces a 25-year-old roller that was experiencing maintenance problems.

Jeff Box, township manager, said the \$66,000 roller "fits into the capital improvement program. We try to keep our equipment upgraded on a regular basis."

Currently the township provides maintenance to 42 miles of road. "All of our paving is in house," explained Box. Having its own paving equipment and staff costs far less than contracting out with other companies, explained Box.

Pictured at the unveiling, from left, Chris Connolly, territory manager for BOMAG; Joe Wysokinski, sales representative for Medico, Inc.; Herbert Hill, township supervisor; Paul Sabol, township supervisor chairperson; Shirley Moyer, township supervisor vice-chairperson; Bill Tippett, township supervisor and Jeff Box, township manager; sitting in the paver is Butch Chamberlain, head of maintenance.

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