

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Driver gave false story, police say

Shawaneese resident Theresa Pennetti, 40, who was arrested March 9 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed her driving erratically on Rt. 415, waived her right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

When Martin asked for her driver's license Pennetti said she did not have it and told police her name was Ellen Pennetti with a birthdate of Jan. 1, 1952. She handed Martin a temporary registration that showed the owner of the vehicle to be Sidney Blaine of Shawaneese.

Martin called the name into the Back Mountain Communication Center, they found an Ellen Pennetti, but her birthdate was Jan. 1, 1955 and she lived in Philadelphia. Martin asked Pennetti if she had recently moved; she said she had and never changed it on her license.

According to police reports, Martin began to get suspicious that she was giving him false information regarding who she was.

He had the communication center call Blaine and ask who was driving his car. He stated that Theresa Pennetti was driving it. A check showed that her license had been suspended.

Martin also had the plate number and vehicle identification number checked through the communication center. The plate number belonged to a Chevrolet with no title, no expiration and no year owned by Theresa Pennetti. The identification number was listed to belong to a Ford, owned by Blaine with title, but no expiration date.

Upon closer inspection, police observed that a Feb. 1997 validation sticker was on the license plate, but had an April 1996 sticker beneath it.

Pennetti was charged with making false reports to law enforcement, improper display of documents and driving with a suspended or revoked license. Two related charges were dismissed.

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper on May 15:

D.U.I. CHARGES

• Forty-Fort resident Michael Kelly, 32, who was arrested Feb. 23 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Brian Feeney after police responded to an accident on Rt. 309, near Mark II restaurant. Kelly was one driver in the two car accident. According to police reports, Kelly staggered when he walked and slurred his speech. After refusing to take field sobriety tests, Kelly also refused to take a blood alcohol test.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to use a safety belt. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

• Harveys Lake resident Ronald Turner, 30, who was arrested on March 20 by Lake Twp. patrolman John Fuches after police responded to a one vehicle accident on Rt. 29. According to police reports, Turner's truck hit a utility pole, then drove up onto a guard rail before rolling over the bank.

Turner was not present when police first came upon the scene, but returned shortly with mud on his clothing. When asked if he had been drinking since the accident, he told police that he had been drinking prior to the accident. A blood test showed his blood alcohol to be .12. A person is legally drunk with a blood alcohol level of .10 or higher.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol level of at least .10 and not driving at a safe speed.

• Harveys Lake resident Lawrence Moretti, 39, who was arrested on March 15 by Harveys Lake patrolman James Karłowicz after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415. After fail-

ing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .169.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol level of .10 or higher, driving with a suspended or revoked license, operating vehicle without required registration, careless driving and reckless driving.

• Harveys Lake resident Leo P. Dean, 47, who was arrested March 2 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Jeffrey Dennis after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309. Police saw him drive into oncoming traffic, almost hitting other cars. When Dennis asked him for his driver's license he presented his Visa card before stating he did not have his license with him.

After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .142. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol level of .10 or higher and disregarding a traffic lane.

• Breinigsville resident Brian Woods, 30, who was arrested on Jan. 8 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after police were called about a drunk and disorderly man at Orloski's in Dallas. While on their way to Orloski's, police received a call that the man had just left and was driving south on Rt. 309 in a brown Oldsmobile.

Police observed Woods driving erratically on Rt. 309. He was weaving in and out of his lane and almost struck a utility pole near Carverton Rd. After failing field sobriety tests, a blood test showed his blood alcohol level to be .207. Police found an open bottle of Vodka and two empty 16 ounce cans of Busch beer in his car.

He is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, public drunkenness, careless driving and driving with a suspended or revoked license. Two related

charges of disorderly conduct and driving without a license were dismissed.

• Dallas resident Steven Taylor, 27, who was arrested March 18 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Robert Jolley after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415. Taylor swerved his car back and forth between the shoulder and the turn lane. After failing field sobriety tests, a blood test showed his blood alcohol level to be .136.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol level of .10 or higher.

• Trucksville resident James David Patts, 30, who was arrested March 22 by Harveys Lake patrolman James Karłowicz after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415 and Park St. Patts ran into a fence post at the base of the driveway he was attempting to turn into. He then quickly backed up and drove up the driveway where he came to an abrupt stop and went into the house.

Patts came to the door and

asked police what they wanted. Karłowicz noticed that he staggered when he walked and had bloodshot eyes. After failing field sobriety tests, he refused to take a blood alcohol test.

He is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, signaling improperly and reckless driving. Two related charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license and careless driving were dismissed.

ASSAULT CHARGE

• Dallas resident Scott James Redmond, 32, who was arrested May 9 by PA State trooper James Pugh after police responded to a domestic dispute on Brace Rd. in Franklin Twp. Redmond's wife told police that he dragged her into the bedroom and slapped her in the face and punched her in the chest. Redmond told police he did drag her into the bedroom and slap her in the face.

He is charged with two counts of simple assault and two counts of harassment.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the weeks of May 16 - May 29.

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James Milton Evans, et ux, to Emma Jean Atherton, North View Ave., Harveys Lake Bor., \$24,000.

Kenneth R. Lembke, et ux, to Michael R. Mcanny, Kignston Twp., \$84,200.

Daniel Voitek, et al, to Albert L. Karolchik, et ux, Kingston Twp., \$200.

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Stephen Althera, et ux, to Kevin M. Brady, et ux, Lot 9 Parkhurst Sub., Kingston Twp., \$174,000.

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Michael J. Coulter, et ux, to Nancy E. Gott, 1.99 ac. Lake Twp., \$22,900.

Florence Stravinsky, to Joseph Stravinsky, et ux, 49 Catherine St., Ross Twp., \$1,000.

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