

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Stolen motorcycles stashed in Jackson Twp., police say

Scott Bolton, 23, with no known address, will face six charges each of receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit theft in Luzerne County Court after waiving his preliminary hearing July 3 before District Justice James Tupper. He and a 17-year-old juvenile are charged with stealing four motorcycles and two ATVs and storing them in woods in Jackson Twp. while waiting to sell them.

Bolton and the teenager were arrested June 10 at Moon Lake Park after state police had arranged to meet them ostensibly to buy one of the stolen motorcycles. The stolen vehicles were hidden off Rt. 29 in Jackson Twp. approximately one-half mile north

of the intersection with SR 1012. The troopers had been meeting with the pair for five days prior to the arrest, and had paid \$2,000 for two of the stolen bikes.

Interviewed after his arrest, the juvenile said that he and Bolton had stolen the vehicles by posing as interested buyers after finding them listed for sale in the Papershop magazine. He said Bolton would ask the seller to take a test drive, leaving a set of keys for his car as protection, but the keys would not fit the car. The juvenile would then drive Bolton's car to a pre-arranged destination where they would stash the stolen vehicle. The stolen items included a 1994 Kawasaki taken from Scott Cox, Shavertown.

DUI CHARGES

The following defendants waived their rights to preliminary hearings before District Justice James Tupper:

- Richard T. Wanyo, 43, Shavertown, who was arrested April 27 after Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris saw his vehicle weave across lanes on Rt. 309. After failing field sobriety tests, Wanyo was taken for a blood alcohol test at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, where the level of alcohol was found to be .207, more than twice the legal limit.

- Gary Harrison, 23, Dallas, who was arrested April 27 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after weaving across lanes on Rt. 415. Harrison failed field sobriety tests and a blood alcohol test found his level to be .114.

- Jerome Robak, 52, Nanticoke, who was arrested April 15 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Brian Feeney after being stopped on Rt. 309 at about 11 p.m. Feeney had seen Robak's Mustang GT crossing into

the oncoming lane on Main Rd., then crossing lanes on 309. Feeney said he smelled a strong odor of alcohol as he approached the car. After failing field sobriety tests, Robak took a breath test at the police station, which showed a blood alcohol level of .173.

- Robert Stackhouse, 31, Tunkhannock, who was arrested May 9 by Kingston Twp. patrolman James Ibbotson. Ibbotson said he saw a pickup truck operated by Stackhouse cross lanes on Rt. 309 before stopping it. He saw a bottle of beer on the floor of the truck when he approached it and smelled alcohol on the driver's breath. Stackhouse failed field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol measured .187 at General Hospital.

- Jeannette Burgio, 43, Hunlock Creek, who was arrested by Lehman Twp. patrolman Scott Davis at about 8 p.m. April 18. Davis responded to a report of a truck traveling erratically on Rt. 118. On his way to find the truck,

Davis was told it had hit guard rails near Lehman Power Equipment, then was involved in an accident near the Sunoco gas station at Lehman center. When Davis arrived on the scene, he said Burgio's car was in the center of the roadway and had struck a Volkswagen driven by Alexei Kleimitchev head on. When Davis talked to Burgio, she asked what had happened. Davis reported that Burgio fell into his arms when she got out of the car, and could not stand unaided. He and other officers dragged her to the police car, Taken to General Hospital, her blood alcohol level tested at .238. Burgio will face trial for failure to keep right in addition to the DUI charge.

- Alvin Benscoter, 36, who was arrested Feb. 28 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Jeffrey Dennis after Dennis saw Benscoter's green Cadillac traveling slowly on Rt. 309 and the Kunkle-Alderson Rd. Dennis reported that when he tried to stop the car, Benscoter continued to weave back and forth across the roadway, finally stopping in the middle of Goodrich Rd. Benscoter fell when Dennis asked him to get out of the car to take field sobriety tests. A breath test found a blood alcohol level of .168.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Brian Cory, 21, of Wyalusing, will face charges of careless driving, driving with a suspended license, disregarding a traffic lane and giving a false report to police. Cory was arrested May 4 at about 2:30 a.m. by Dallas Twp. officer Jeffrey Dennis after Dennis saw Cory's car weaving across traffic lanes on Rt. 309. When he stopped the car, Dennis noticed a strong odor of alcohol and Cory spoke with slurred speech. Cory gave his brother's name and said he did not have his driver's license with him. After questioning, Cory said that his license was under suspension for a DUI conviction. A breath test showed a reading of .08, below the legal limit of .1.

Security

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If a student has an appointment, a parent or guardian must arrange a day in advance for the student to leave the school. About 12 spaces are planned to be set aside for such students, said Griffiths. Co-op students will also be accommodated.

A security person may be required to open the gates for visitors to the campus.

Griffiths said the measures are being taken to do three things: to

maintain control of the drivers, for the installation of disciplinary actions such as taking away parking privileges, and to insure the school has control over when students come and go. If a student is tardy between five and seven times during the year, they will have their parking permit revoked.

Each student will be issued a number correlating with a sticker on their car.

Abod

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said he had been taping the events, and Karlowicz and chief Jeffrey Butler viewed the tape. Pugh continued his work while the police watched. Karlowicz said Abod finally agreed to leave Pugh alone, but continued to record him.

A few days later, Karlowicz and Butler looked at the entire tape, which they said showed Pugh repeatedly advising Abod that he was trespassing, and Abod ignoring the warnings. Abod was also

seen trying to stop Pugh from tearing down the old dock by hanging onto a pole in the water which Pugh was trying to remove and hitting Pugh on the hands with a stick.

After viewing the tape, Karlowicz filed charges of harassment and stalking and criminal trespass. Tupper forwarded the charges to county court after a preliminary hearing.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of June 20 - 26:

Patricia McCue, to Joseph R. Mesavitz, Lots 9, 10 Park St., Dallas Borough, \$10,000.

William F. Iobst, et ux, to Eric J. McCabe, et ux, Dallas Twp., \$132,900.

Michael A. Lacey, et ux, to Susan Solak, 2.69 ac., Dallas Twp., \$197,500.

Stephen B. Willis, et ux, to Amy Equities, 49, 50 Maple Knoll, Harveys Lake Bor., \$41,015.

Michael Salvati, to Mark A. Messina, et ux, Spruce, St., Harveys Lake Bor., \$89,900.

Stuart N. Richardson, et ux, to Barry Tennenbaum, 1.23 ac., Kingston Twp., \$170,000.

John F. Adams, et ux, to Joseph A. Stefanowicz, 14.106 ac., Lake Twp., \$57,000.



Troop 281 holds Spring Court of Honor

Troop 281 of Dallas recently held its annual Spring Court of Honor. A family picnic was held and then awards were passed out. Badges of rank from "scout" to "life" were earned by the boys and many merit badges were awarded. Troop 281 is now 68 years old and presently has 73 youth members and additional 34 adult members. The tradition continues! Members of Troop 281: Row 1, M. Kane, P. Luksa, M. Darling, J. Stredny, e. Goeringer, M. Wills, J. Delaney, M. Anderson; row 2, J. Halbing, C. Belles, C. Zalenski, J. Bednash, J. Pace, J. Welsh, R. Murphy, T. VanHorn, R. Mark, S. Gilroy, K. Hession, R. Noyes, Mrs. Neiman.; row 3, Mr. Wasserott, Mr. Murphy, J. Dukas, S. Losh, D. Smith, M. Miller, B. Sherlinski, A. Dale, B. Murphy, J. Lech, C. Eckert, D. Glicini, N. Mathewson, E. Kowalek, Mr. Dale; row 4, D. Murray, R.J. Barna, L. Griffin, A. Manorek, C. Riley, B. Downey, J. Lech, D. Kowalek, S. Neiman, M. Kutish, M. Neiman, K. Kvashay, R. Mancuso, A. Yenason, J.P. Lech; Row 5, D. Wasserott, Mr. Van Horn, Mr. Riley, Mr. Bednash, Mr. Neiman, Scoutmaster, Mr. Kutish, Mr. Pace.

Kids' cookbooks will be on sale at auction



"Junior Chefs and Artists' cookbooks will be on sale at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction July 10-13. Book production was coordinated by Maryann Daily, who produced "Chefs and Artists" in 1994. Sales of that volume have raised \$12,000 for the library. The new cookbook features recipes and artwork by and for children. It will sell for \$9.50. Showing the new book with Daily, from left, Kristina Klokus, Drystin Kopen and Helene Jayne. POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER

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