

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

19-year-old confesses to breaking into Roll-A-Way three times

Dallas resident David Petrikonis, 19, was arrested Oct. 9 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after two men identified him as the person who burglarized the Roll-A-Way skating rink on Memorial Highway.

On Oct. 4 police were notified that a glass door had been broken at the Roll-A-Way. Police noticed a door at the rink had been smashed. Police crawled through the opening in the glass door and discovered several pinball machines and a pool table had been broken into.

Approximately \$450 was stolen and no one was found inside the building. The glass door's

damage was estimated at \$250.

Police received a call from two males later that day who identified Petrikonis as the burglar. Petrikonis asked the two males if they wanted to join him in burglarizing the skating rink, but they declined, said the men.

After Petrikonis was arrested, he gave police a written confession in which he admitted to robbing Roll-A-Way on Oct. 4 and two other occasions in March and April of 1996. He said no one assisted him.

He was charged with burglary, criminal trespassing, criminal mischief, and theft by unlawful taking.

Harveys Lake resident Barry Kozemko, 44, who was arrested Aug. 10 by Harveys Lake Borough officer John Young after police were called to a one car accident at Rt. 415 and Ridge Rd.

Kozemko said he did not know what Young was talking about when he asked him about the accident.

Kozemko was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .247, more than twice the legal limit of .10. He also tested positive for marijuana after some was found on him at the accident.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and marijuana, possession of marijuana, careless driving and failing to keep right. A related charge of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed.

Wilkes-Barre resident Frank Belles, 21, who was arrested Aug. 17 by Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney after police observed him driving erratically on Lower Demunds Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests he was taken to the Dallas Township Police Department where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .273, twice the legal limit of .10.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license and careless driving. A related charge of carrying a firearm without a permit was dismissed.

West Pittston resident Wayne A. Coyne, 26, who was arrested Aug. 16 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .187.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving and failing to signal. A related charge of driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Smith told police she was driving the car and that he told her to slow down.

Later Smith told ambulance personnel that he could not lie anymore and that he was actually driving the car at the time of the accident. Smith did not have a valid driver's license.

A blood and urine test determined Smith had cocaine and marijuana in his body.

He was charged with driving under the influence of a controlled substance, driving without a license, driving at an unsafe speed and causing an accident involving injury. Related charges of failing to keep right, careless driving and reckless driving were dismissed.

D.U.I. CHARGES

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper on Oct. 29:

West Wyoming resident Alan R. Pietrowsky, 47, who was arrested Aug. 16 by Dallas Township patrolman Robert Jolley after he was stopped at a sobriety check point on Rt. 309.

A breath test determined his blood alcohol level to be .148. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Wilkes-Barre resident Thomas Norman, 45, who was arrested Aug. 15 by Jackson Township patrolman David Kittle after police were called to a one-vehicle accident at Chase Rd. and Hillside Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests, Norman was taken to the Luzerne County Central Processing Center, where his blood alcohol was determined to be .257, more than twice legal limit of .10.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

Harveys Lake resident Paul Hoisington, who was arrested July 29 by Harveys Lake Borough patrolman James Karlowicz after police observed him hunched over the steering wheel of his parked car. His car was running.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .164.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Wilkes-Barre resident Kathy Kaminski, 49, who was arrested Sept. 1 by Kingston Township patrolman Wade Curtis after police were called to an accident on Rt. 309.

According to police reports Kaminski's car was traveling north on Rt. 309 when she went off the

roadway and struck a curb after passing Carverton Rd. Her car veered across the driving and passing lanes of northbound traffic, then over a cement median. Her car then went across southbound lanes until she hit a cement curb, and went up the curb into a grass embankment. It travelled 24 ft. on the embankment before it hit a utility pole. Her car then travelled another 106 ft. before stopping.

Kaminski was taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .240, more than twice the legal limit of .10.

She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving.

Fort Lauderdale, FL resident James A. Ellsworth, 39, who was arrested by Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey Dennis after police observed him driving erratically on Main Rd. Ellsworth was driving in the oncoming traffic lane.

After failing field sobriety tests he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .235, twice the legal limit of .10.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to keep right.

ACCIDENT LEADS TO DRUG, DRIVING CHARGES

Edwardsville resident Shawn Smith, 21, was arrested Aug. 2 by Harveys Lake Borough patrolman James Karlowicz after police responded to an accident at Rt. 415 and Kunkle Rd.

The car Smith and Michelle Dzubiak were driving in crossed yellow lines at the intersection and hit a pole.

Dzubiak was being treated for injuries when police arrived and were unable to interview her.

Kingston Township tax reminder

Kingston Township Tax Collector, Janice Castellani, reminds residents that face value on 1997 school tax bills will end Fri., Nov. 14. These bills will be due at penalty value after that date. Office hours at the Township Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville are Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Maintenance building dedicated

Kingston Township dedicated its new Public Works Facility on Friday. The building at 225 E. Center St. in Shavertown is adjacent to Center Street Park. Cutting the ribbon, from left, William Tippet, supervisor; Paul Sabol, vice-chairman; Jeff Box, township manager; Herb Hill, supervisor; Tom Reese, Chris Borton, Robert Chamberlain, road superintendent; Margaret Bakker and Rob Lewis, architects.

The \$670,000 project includes a two story, eight bay, concrete vehicle maintenance and storage facility addition to the existing maintenance building.

Molestation suspect's case going to county court

DALLAS - Robert Holeman, 53, waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper on October 30. Holeman has been in custody since his arrest for the alleged sexual molestation of a 12-year-old boy.

Holeman applied for representation twice and was denied twice. "Most (lawyers) are out of bounds financially," Holeman told Tupper. "I will continue to look, but it's best for me to waive the hearing at this time."

Tupper told him he will eventually qualify with someone. "I suggest you contact every attorney in the yellow pages," he said.

Holeman was arrested after police were called to a domestic

disturbance. He was charged with 15 counts including rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and corruption of a minor.

Holeman is currently at the

Luzerne County Correctional Facility because he cannot pay the \$100,000 bail.

The case will now be sent to the Luzerne Court of Common Pleas.

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