

**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

**Sweet Valley man faces assault, driving, drug possession charges**

Sweet Valley resident Robert Stephen Engle, 44, was arrested Feb. 8 by Lake Township patrolman John Fuches after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 29.

When police told Engle to exit his truck for field sobriety tests he fled the scene in his vehicle. Engle drove from Rt. 29 to Ide Rd. to Mooretown Rd. and finally onto Crisman Rd. He stopped, got out of his vehicle and ran from police.

Engle fought with police as they attempted to apprehend him, the police report said. Both officers were injured during the scuffle. Police used chemical spray to subdue Engle and placed him under arrest.

A search for weapons yielded a silver and wooden smoking pipe and a four inch knife. Also, a bag

of a substance that appeared to be marijuana was found in his vehicle.

Engle refused a blood alcohol and drug test. Refusal of the test results in suspension of a driver's license for one year. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a controlled substance, two counts of simple assault, two counts of harassment, two counts of resisting arrest, two counts of disorderly conduct engaged in fighting, possession of marijuana, failing to keep right, failing to stop, driving at an unsafe speed, careless driving and fleeing or attempting to elude police. Related charges of aggravated assault, simple assault, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another were dismissed.

**RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT**

Dallas resident William J. Brehra, 20, was arrested Feb. 6 by Lehman Township patrolman Scott Davis after police were called to Lake-Lehman High School regarding a person who was sprayed with pepper spray.

Upon arrival at the school, police observed several people outside the school lobby coughing. Kevin Burke, 23, told police that he got in an argument with Jason "Jake" Santee. Santee reportedly punched Burke while Brehra also

started to punch him.

Richard Blaine pulled Brehra off Burke twice. Brehra then sprayed pepper spray into Burke's face. Travis Fink, 18, told Brehra to back away before Brehra, Santee, Chester Smith Jr., 19, began assaulting him. Brehra then sprayed Fink, police said.

Brehra was charged with reckless endangerment of another person, disorderly conduct, harassment and simple assault. Related charges of risking catastrophe and simple assault were dismissed.

**D.U.I. CHARGES**

Hunlock Creek resident Kathryn Lee Rudaski, 17, was arrested Jan. 25 by Lehman Township patrolman Scott Davis after police observed her fail to stop at a stop sign.

Rudaski told police she could not take a field sobriety test because she was drunk and would fail. She was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .128. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. A charge of failing to stop at a stop sign was dismissed.

She waived her right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Falls resident Joseph Buzonis, 36, was arrested Jan. 17 by State Trooper Thomas Kaminski after police observed his vehicle stopped on the side of Carverton Rd. Buzonis was in his vehicle is what police observed to be a "dazed status."

When asked to step out of his vehicle, Buzonis had to be held up by police. He was taken to the Luzerne County Processing Center where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .204, twice the legal limit. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Related charges of improper stop and careless driving were dismissed.

Larksville resident Kimberly A. Edwards, 31, was arrested Jan. 18 by Jackson Township patrolman Benjamin Bigus after police received a call from Larksville po-

lice about a brown Pontiac driving erratically on Mountain Rd. toward Weavertown Rd. in Jackson Twp.

After failing field sobriety tests, Edwards was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .25. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and waived her right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Dallas resident James Mehal, 34, was arrested Jan. 24 by Lehman Township patrolman Scott Davis after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .193. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

**FALSE REPORT**

Scranton resident Donald Fuller, 20, was arrested Dec. 25 by Dallas Township patrolman David Fitch after police were called to an auto accident of Lower Demunds Rd. Fuller let a juvenile female without a valid driver's license drive his car, police said. Initially the juvenile and Fuller said that he was driving, but later changed their story.

He was charged with unsworn false written statement, false report to law enforcement and permitting driving without license.

**Phone rates**

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business touch tone.

**Negotiations at standstill**

Negotiations between CTCO and Communications Workers of America (CWA) are at a standstill, said Burnside. "Our position is that we have a good offer on the table," he said.

The union bargaining committee says it has not been notified of any negotiation date.

Terry Tipping, CWA chair of the negotiation committee, said the issues at hand are wages, pensions, health care and job security.

"The company is very profit-

able. The wages are substandard and so are the pensions," Tipping has said.

There are 378 employees who belong to CWA out of 650 total. The balance of Commonwealth's employees are not unionized. The union is primarily made up of five groups, including outside plant workers, service representatives, business office service representatives, store keepers and inventory clerks.

Tipping said CWA employees fear their jobs are not secure because Commonwealth wants to contract out some labor.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of March 6 - 12:

Jerome Kane, et ux, to Thomas A. Resavage, et ux, 5.492 ac. Lot 1, Franklin Twp. \$200,000.

Anthony Christopher Sax, et ux, to Chris Korshalla, Lots 28-33, Harveys Lake Bor., \$15,500.

Hill Brook Corp. to Barry F.

Townley, trustee ux, 4.53 ac. Lot 28 Hillbrook Frm., Kingston Twp., \$87,000.

Frank M. Cunius, Jr., to Eric J. McCabe, et ux, 88-90 Lehigh St., Kingston Twp., \$92,000.

Alan Updyke, et ux, to Gary Smith, et ux, 1 ac. Lot 3, Lake Twp., \$25,000.

Sweet Valley Buffalo, Inc. to Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 6.4 ac. Lot 2, Ross Twp., \$55,000.

**Army to recruit at Dallas High School**

The U.S. Army Recruiting Cinema Van will be at Dallas High School in Dallas on Fri., March 27. The Cinema Van is used in concert with local U.S. Army recruiters to present the Army story and provide information to high school students about career opportunities in the Army through means of a multi-media presentation. The Cinema Van seats 30 students at a time. For more information, contact Sgt. Fink at the Wilkes-Barre Recruiting Station, phone 829-1685.



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