

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Dallas man charged with stealing truck, driving drunk, resisting arrest

George Sims Jr., 42, of Dallas, was arrested March 17 by Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey J. Dennis after police observed Sims driving fast on Rt. 309 in a tank truck without headlights.

Sims pulled the truck over for police, but rammed the back of a police car when it attempted to pull in front of his stopped truck. He then pulled back and slammed into the passenger side of the police car causing it to lift from the ground. He tried again to hit the police car, but an officer gained entry into his truck and shut it off. Sims had an open can of Budweiser in his hand.

Sims hit and tried to push off police, the police report said. After being cuffed, he threatened to kill the arresting officers. He was then taken to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for a blood alcohol test. The results were submitted for analysis.

Sims was then taken back to the Dallas Township Police Station where he was read his

Miranda rights and told police that he knew he was drunk and had been drinking all night. He told police that he stole the truck he was driving from Glen Bottle Co. in Larksville that same night. He said he drove without headlights on because he did not want anyone to see him and admitted that he was trying to push the police car so he could get away.

Sims was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, recklessly endangering another person, terroristic threats, criminal mischief, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, fleeing or attempting to elude officers, restriction on alcoholic beverages, reckless driving, driving without headlights to avoid arrest, driving at an unsafe speed, disregarding a traffic lane and lacking the requirement for commercial driver's license.

Related charges of simple assault, aggravated assault and receiving stolen property were dismissed.

D.U.I. CHARGES

• Tunkhannock resident Micah A. Price, 24, was arrested Jan. 15 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309 and Rt. 415.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .189.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to signal and careless driving. Price waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

• Wyoming resident John B. Baines, 32, was arrested Jan. 31 by Dallas Township patrolman Jeffrey J. Dennis after police responded to an accident on Rt. 309.

Sharon J. Winter of Dallas told

police that she was slowing down, with her blinker on, to pull into a mobile home park when she was hit from behind by Baines.

Baines was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .185. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. A related charge of following too closely was dismissed.

Baines waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

• Wilkes-Barre resident John G. Paltanavich, 56, was arrested Feb. 15 by Kingston Township patrolman Wade Curtis after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 309.

He was taken to the Luzerne County Central Processing Center where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .226, more than twice the legal limit of .10. He was charged with driving un-

der the influence of alcohol and disregard for traffic lane. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

Paltanavich waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

• Sweet Valley resident Leonard Morris, 50, was arrested Feb. 6 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Hillside Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he refused a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in a one-year license suspension. Morris was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Related charges of disregard for a traffic lane, careless driving and improper signaling were dismissed.

He waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

• Harveys Lake resident Susan Callahan, 43, was arrested Feb. 15 by Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris after police observed her driving erratically on Rt. 415.

After failing field sobriety tests, she was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .187. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Callahan waived her right to a preliminary hearing.

• Hopatcong, New Jersey resident Steven Mabry, 40, was arrested Jan. 30 by Kingston Township patrolman James J. Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically on Carverton Rd.

After refusing to submit to field sobriety tests, Mabry was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .110. He was

charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, disregard for a traffic lane, careless driving and having more than one valid driver's license. A related charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed.

• Dallas resident Donald Nulton, 37, was arrested Jan. 5 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 he refused a blood alcohol test. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license.

• Wilkes-Barre resident Jason Kohl, 21, was arrested Feb. 3 by Kingston Township patrolman James Ibbotson 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 .133. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disregard for traffic lane.

Kohl waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

• Clarks Summit resident Joseph McGarry, 19, was arrested Dec. 9 by Harveys Lake patrolman James Karlowicz after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415 Lakeside Dr.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood test proved positive for marijuana. Police found a bag of marijuana and a pipe with marijuana in it in the truck McGarry was driving. He was charged with driving under the influence of a controlled substance, failing to keep right and careless driving.

He waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Parents group to meet in area

The Parents Anonymous of Pennsylvania advisory board officially commenced their Child Abuse Prevention Month activities at a regional meeting hosted by the Luzerne County Chapters of Parents Anonymous (P.A.). Counties represented at the meeting include Luzerne.

In Luzerne County, the local Parents Anonymous program offers weekly support groups for parents who are under stress or simply trying to build better relationships with their children. Support groups are free of charge and are available in Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Hazleton. For more information, contact 823-7312 or 455-9971.

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10th Annual Rabies Shots Clinic to be held April 26

The Dallas Kiwanis Club is once again sponsoring its 10th annual Rabies Shots clinic on Sunday, April 26 at the Dallas Township Municipal Building on Rt. 309. Reduced-price shots will be administered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by Dr. I. Kathio, D.V.M., who has his own practice and works closely with the cats can get vaccinated for \$5. The average rate "it's a bargain," said Cliff Parker of the Kiwanis. The clinic approximately 300 dogs and cats a year and welcomes more.

The Kiwanis started the clinic 10 years ago after a rabies breakout in the area. "It went well so we kept doing it," said Parker. In the interest of safety, the Kiwanis ask that people bring their dogs on leashes.

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