

Selenski

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ki was going to be charged in the deaths, police should do it soon, he has said.

Lupas fired back Wednesday, but still has not released any new information on the investigation.

"I am sorry Mr. Fannick feels inconvenienced by the fact that the Pennsylvania State Police are searching the property, but that is too bad," Lupas said. "I would also appreciate Mr. Fannick not trying to tell me how to do my job."

Selenski has not been charged in connection with the

bodies, but he is charged with robbing Kerkowski's father of \$40,000.

He was expected to be in court Thursday for preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper of Trucksville.

Prosecutors will likely present limited testimony related to the alleged robbery, which Fannick has said he will contest.

Tupper will decide whether Selenski should face the charge in county court.

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Judge denies lawyer access to all evidence

By DAVID WEISS
For The Dallas Post

WILKES-BARRE — On Monday, a Luzerne County judge said Selenski and his attorney, Demetrius Fannick, could see only the first of two warrants used to search his Kingston Township home where five sets of human remains were found because that search is complete.

A list of items seized under a second warrant will remain in the prosecutors' possession, the judge said, because Assistant District Attorney Joe Giovannini said that search has not been completed.

Fannick filed court papers last week requesting copies of all warrants and a list of items found at the 479 Mount Olivet Road house where Selenski lived with his girlfriend, Christina Strom.

Court of Common Pleas Judge Patrick Toole made his ruling after a brief hearing Monday at which he also gave Fannick permission to tour the property at 1 p.m. today.

The attorney on Monday also revealed that federal prosecutors issued a detainer on Selenski for a weapons violation. Fannick had no details of that violation because that information is also sealed. He also said a number of other warrants were issued for other locations.

Prosecutors gave Fannick the inventory of items seized from the first warrant and a copy of the second warrant without the

inventory. The nine-page affidavits of probable cause that outline the reason behind both warrants remain sealed by Toole.

"Obviously, the more information I have the better I can defend him," Fannick said.

Toole's ruling also came with a stern warning to the media, saying any solicitation of information relevant to the sealed warrants was inappropriate. He also said anyone, especially a police officer, caught disclosing information about the sealed warrants should be criminally charged.

Prosecutors, meanwhile, expect to be at the Mount Olivet Road home for at least several more weeks. A source also has confirmed that police were asking potential witnesses about human tissue found on a garage door at the property.

Fannick also questioned whether police were following all laws during their 25-day scouring of the property, especially the posting of the second warrant.

Giovannini said he could not put a time frame on how much longer police will be at the scene. But he said searching the entire premises — including some underground areas — is very time consuming.

"We just don't want to do a hodgepodge," Giovannini said. "It's a very involved, very intense search."

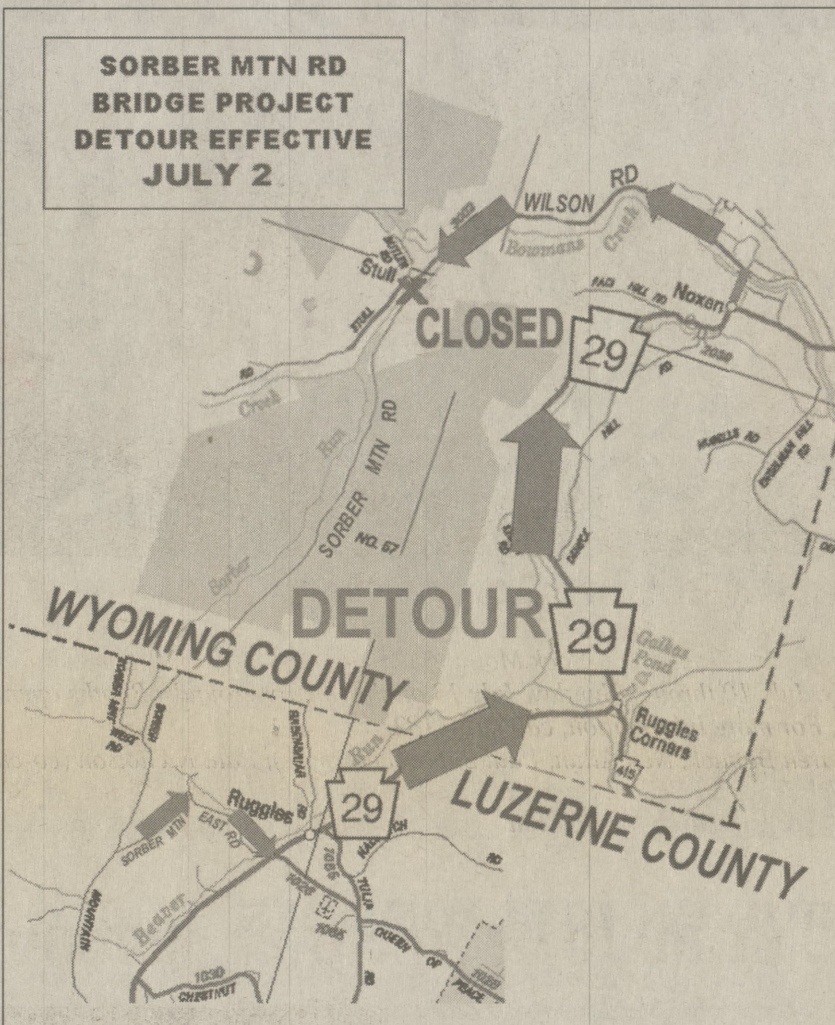
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Two children hurt in crash

A three-car accident that sent a family to the hospital occurred Wednesday in front of the First Union Bank on Route 309, Dallas Township. The accident happened when an SUV failed to stop for two vehicles stopped on the highway. Two of the three passengers taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital were children aged 7 and 2. Back Mountain departments that responded to the accident included Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township Police Departments, Dallas Fire Department, Dallas and Kunkle Fire Departments. Other information was not available in time for this issue.



Sorber Mountain Road closed for bridge replacement project

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) advises drivers that Sorber Mountain Road (Township Route 310) near Noxen in Wyoming County was closed July 2 for a bridge replacement project. Sorber Mountain Road is closed to through traffic and a detour has been set up. (The road closing had been scheduled for this month but was postponed until July 2.)

The detour is scheduled to remain in effect for three to four months. Traffic will be detoured onto Sorber Mountain East Road (Township Route 796) in Luzerne County to PA Route 29 north to Wilson Road (State Route 3002) in Wyoming County.

The road closing is necessary so work can begin on a \$494,000 project to replace the old single span steel truss bridge over Bowman's Creek with a single span concrete beam bridge. The project includes roadway approach work, guide rail and drainage improvements. The contractor is American Asphalt Paving Company, Shavertown. The estimated completion is late this summer.

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