

Selenski

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who said he might let Selenski see part, but not all, of the probable cause details.

Selenski has been jailed since June 5 when police executed search warrants at the home where he lived with Christina Strom. Police found the remains of five bodies on the property, including missing pharmacist Michael Kerkowski.

Selenski has not been charged in the deaths, but he was charged with robbing Kerkowski's father of \$40,000.

Toole sealed the warrants in the investigation, and Fannick on Monday filed a request asking the judge to allow his client, not the media or public, to review the information. On Wednesday, he said the information is vital to defend Selenski on the robbery charges at a hearing Monday.

Fannick said one important item he needs to know is whether Kerkowski was alive when Selenski allegedly robbed Kerkowski's father.

The judge also heard arguments from Assistant District Attorney Joseph Giovannini to keep the warrants sealed.

Toole said he will not let Selenski see the complete documents. But the judge said he will review the information and determine if Selenski will be allowed to review any details relevant only to the robbery.

Toole also granted Selenski another hearing in September. That hearing will allow Fannick to question investigators about why they need the warrants sealed for so long. The warrants will remain sealed until the September hearing.

Prosecutors have said part of reason is to protect the identity of informants in the case. Giovannini also said prosecutors

have not filed any charges in connection with the deaths.

Giovannini told Toole on Wednesday the informants have said they fear Selenski, and revealing their identity could result in them being harmed — even though they are in prison.

"That's an illusionary claim," Fannick said.

"That's not an illusionary claim," Giovannini countered. "That's a fact."

Fannick said it is already known, through the letter he obtained, that Weakley is an informant and has not been harmed.

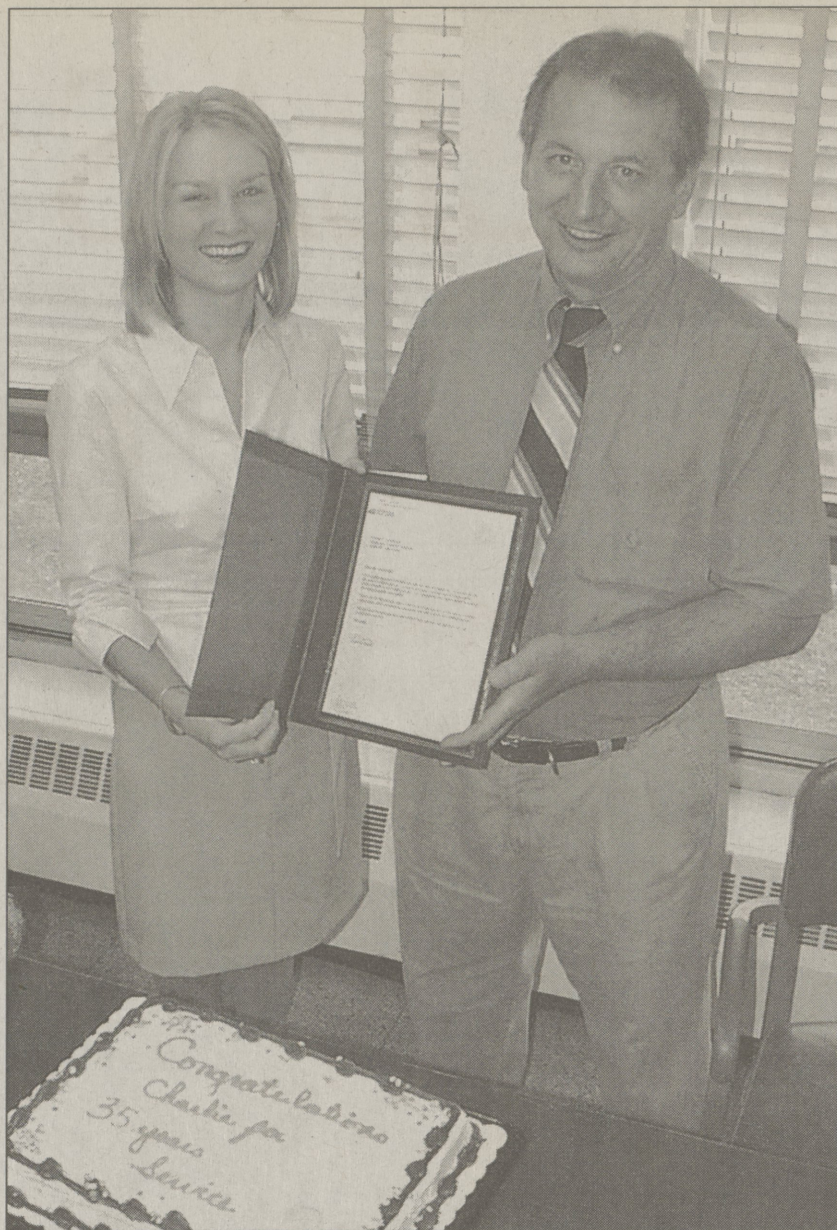
Sources have identified Weakley and Pat Russin as informants in the case. Both are jailed, facing federal weapons charges. Weakley and Selenski met while jailed in federal prison. Selenski was jailed for bank robbery and Weakley for making a pipe bomb.

In another development, Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael Conahan lowered Carey Bartoo's bail to \$5,000. The judge said Bartoo would be released if she could post 10 percent, or \$500.

Bartoo, a former Selenski girlfriend and mother of one of his three children, was arrested in connection with a Dallas Township burglary and unrelated drug charges. She has denied any knowledge of the bodies, but was scheduled to be released Wednesday morning for a fourth interview with police.

A prison sergeant said Bartoo had not posted bail and remained incarcerated as of late Wednesday afternoon.

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35 years, and counting

The Dallas Post Office honored Charles Innamorati for his more than 35 years of service at a ceremony held July 29.

Innamorati began work in 1968 at Dallas as a "PTF," a part-time flexible employee who could be called upon to perform any task. He is now the Customer Service Supervisor. "You want to know anything about Dallas, I can tell you," he said.

Innamorati plans to retire next year. While he claims not to be counting, he said he would be eligible for retirement in "11 months and three days."

In photo, Kristen Tucker, Dallas Postmaster, presented a certificate of appreciation and a cake to Innamorati.

Contestants sought for 2003 Pittston Tomato Fest Queen

Single ladies between the ages of 14 to 19 years old can enter to compete for the 2003 Miss Tomato Festival Queen title on August 22-23. A \$500 cash college scholarship will go to the winner and a \$250 cash college scholarship to the first runner-up. Scoring will be based on a private interview with judges, a stage performance of some type, an on stage personality interview with the emcee, poise and appearance. Entrants are not required to be from the Pittston area. Call 696-4755 for an application.

Deadline to enter is August 8.

HL trucking firm to pay overtime

The owner of a Harveys Lake trucking firm has agreed to pay \$27,500 in back overtime pay the U.S. Department of Labor says was wrongly denied to some of his employees.

Shawn J. Pulver of S.J. Pulver Trucking Service of Outlet Road entered into a consent agreement Monday with the Labor Department that calls for him to pay the back wages to 16 current and former employees in 12 installments starting on July 30.

The department said Pulver, who operates a construction material hauling business, violated the Fair Labor Standards Act by failing to pay the employees time and a half for excess hours worked between March 2000 and March 2002.

Under the consent order, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Pulver also agreed to comply with the law in the future and not to solicit the return or refusal of the payment from the employees.

Arthritis self-help course

The Arthritis Foundation will conduct a free Arthritis Self-Help Course (ASHC) beginning 10 a.m. Thursday, August 14, at St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis Street in Shavertown. This is six-week educational program designed to teach people strategies to live better with arthritis and other rheumatic diseases.

Discussion topics will include pain management, exercise, medications, nutrition and more. The program also offers participants an opportunity to share experience, helpful hints for living better with arthritis and problem solving.

Participants will receive a free arthritis helpbook. Pre-registration is required, and all participants must get their physician's consent in writing prior to participation. Class size is limited. To register contact Leigh Ann Wiedlich, Regional Health Educator, at the Arthritis Foundation, at 823-2888.

Dallas Borough weed ordinance

The residents and property owners of Dallas Borough are reminded that the Borough's "Weed Nuisance Ordinance" requires that all grass and weeds within the borough be cut and removed no later than July 1 of each year or earlier if necessary. Due to the above normal rainfall this season many properties in the borough are overgrown. Under the Borough's Ordinance, property owners who fail to comply with the Weed Ordinance are in violation and subject to a fine. All property owners are asked to please comply with the Borough Weed Ordinance. Please contact the borough administrative office with any questions at 675-1389.

Sherwood's rep to be in Dallas

A field representative for Congressman Don Sherwood will be available to meet with Luzerne County residents on Wednesday, August 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Dallas Township Municipal Building. Sherwood's representative will meet with residents every first and third Wednesday of the month at the municipal building from 11 to 12.

For more information, contact Sherwood's office at 888-366-7210.

Nesbitt Hospital nurses reunion

Members of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Nurses' Alumni met recently to finalize plans for its first reunion in five years. The reunion is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, at the Apple Tree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas. All graduates of the Nesbitt Hospital School of Nursing are invited to attend. Cost for the event is \$35, which includes hors d'oeuvres, full buffet, drinks and a special Nesbitt Alumni memento. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 2 p.m. and the buffet begins at 3 p.m. The deadline for reservations is Saturday, August 16. For more information, please contact Madeline Casey at 654-7742.

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