

POLICE REPORTS

Mailboxes Struck By Unknown Vehicle

An unknown vehicle struck a post holding three mailboxes along Back Run Road in Ayr Township on Wednesday, November 5. Victims were Ginger Joe Flemming, 38; Robert L. Sample, 53; and Frank Quattro, all of McConnellsburg. Anyone having additional information pertaining to this hit-and-run collision should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Bartlett at 717-485-3131.

Mailboxes Damaged

Mailboxes belonging to 65-year-old James William Divilbliss Jr. and James William Divilbliss III, 40, were damaged between 11 a.m. on November 1 and 12:30 p.m. on November 3. The mailboxes are located at the intersection of Spotted Fawn Lane and Mountain Road in Belfast Township. Anyone with further information related to this case should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Barnett at 717-485-3131.

Deer Causes Accident

A white-tailed deer darting across Route 30 in Todd Township caused a one-vehicle accident on Tuesday, November 4, according to state police. Twenty-three-year-old McConnellsburg resident Brittany Irene Foster told police she was travelling eastbound when the deer collided with the front right-corner panel of her 2006 Ford sport utility vehicle. Foster's vehicle then struck an embankment and rolled onto its roof. Foster was uninjured in the 9:25 p.m. crash.

Tractor-Trailer, Van Collide

The driver of a 1998 Dodge van was cited for careless driving after he pulled onto Route 522 in Ayr Township on Confederate Lane on October 23. Jerry W. Billings Jr., 32, of McConnellsburg pulled onto Route 522 and went unseen by Mercersburg resident Rodney Weller, 34, who was operating a southbound 1994 Freightliner tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer collided with Billings' van before striking a telephone pole and mailbox.

Billings was taken to Chambersburg Hospital by McConnellsburg EMS for treatment of moderate injuries. Both drivers were wearing seat belts during the 11:03 p.m. accident.

Local Woman Scammed In Puppy Sale

A 34-year-old Warfordsburg woman was the victim of theft by deception when she recently tried to sell a puppy in a local newspaper. State police reported an individual from New Jersey saw the advertisement online and made arrangements with a shipping company to pick up the puppy. The Belfast Township woman was sent a check in the amount of \$2,700 for the \$100 dog and asked to mail the remaining money back to New Jersey. The check was fraudulent.

Teen Harassed

Neil Richard Crouse, 18, of McConnellsburg reportedly harassed and intimidated a 14-year-old McConnellsburg boy while at McConnellsburg High School on Wednesday, November 5, at 1 p.m. Charges against Crouse have been filed through the office of Magisterial District Judge Wendy Mellott.

Harrisonville Woman Escapes Harm

Twenty-four-year-old Harrisonville resident Kellie Arlene Gress escaped injury when she lost control of her eastbound vehicle on rain-soaked Route 475 in Dublin Township on Wednesday, November 5, at 8:30 a.m. State police did not say if Gress was wearing a seat belt during the crash.

Warfordsburg Man Jailed For Domestic Violence

James Edward Shank of Warfordsburg was sent to Franklin County Prison in lieu of \$40,000 straight bail after he allegedly assaulted his wife at their 4933 Buck Valley Road home. Shank, 39, reportedly assaulted 39-year-old Tina Shank on Wednesday, November 5, at 8:35 p.m., causing bruising and a cut to the woman's head. Charges against James Shank were filed through Magisterial District Judge Devin Horne.

Chain Saw, Drill Stolen

A Stihl chain saw (model 021) with a 16-inch bar and a gas-powered Stihl drill were stolen from 389 North Clear Ridge Road between 6 p.m. on November 5 and 8 a.m. on

November 6. Victim Everhart & Hoover Co. of Hustontown told state police the thieves also cut 50 feet of heavy copper cable from the grounding leads inside truck storage boxes. Anyone with further information concerning this incident is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Fabian at 717-485-3131.

Dogs Shot

Carol Eileen Kelso of Harrisonville informed state police investigators her two dogs were shot in the woods behind her home located at 134 Reunion Ground Road on Wednesday, November 5, between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The dogs were a black lab and a yellow lab. Anyone having additional information pertinent to this case of cruelty to animals is asked to call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Hibner at 717-485-3131.

Playstation Stolen

A black portable Playstation was taken from the 618 East Market Street, McConnellsburg, front porch of Tamara Dawn Skiles, 28, between noon and 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 2. Anyone with further information regarding this incident should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Hibner at 717-485-3131.

Driver's Licenses Taken

Three or four driver's licenses were taken from a wallet found on the side of the road at the intersection of Route 655 and Martin Road in Needmore. Florine Mae Gordon, 79, of Needmore, told state police she had dropped her wallet on Tuesday, November 4, at 9 p.m. and later found it at noon on Wednesday, November 5. During the time it was unaccounted for, her driver's licenses were stolen. Anyone having further information related to this case is asked to call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Hibner at 717-485-3131.

School Security Officer Harassed

Central Fulton School District security officer James Smith was the victim of harassment on Thursday, November 6, at 9 a.m. Forty-six-year-old Donna Miller of Harrisonville was asked by Smith, 79, to move her vehicle from the school loading zone at which time Miller allegedly yelled at the officer in front of a group of small children. Miller also reportedly grabbed Smith by the arm. Charges of disorderly conduct and harassment are set to be filed against Miller through the office of Magisterial District Judge Wendy Mellott.

Man Bitten In Assault

Twenty-eight-year-old McConnellsburg resident Derrick Keefer was the victim of a case of assault and domestic violence that occurred on the 200 block of Lincoln Way East on Friday, November 7. At 10:55 p.m. Keefer reportedly became involved in a verbal argument with Crystal Kerns, 29, also of McConnellsburg. Kerns allegedly entered Keefer's apartment without permission and bit him twice, state police added.

Money Taken In Burglary

State police from the McConnellsburg barracks are investigating a burglary that occurred at 1006 North Clear Ridge Road in Taylor Township on Saturday, November 8. According to state police, burglars removed several hundred dollars in change from the Hustontown home of 51-year-old Lee Tice between 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Anyone having additional information linked to this incident should contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Remeikas at 717-485-3131.

Jeep Rolls Over

The driver of a 2002 Jeep Wrangler will be cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic in connection with a crash along Interstate 70 last Thursday evening. Wendy K. Devine, 36, of Everet lost control of her eastbound Jeep, which travelled into the median strip and rolled over one time. Devine was wearing a seat belt and suffered a minor injury during the November 6 5 p.m. accident.

Gate Thrown

A gate spanning 676 Wasamud Lane in Warfordsburg was removed from its posts and thrown over a nearby hillside on Saturday, November 8, between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Victim was Sheldon Lee Weaver of Hagerstown, Md. Anyone having further information related to this crime is urged to call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or

Trooper Falkosky at 717-485-3131.

Warfordsburg Man Victim Of Tree-Cutting Scam

As a result of a recent tree service scam in Union Township, Pennsylvania State Police are reminding area residents they should not leave their homes unattended and to ask for identification of people offering home-based services.

According to state police, 79-year-old Marvin Cavender was lured from his 838 Fairview Road residence by individuals posing as a tree service company on Thursday, November 6. While Cavender was outside, another individual entered the unlocked home and removed \$650 in cash.

Anyone having additional information regarding this incident should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Fabian at 717-485-3131.

Hubcap Found At Scene Of Hit-And-Run

A Buick hubcap was found on Thursday, November 6, at the scene of a hit-and-run collision along Stahle Road in Union Township. State police reported the unknown vehicle left the roadway and struck a fence belonging to Warfordsburg resident Paul Hammann. The vehicle is believed to have suffered damage to the front left side. Anyone with further information concerning this case should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Fabian at 717-485-3131.

Air Compressor Stolen

A red Husky air compressor was stolen from 697 Fieldstone Road in Needmore on Thursday, November 6, between 6 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The compressor may have a 60-gallon tank, according to owner Aaron Daniel Jessee, 39, of Needmore, who further added the compressor also has burn marks on the top and on part of the tank from being involved in a fire.

In addition to stealing Jessee's compressor, the burglars also removed various tools, including hammers, wrenches, ratchets and sockets after smashing out a back door window. The tools were Craftsman, MIT and Mack brands.

Beer Bottle Thrown Through Window

A Rolling Rock beer bottle was thrown through the back window of a green 1997 Chevrolet Lumina belonging to Teresa Diane Miller, 42, of McConnellsburg. According to state police, Miller's vehicle was parked along Narrows Road at the intersection of Route 522 on Friday, November 7, when the mischief occurred between 5:20 a.m. and 9 a.m. Anyone having additional information pertinent to this crime should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Hibner at 717-485-3131.

Loaded Firearm Found In Vehicle

Twenty-six-year-old Andrew Dicken of Breezewood was found in possession of a loaded rifle in his vehicle during a traffic stop along Interstate 70 in Brush Creek Township. The traffic stop for various traffic violations occurred on Wednesday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m. Charges against Dicken were filed through the office of Magisterial District Judge Carol Jean Johnson.

Vehicle Damaged During Hit-And-Run

A 2005 Dodge Neon parked at Giant grocery store suffered a dent to the trunk lid when it was struck by an unknown vehicle on Saturday, November 8, at 9 a.m. Anyone having additional information linked to this crash is asked to call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Barnett at 717-485-3131.

Woman Accused Of Cruelty To Animals

McConnellsburg resident Saundra Rasp is accused of cruelty to animals as a result of an alleged incident involving her dog on October 29. At 1:12 p.m., state police determined Rasp had confined her dog to a fenced-in area along Cito Road without any shelter from inclement weather.

Vehicle Spray-painted

The letters "MAC" were spray-painted across the trunk lid of a black 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier belonging to Michael Eader Jr., 18, of Big Cove Tannery, between 11:30 a.m. on November 8 and 5:15 p.m. on November 10. In addition, thieves also removed the vehicle's Pennsylvania inspection sticker during the incident along the eastern berm of Pigeon Cove Road near the intersection of Buck Valley Road in Bethel Township. Anyone having further information pertinent to this case of theft from a motor vehicle and mischief is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Greenfield at 717-485-3131.

Car Collides With Guiderail

A 2007 Ford Escort collided with a set of guiderails after leaving the wet Licking Creek Township roadway on Wednesday, November 5. Driver Kevin W. Rhoads, 21, of Marion, was not injured and was wearing a seat belt during the 5:57 a.m. accident along Route 30.

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Judge Walsh Presides Over Nov. 4 Court Session

STAFF REPORT

Judge Richard J. Walsh of the 39th Judicial District of the Court of Common Pleas presided over a court session held at the Fulton County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 4.

Sondra Melissa Barnhart appeared with legal counsel on charges of bad checks. Barnhart pled not guilty, and her trial will be held during the January 26 term of court.

Aliza Jane Clark appeared with her attorney on two counts of driving under the influence and nine summary offenses. Clark waived arraignment proceedings and entered a not-guilty plea. Her trial will be conducted during the January 26 term of court.

William Raymond Huber appeared with legal counsel on one count each of false insurance claims and criminal attempt theft. Huber, who pled not guilty, will reappear in court during the January 26 court term for a trial.

Daniel Ray Nazelrod III appeared with his attorney on three counts of manufacture with intent to deliver. Nazelrod entered a not guilty plea, and his trial will be conducted during the January 26 term of court.

Andrew Robert Skidmore appeared with counsel on one count of driving under the influence to which he entered a not-guilty plea. Skidmore's trial will be held during the January 26 term of court.

William Christopher Holt appeared in court with legal counsel on two counts of driving under the influence and four summary offenses. Holt was admitted into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program and will complete 12 months probation.

James William Shaffer appeared with his attorney on one count each of possession of an instrument of crime, persons not to possess firearms and two counts of unlawful taking or possession of wildlife. Shaffer entered a guilty plea to possession of an instrument of crime and will be sentenced on December 23 following the completion of a presentence investigation.

Elizabeth Fern Souders appeared in court on a motion for a new trial.

Daniel Richard Harper appeared with legal counsel for sentencing on one count each of theft by unlawful taking and false reports. Harper was sentenced to between 15 and 36 months in a state correctional institution (SCI) for theft and an additional one to 12 months for false reports.

Robert Jay Miller appeared with his attorney for sentencing on charges of driving under the influence and accidents involving death or personal injury. Miller will complete between 12 and 60 months in a SCI.

Charles William Richards appeared with his legal counsel for sentencing on theft by unlawful taking. Richards will complete between 12 and 36 months in a state correctional institution and is eligible for boot camp.

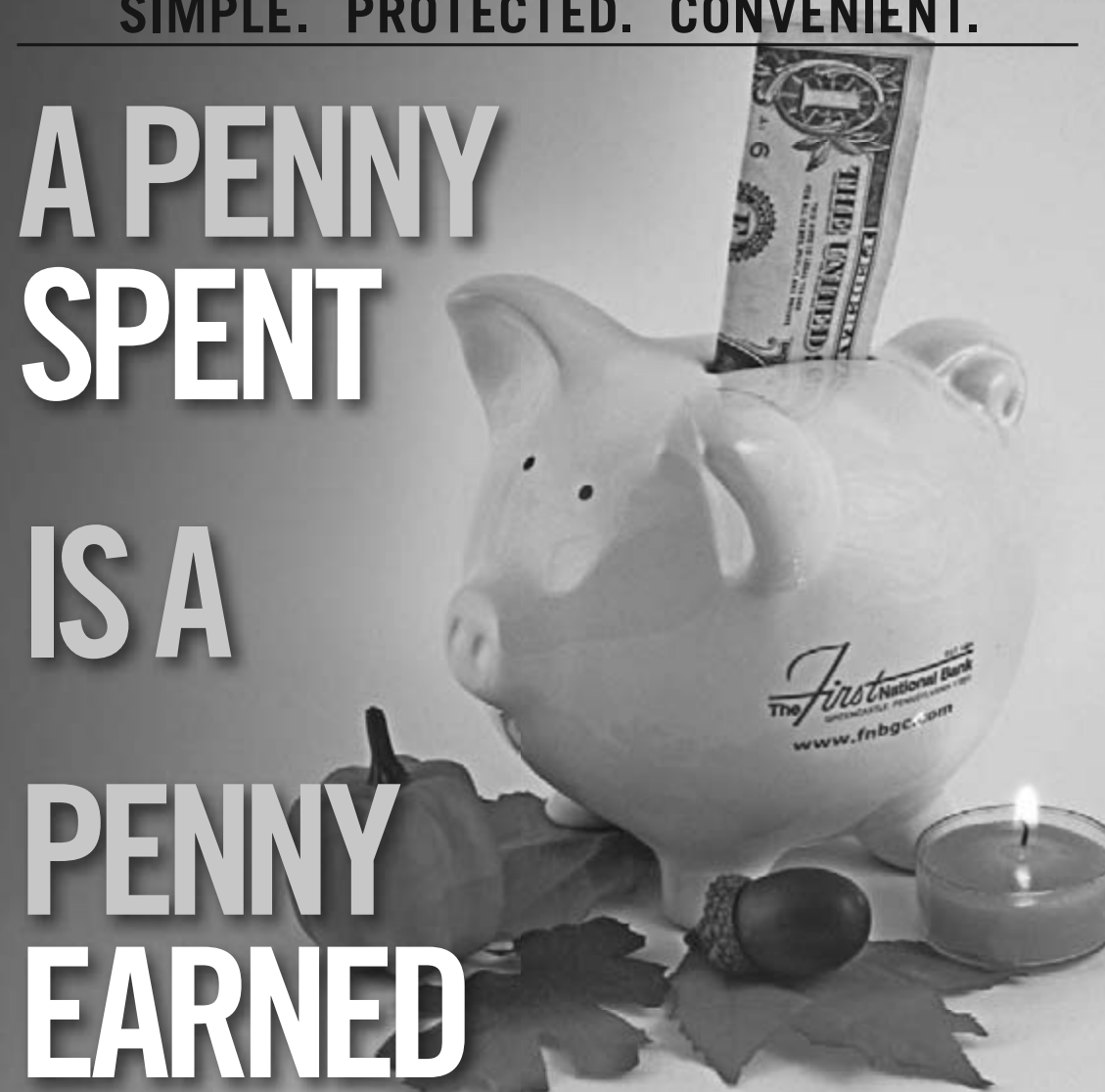
Those appearing for probation/parole-violation hearings were Gary Cecil Mills and Jack Duane Weaver. In addition, Christopher Jason Blankley appeared for a hearing to terminate his participation in the ARD program.

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