

Crime, Patrol Report Released

Pennsylvania State Police at the McConnellsburg barracks recently released a crime and patrol activity report for the month of December during which criminal investigators were contacted regarding 78 offenses. Of those incidents, 37 were cleared and 33 arrests were made.

In addition, the patrol unit responded to 51 accidents, five hit-and-run crashes and three driving-under-the-influence-related collisions. Sixteen people were injured during the accidents. Police also issued five drunk-driving citations, three seat belt citations, one child-seat citation, 283 written warnings and 274 traffic citations.

Rental Car Used Without Authorization

A rental car from Enterprise Car Rental was used without authorization by Alfred Carrera II, 35, of Hummelstown between August 4 and August 7, 2008. Charges against Carrera were filed through the office of Magisterial District Judge Devin Horne.

Prescriptions Taken

Various prescription medications were stolen from the 7887 Waterfall Road, Hustontown, residence of Richard Dennis Boden, 71, between 2 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 8. Anyone having additional information related to this case of burglary can call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Hibner at 717-485-3131.

Vehicle Collides With Guiderails

An eastbound 1999 Volvo sedan crashed into a set of guiderails along Route 30 in Brush Creek Township on Sunday, January 11. Driver Nathan Idio of Chambersburg will be charged in connection with the single-vehicle crash. State police did not say if Idio was wearing a seat belt or sustained any injuries.

State College Man Suffers Injuries

A 25-year-old State College man sustained minor injuries when his northbound 2007 Nissan Versa rolled over just north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike interchange in Dublin Township. Michael J. Georger will be cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic in connection with the Saturday, January 10, accident at 7:11 p.m.

Dog Shot

A dog belonging to 25-year-old McConnellsburg resident Jackie Kerlin was shot by a small-caliber weapon after it escaped from its Blackberry Lane residence between 1:45 p.m. on January 2 and noon on January 3. Anyone having additional information regarding this case of cruelty to animals should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Remeikas at 717-485-3131.

Mailboxes Damaged

Two metal mailboxes owned by Rose Catherine Moore, 67, and Sherri Marie Lynn, 34, both of McConnellsburg were damaged between 9 p.m., on January 9 and 9:15 p.m. on January 10. Damage has been estimated at \$70. Anyone having further information related to this mischief is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Barnett at 717-485-3131.

Vehicle Break-In Investigated

State police recently investigated the break-in of a vehicle parked at the gravel parking lot behind the McConnellsburg Fire-hall between 11:30 p.m. on January 6 and noon on January 7. Owner of the light-colored sedan is Karissa Hurney, 18, of McConnellsburg, who informed state police personal belongings were removed from her car during the forcible entry.

Anyone having additional information concerning this theft should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Remeikas at 717-485-3131.

One Cited For Retail Theft

Retail theft charges against 37-year-old Douglas Kerlin of McConnellsburg are pending through the office of Magisterial District Judge Wendy Mellott.

Kerlin allegedly removed a small amount of food-related items from Giant in Ayr Township without paying for them on Wednesday, January 7, at noon.

Charges Pending In Route 30 Crash

Charges are pending in connection with a single-vehicle crash at the intersection of the Route 30 bypass and Route 522 last Wednesday. Thirty-one-year-old Santiago Aquino of Chambersburg was not injured when his westbound 2000 Ford Expedition crossed the median, both eastbound lanes and went down a grassy embankment. The vehicle then crossed the Route 30 exit ramp, crashed through a guiderail and smashed into a concrete culvert overlooking the stream.

PennDOT assisted at the scene by cutting the guiderail away, allowing Scott's Towing to pull the vehicle back onto the roadway. Aquino was wearing a seat belt and escaped injury.

Money Stolen

Union Township homeowner Marlene Sullivan, 56, told state police burglars removed money from her Lehman Road residence between 12:01 a.m. on October 31 and 3 p.m. on January 10. Anyone having further information concerning this case should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Greenfield at 717-485-3131.

Stolen Wheels, Tires Found

Two wheels, each with a mounted tire, was removed from a vehicle parked at a Thompson Township residence along Johnson's Mill Road between October 1 at 12:01 a.m. and January 9 at 9:30 a.m. The wheels and tires, which are owned by Roger Schetrompf, 51, of Hancock, Md., were later found in Hancock and returned to the owner. Schetrompf has refused to seek prosecution in the theft.

Drug Possession Charges Filed

Charges of possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were recently filed in connection with a traffic stop on November 28 along the westbound lanes of Interstate 70. Owen T. Evans, 23, of Pittsburgh was found in possession of 13 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia during the traffic stop by state police. Charges will be served via summons against Evans.

Hustontown Man Cited In Retail Theft

Thirty-one-year-old Jack Larue Karnes of Hustontown was cited for retail theft following an incident at the Giant Food Store on Thursday, January 8. Karnes reportedly removed a memory card from its packaging, placed it inside his shirt and attempted to leave the store without paying at 1 p.m. Karnes has been charged through the office of Magisterial District Judge Wendy Mellott.

Truck Driver Cited After Crash

Jeffery D. Hinkle, 49, McMinville, Tenn., was cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic after the tires of his tractor-trailer sharply struck a set of curb barriers along Lincoln Way in McConnellsburg Borough. Hinkle was not injured in the crash nor was his passenger, Earl C. Grooms, 47, of Morrison, Tenn. Only Hinkle was wearing a seat belt.

Man Accused Of Harassment

Thirty-one-year-old Needmore resident Craig Eugene Stanley Jr. has been accused of harassment as a result of a verbal argument with Jason Knode, 34, of Warfordsburg on Tuesday, January 6, at 12:20 p.m. at 703 Flickerville Road. Stanley allegedly grabbed Knode and pushed him to the ground. Charges against Stanley are pending through the office of Carol Jean Johnson.

Local Company Reports Burglary; Cash Reward Offered

Officials from LR Wilson Seamless Gutters of McConnellsburg informed state police their business at 200 Thornton Drive was the victim of a burglary that occurred between 5 p.m.

on December 24 and 4 p.m. on January 2. Among the items taken was a DeWalt miter saw, a transit and tripod, a Milwaukee cordless saw, two finish nail guns, one framing nail gun, a Passlode cordless nail gun, a Craftsman belt sander, a Milwaukee hammer drill, a black Craftsman air compressor with hose, two Craftsman wrench sets, a Craftsman socket set, a torque wrench, a ridged saber saw and a Craftsman tap and dye set.

Business owner Larry Wilson is offering a cash reward to any individual providing information leading to the arrest of the burglar. Anyone having information is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Bartlett at 717-485-3131.

Vehicle Collides With Fence

A Hagerstown, Md., teenager will be cited with driving a vehicle at safe speeds after her southbound 1993 Mercury Villager struck a fence along Tollgate Ridge Road. The 17-year-old girl was wearing a seat belt and escaped injury during the accident in Thompson Township on Thursday, January 8, at 7:50 a.m.

Check Stolen, Forged

A check belonging to Dale Craig Robinson, 30, of Hustontown was stolen, forged and cashed at The First National Bank of Greencastle on December 29. Anyone having additional information pertinent to this incident should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Falkosky at 717-485-3131.

Police Search For Hit-And-Run Car

State police from the McConnellsburg barracks are searching for the whereabouts of a maroon-colored, four-door older model Ford vehicle that struck an embankment and fence along Forbes Trail Road on Monday, January 5. The vehicle, which was driven by a white female, sustained moderate front-end damage and was towed from the field by a black-colored pickup truck at 9:30 a.m. Anyone having additional information concerning this crash is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers by calling 717-485-5771 or Trooper Greenfield at 717-485-3131.

Two Injured In Crash

Two passengers in a 2002 Dodge sport utility vehicle suffered minor injuries during a crash along the westbound lanes of Interstate 70 over the weekend. On Saturday, January 10, Rodney Skinner, 39, of Youngstown, Ohio, lost control of his SUV while travelling too fast for the icy conditions, state police reported. The vehicle slid into a grassy median strip and struck a guiderail.

Passenger Michelle K. Skinner, 36, of Girard, Ohio, and Carrie L. Liller, Youngstown, Ohio, sustained minor injuries. Two additional passengers, both from Youngstown, Ohio, were not injured. All individuals involved were using seat belts in the 5:49 p.m. crash. Rodney Skinner will be charged with driving on roadways laned for traffic in connection with the Brush Creek Township accident.

Car Strikes Fence

A 2001 Pontiac Sunfire collided with a fence and a mailbox along Waterfall Road after its driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle on a patch of ice. Jamie P. Hess, 25, of Robertsdale was not injured in the Monday, January 12, 7 a.m. crash in Taylor Township. She will be cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic.

Judge Herman Presides Over Court Session

STAFF REPORT

Judge Douglas W. Herman of the 39th Judicial District of the Court of Common Pleas presided over a court session held at the Fulton County Courthouse on Tuesday, December 23.

Joseph L. Netz appeared without counsel and waived arraignment proceedings on charges of driving under the influence. Netz entered a not-guilty plea and will reappear in court for trial during the January

26 term of court.

Ronald Lee Robinson appeared with his attorney for arraignment on charges of the corruption of minors and recklessly endangering another person. Robinson pled not guilty. His trial will be conducted during the January 26 term of court.

Alice Michelle Younker appeared with legal counsel for arraignment proceedings on charges of forgery and theft by unlawful taking. Younker, who

pled not guilty, will be tried during the January 26 term of court.

Perry Charles Worthy appeared without an attorney on charges of driving under the influence. Worthy was admitted into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program and will complete 12 months probation.

James William Shaffer was granted a continuance until January 13 for sentencing.

Vo-Tech Students Receive Certifications

Two students and the instructor from the Fulton County Area Vocational Technical School's drafting and design program participated in the American Design & Drafting certification examination on December 19, 2008. Ethan Cunningham, Justin Gordon and Todd Wolford (instructor) earned credentials as certified architectural drafters. The FCAVTS drafting and design curriculum is one of 11 programs in the state of Pennsylvania certified by the American Drafting & Design Association (ADDA). The accreditation process required the FCAVTS to undergo an extensive review of the school's programs, faculty, facility and academic requirements to obtain accreditation. Wolford, completed the accreditation process so that the training students receive at the FCAVTS aligns with business and industry expectations.

The ADDA curriculum is outlined in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Department of Labor. These guidelines were developed around the requirements of business and industry and the level of training that is necessary to employ a drafter. The ADDA has written architectural and mechanical drafting examinations to work with engineers and architects to assist in developing employment standards. When an employer hires an ADDA-certified drafter, they know that the new employee meets certification criteria and that they have demonstrated initiative and pride in the pro-



Pictured above, left: Ethan Cunningham, instructor Todd Wolford and Justin Gordon.

fession. The certification that the students receive can serve as a criterion for differentiating among candidates in an employment selection process. The ADDA certifications also serve the FCAVTS as a supplementary measurement of a student's performance on a recognized na-

tional level. A second examination will be scheduled for drafting and design students in the spring. The cost of the architectural and mechanical examinations is \$100 each. The FCAVTS reimburses students 50 percent of all testing fees with a passing score.

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