

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009

## Crime Of The Week

### Burglary Selected Crime Of The Week

Fulton County Crime Solvers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of burglars responsible for a storage shed break-in between November 7 and 9.



Pennsylvania State Police, McConnellsburg, said burglars kicked open the door of the shed belonging to Paul W. Schriever of 176 Fairview Road, Warfordsburg and stole three chainsaws. Among the chainsaws stolen were a Stihl model 250 and two Stihl model MS180s, which have been valued at \$980.

Anyone having information concerning this crime is asked to call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771. Anyone providing information leading to the arrest of a suspect is eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000 but will not have to appear in court or provide their name. Crime Solvers will also pay for information leading to arrests in connection with any other crimes committed in Fulton County.

### Tools Stolen

Various tools and hand tools were stolen from 132 Covalt Road, Needmore, between 6 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12. Victim of the burglary and theft is a 24-year-old man. Anyone with additional information regarding this case should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Stasko at 717-485-3131.

### Cited For Harassment

Thirty-four-year-old Terry Lee Borrer has been cited for harassment through Magisterial District Judge Carol Jean Johnson. Borrer was allegedly involved in an incident on Thursday, November 12, at 7:50 p.m. at 753 Franklin Mills Road, Warfordsburg. Others involved in the incident was a 24-year-old female victim.

### PennDOT Storage Shed Broken Into

A PennDOT storage shed located along Old 126 in Brush Creek Township was burglarized between 9 p.m. on November 7 and 8 a.m. on November 8. Even though the lock was cut off the building, nothing was reported taken. Anyone having further information pertinent to this incident is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers by calling 717-485-5771 or Trooper Mas-safra at 717-485-3131.

### Padlock Cut

Unknown individuals cut a padlock to gain entry to a trailer at Town Hill Auto located at 9588 Old 126, Warfordsburg, between 8 p.m. on November 8 and 7:30 a.m. on November 9. Victim of the trespass and burglary is Town Hill Auto, Warfordsburg. Anyone with additional information linked to this case is asked to call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Falkosky at 717-485-3131.

### Chain Saws Stolen

Three Stihl chain saws were stolen from 6093 Buck Valley Road, Warfordsburg, after an unknown individual kicked in the door of the building belonging to Union Township. The burglary occurred between 2 p.m. on November 7 and 12:15 p.m. on November 9. Anyone having further information concerning this incident should contact Fulton County Crime Solvers by calling 717-485-5771 or Trooper Falkosky at 717-485-3131.

### Trash Found

Six white plastic bags containing trash were found at 4264 Thompson Road, Needmore. The owner of the property, a 66-year-old Needmore man, informed state police the rubbish was scattered between November 1 and November 9. Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Falkosky at 717-485-3131.

### I-70 Crash Involved Deer

A single-vehicle crash along the eastbound lanes of Interstate 70 on Wednesday, November 11, involved a white-tailed deer. Driver Scott M. Szpak, 43, of Medina, Ohio, struck the deer head on with his 2003 Chevrolet Express at 1:15 a.m. Szpak was wearing a seat belt and escaped harm.

### Shippensburg Man Cited

Sixty-four-year-old Shippensburg resident Carl Rebuck has been cited for harassment for an alleged incident that occurred in Todd Township on Friday, November 13, at 2 p.m. Victim of the harassment was a 19-year-old Hustontown girl.

### Charged With DUI

Nick Barry of Needmore faces charges of driving under the influence after he was stopped along Klondike Road in Bethel Township over the weekend by Pennsylvania Game Commission officials for a game law violation. According to state police, Barry, 38, will be cited through Magisterial District Judge Carol Jean Johnson as a result of the traffic stop on Saturday, November 14, at 12:24 a.m.

### Paintballs Shot

Paintballs were shot at a garage and car located at 8781 Great Cove Road, Needmore, between 9 p.m. on November 14 and 6 a.m. on November 15. The victim is a 41-year-old man.

In addition, orange paintballs were shot at Scrub Ridge Inn in Todd Township and buildings on the 5000 section of Gem Bridge Road, Belfast Township, between 8 p.m. on November 15 and 4 a.m. on November 16.

Anyone having additional information pertinent to these cases should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Troopers Stasko and Remeikas at 717-485-3131.

### Police Look For Escapee

State police, McConnellsburg, are currently searching for a 15-year-old female who ran away from a nonsecured retention center located at 444 Plessinger Road, Warfordsburg, on Sunday, November 15, at 7:38

p.m. Officials from Vision Quest told troopers the girl was last seen wearing dark-colored sweat pants and sweatshirt. She was also carrying a tan bag and wearing white athletic shoes. Anyone coming into contact with the juvenile, who was identified as Paige Craig, is asked to contact the McConnellsburg state police barracks at 717-485-3131.

### Police Investigate Theft By Deception

State police are currently investigating a case of theft by deception that occurred in mid-January 2009. A 43-year-old man from the 3000 section of Stoneybreak Road in Bethel Township told state police an individual known to him assisted him with paying his bills and used excess funds to pay a debt incurred by the individual's boyfriend.

### Driver Injured, Truck Rear-ended

A McConnellsburg man suffered minor injuries Saturday when his eastbound 2003 Chevrolet Silverado slid into the rear of a 2006 Ford F-250 along Route 30. State police reported, Fred W. Black Jr., 39, of McConnellsburg, attempted to apply his brakes, causing his truck to slide into the rear of a vehicle operated by Wayne M. Harbaugh, 39, Greencastle. Harbaugh had slowed to allow a vehicle in front of him to turn right into a driveway when his vehicle was struck from behind at 11:23 p.m. in Ayr Township.

Both Harbaugh and Black were wearing seat belts. Black, who is being charged with driving a vehicle at safe speeds, had minor injuries. State police were aided on the scene by McConnellsburg Fire Police.

### Tractor-Trailer Strikes Storefront

A tractor-trailer made a right turn from Lincoln Way East onto North Second Street Monday morning and struck a cement post and fire hydrant with its rear axle. According to state police, the 2007 International driven by Robert E. Smith, 52, of Moosic, Pa., continued north for approximately 200 yards where it struck a storefront overhang at Morton's Attic.

Smith's tractor-trailer sustained a damaged rear axle. Smith was wearing a seatbelt and was not harmed in the 6:44 a.m. accident.

### Money Missing

Burglars threw a large board through a side window at 5637 Sipes Mill Road in Belfast Township to gain access to the home between noon on November 15 and 11 p.m. on November 16. The burglars stole \$400 in cash from the home belonging to a 36-year-old woman from Needmore. Anyone having further information related to this break-in should call Fulton County Crime Solvers at 717-485-5771 or Trooper Bartlett at 717-485-3131.

### Bank Sign Paintballed

A sign belonging to F&M Bank at 560 Great Cove Road, Needmore, was struck with paintballs between 9 p.m. on November 14 and 6 a.m. on November 15. Anyone with additional information concerning this case of mischief is urged to contact Fulton County Crime Solvers by calling 717-485-5771 or Trooper Stasko at 717-485-3131.

## Tuesday Court Sessions Held

### STAFF REPORT

Judges Richard J. Walsh and Carol L. Van Horn of the 39th Judicial District of the Fulton County Court of Common Pleas presided over court sessions held at the Fulton County Courthouse on November 3 and 10.

David Lynn Binkley was admitted into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program on charges of driving under the influence.

Glen Robert Bishop was also admitted into the ARD program on charges of driving under the influence.

Summer M. Burdette appeared with legal counsel for arraignment on charges of fraud/assistance. Burdette entered a not-guilty plea, and her trial has been tentatively scheduled for the January 25 term of court.

George Lorenzo-Lozada appeared with his attorney and entered a guilty plea to possession of a controlled substance. His sentencing has been scheduled for December 8, and he was recommitted to the Bedford County Prison until that time.

Joseph Gerald Taylor appeared with counsel and was sentenced to 12 months probation in connection with entering

a guilty plea to possession of a controlled substance.

A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of Joseph L. Netz, who failed to appear in court for a probation/parole-violation hearing.

Jonathan Carl Stallman was recommitted to the Franklin County Jail following a probation/parole-violation hearing.

Christopher Aaron Yost failed to appear in court. His case was continued until November 29.

A bench warrant was also issued for the arrest of Tony Gantz, who failed to appear in court.

Brandon Michael Barrick appeared with legal counsel and waived arraignment proceedings on charges of possession of a small amount of marijuana and the use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Barrick was admitted into the ARD program and will complete 12 months probation.

Richard Earl Garland appeared with his attorney and was admitted into the ARD program on charges of possession of a small amount of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and the use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Garland will complete 12 months probation.

Bradley Allan Hutchinson appeared with his attorney and pled guilty to seasons possession bag limits devices and hunting without securing a license. Hutchinson was sentenced after entering the plea.

John Elwood Mawyer appeared with legal counsel and pleaded guilty to simple assault. Mawyer was sentenced to 12 months probation.

Brian Davis pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and will be sentenced on December 29.

Dennis Lynn Fox was sentenced to between 36 months and 120 months in a state correctional institution on one count of persons not to possess firearms.

Chris Alan Snyder was sentenced to between 90 days and 60 months in the Franklin County Prison for driving under the influence.

Roger Black was sentenced to between 30 days and six months in the Franklin County Prison for driving under the influence.

Jack Frederick Bonebrake Jr. appeared win court for a probation/parole-violation hearing. A written court order was issued in the matter.

## Swim Club Accused Of Bias To File Bankruptcy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A suburban Philadelphia swim club accused of discrimination in revoking the memberships of mostly black and Hispanic chil-

dren after a single visit last summer plans to declare bankruptcy, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Valley Swim Club president John Duesler sent an e-mail to club "friends and families" Friday saying the board of directors had voted 5-1 to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy this week, The Philadelphia Daily News reported.

"While many will point towards our legal situation and negative media exposure this summer as the reason, the truth is that the club has struggled to stay out of the red for at least the last decade," the newspaper quoted Duesler's e-mail as saying.

"Despite our most ambitious efforts and countless hours of dedication towards the club, we have been unable to grow our membership enough to sustain The Valley Club any longer," he said, according to the newspaper. "Indeed, we have not been profitable, for as long as I've been with the club. And our current debt from this year's operation and legal fees now exceeds \$100,000."

Members "are all tired and beaten down and just sickened by how our club has been improperly portrayed," he said, according to the Daily News. "After speaking to many members, my sense is that mostly everyone wants to move on."

Duesler declined comment to The Associated Press on Saturday.

The Creative Steps day camp had arranged for the youngsters to swim each Monday during the summer. But during the first visit on June 29 by 56 children — 46 black and 10 Hispanic — two youngsters reported hearing

racial comments, and the day camp's payment was later refunded, according to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

The commission said in a 33-page decision in September that it had found probable cause to conclude that the campers were asked not to return because of the "racial animus" expressed by one member and "racially coded comments" by other members.

"I am taken aback right now. It really comes as a surprise," Creative Steps director Alethea Wright told the Associated Press on Saturday when told about the reported bankruptcy plans. She referred other questions to the day camp's attorneys, who did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Attorney Brian Mildenberg, who represents two families in a class-action lawsuit, told the newspaper that a bankruptcy filing would freeze civil litigation but would not affect ongoing proceedings by the commission. The U.S. Department of Justice has also said it is looking into whether the club broke the law.

The Valley Club has maintained that there were too many children for the number of lifeguards on duty and that only a few of the children could swim. A club attorney also said it had offered to reinstate the campers for the rest of the summer or guarantee them free memberships next year.

The state commission, however, said other large groups that came to the swim club did not elicit a similar reaction, and the club had no black members among 334 paid memberships for the last two years.

## Jury Mulls Degree Of Guilt In Pa. Officer's Murder

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Testimony resumes Monday before a Philadelphia jury that must decide whether a 21-year-old man acted in panic or premeditation when he shot and killed a police officer during a doughnut shop robbery two years ago.

Defendant John Lewis entered a surprise guilty plea Thursday to a general murder count in the Halloween 2007 shooting death of 54-year-old Officer Chuck Cassidy. Jurors who had been picked for his trial must now decide whether he committed first- or second-degree murder.

## Death Penalty Sought In Fatal Beating Of Pa. Girl

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Prosecutors in central Pennsylvania will present evidence Monday that a man should be executed for the beating death of his ex-girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter.

Jurors last week deliberated for less than two hours before convicting 28-year-old Harve Lamar Johnson of first-degree murder in the April 2008 death of Darisabel Baez, who prosecutors said was beaten with a video game cord and her own hiking boot. The girl's mother, Neida Baez, pleaded guilty last month to third-degree murder.

Prosecutors will argue that Johnson deserves execution due to the girl's age and the extent of her injuries.

Defense attorney Rick Robinson argued unsuccessfully that Johnson lacked the "specific intent to kill" required for a first-degree murder conviction. He declined comment after the verdict.

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