

POLICE NEWS

Pocketbook found in Sound leads to arrest

A pocketbook found in Long Island Sound by a Rocky Point resident led to the forgery arrest of an East Patchogue man Feb. 17, state police said.

The state police in Schoduck launched an investigation into the theft of a pocketbook from a McDonald's restaurant in Oswego in August 2009, according to investigators. The pocketbook was later found in Long Island Sound by a Rocky Point resident. However, several checks that had been in the pocketbook later turned up forged and had been cashed at two banks in Rocky Point. The investigation led to the identification of 30-year-old Joseph Fenton, who, along with a former girlfriend, police say stole the pocketbook from the McDonald's in Oswego, then later cashed the checks at banks in Rocky Point.



JOSEPH FENTON

Mr. Fenton was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, a felony, and fourth degree criminal possession of stolen property and petit larceny, both misdemeanors, in connection with the crime. Additional charges are pending with the recovery of more forged checks, police said. Mr. Fenton's former girlfriend, who is incarcerated in Pennsylvania, is also expected to be charged in the crime, police said.

Mr. Fenton pleaded not guilty in First District Court in Central Islip Friday. He remains in custody at the Suffolk County Correctional Facility in Riverhead in lieu of \$20,200 bond or \$10,200 cash bail.

• Bret Fontaine, 28, of Wading River was arrested on Pond View Boulevard

in Wading River Sunday on a warrant for third-degree burglary. No further information was available.

• Two local men were arrested Feb. 13 for a Selden burglary, police said. Andrew Davis, 18, of Middle Island and Michael Massaro, 20, of Coram entered into an apartment located to the rear of an Oakmont Avenue residence and removed property. The two were later arrested at the Sixth Precinct in Selden. Police said Mr. Davis was charged with second-degree burglary and Mr. Massaro third-degree burglary.

• Royale Bradley, 24, of Medford was arrested in the parking lot of the old Coram Movieland Feb. 15 and charged with third-degree fleeing an officer. Ms. Bradley was directed by an officer to stop the vehicle she was driving on Pine Road. She attempted to flee and engaged in reckless driving, police said.

• Adam Clark, 26, of Ridge was arrested on Route 25A in Rocky Point Feb. 18 and charged with DWI.

• Neferty Urena, 24, of Middle Island was arrested on Island Bay Avenue in Middle Island Feb. 18 and charged with second-degree menacing. A male complainant told police Ms. Urena waved a knife at him, according to a police report.

• Michael Murray, 44, of Coram was arrested on Beach Lane in Coram Feb. 19 on a parole violation. No further information is available.

• Ryan Gibbons, 20, of Rocky Point was arrested on Palm Road in Rocky Point Feb. 21 and charged with DWI.

• Jose Hernandez, 37, of Bay Shore was arrested on Route 25 in Middle Island Feb. 21 and charged with aggravated DWI. According to police, his blood alcohol content was .18 percent, which is more than double the legal limit.

Woman killed in crash, cops make DWI arrest

BY PEGGY SPELLMAN HOEY | STAFF WRITER

A Pennsylvania man remains under police guard following his arrest Monday for driving while intoxicated after he was involved in a car crash that killed one of his passengers in Mount Sinai, Suffolk Police said.

Suffolk cops say that at about 2:30 a.m. Sheikh Khan, 24, of Tobyhanna, Pa., was driving a 2000 Audi south on Crystal Brook Hollow Road, north of Hallock Avenue in Mount Sinai, when the sedan struck a pole.

Mr. Khan's front-seat passenger, Natalie Juarez, 20, of Port Jefferson Station, was pronounced dead at the

scene by a physician assistant from the Office of the Suffolk County Medical Examiner, police said.

A 24-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman, also passengers in Mr. Khan's car, were transported to Stony Brook University Hospital Medical Center for treatment of their injuries and released, according to Det. Sgt. Michael Fitzharris of the Sixth Squad in Selden.

Mr. Khan was transported to Stony Brook University Medical Center via Terryville Fire Department ambulance. He was then arrested at the hospital and charged with felony DWI because he has a prior conviction, Det. Sgt. Fitzharris said. Mr. Kahn was also given a summons for driving an unregistered vehicle, he said.

District Attorney Thomas Spota's office is considering additional charges against Mr. Khan, Det. Sgt. Fitzharris said.

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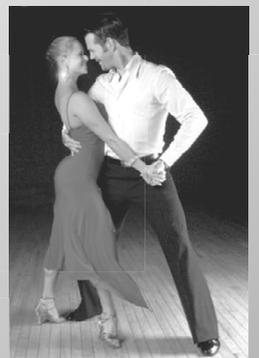
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