

Drug & Alcohol-Related Arrests

Jose Rosado, 21, of Waterbury, Conn., was arrested Oct. 23 by New York State Police in Brewster after allegedly driving in excess of 110 miles per hour on Interstate 84, and refusing to stop for police and instead leading troopers on a "chase" that ended on Old Mine Road, then physically resisting arrest. He was charged with second-degree reckless endangerment, resisting arrest, third-degree fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, obstructing a government official, reckless endangerment of property and driving while intoxicated.

Rosado was arraigned in Patterson Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$2,500 cash bail or \$5,000 bond, with a future court date.

Leonard Fregoso, 51, of Newtown, Conn., was arrested Oct. 29 by NYS in Brewster after allegedly leaving his vehicle on Danbury Road, then exposing himself to traffic on the Exit 21 Ramp off Interstate 84, and subsequently determined to be impaired by alcohol. In addition, he was

reportedly found to be in possession of cocaine.

Fregoso was charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony, as well as seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, DWI, public lewdness, and exposure of a person. He was arraigned in Patterson Town Court and remanded to PCCF in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail or \$2,000 bond, with a future court date.

Nicholas Wennersten, 26, of Poughkeepsie, was arrested Oct. 31 by Kent police after he was stopped on Ludingtonville Road for having an expired inspection sticker and he was allegedly determined to be in possession of suboxone and heroin, as well as hypodermic needles. He was charged with two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a hypodermic instrument, and issued an appearance ticket.

Alyssa Bevilacqua, 49, of Stormville, was arrested Nov. 3 by Kent police after she was allegedly stopped on I-84 for driving erratically, with a suspended driver's

license, and with two passengers that were reportedly found to be in possession of hypodermic needles. She was charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle. Her passengers — Adam Greenberg, 41, of Stormville, and John Pucco, 26, of Poughkeepsie — were also arrested and charged with possession of a hypodermic instrument. All three were issued appearance tickets.

Christopher Lauro, 49, of Kent, was arrested Nov. 4 by Kent police after he was allegedly stopped for driving erratically and he was determined to be intoxicated. He was charged with DWI and issued an appearance ticket.

Andrew Seibert, 28, of Stormville, was arrested Nov. 5 by Kent police after he was allegedly found "slumped" in a vehicle at the intersection of Route 52 and Route 311, with the vehicle still in drive and his foot on the brake pedal, and he was determined to be intoxicated. After failing field sobriety tests, and after police reportedly found nine packets of heroin in his possession, he was charged with operating a motor vehicle impaired by drugs and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, said police.

Seibert was arraigned in front of Kent Town Justice J. Peter Collins and remanded to PCCF in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond, with a future court date.

Brandon Birdsall, 26, of New Milford, Conn., was arrested Nov. 5 by Kent police after he was allegedly seen in a pickup truck that appeared to have struck a tree off Route 52 near Ludingtonville Road, and he was determined to be intoxicated. He was charged with DWI and issued an appearance ticket.



Attendees at the recent Medication Take Back Day in Carmel.

Medication Take Back Day Another Success

More than 85 Putnam County residents participated in the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition's Medication Take Back Day on Oct. 28 at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. The event, which is co-sponsored by PHC, the department of health and the sheriff's office, collected more than 300 pounds of unused or expired medications.

"Keeping these medications out of the water supply as well as out of the hands of potential abusers makes this day so important," said Kristin McConnell, executive director of the Prevention Council of Putnam and co-chairperson of the Putnam CTC Coalition.

This year, the coalition also partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency, which held its national Take Back Day on the 28th.

"Not only did we get more media exposure, but the DEA took and destroyed the medications for us," explained Bruce Kelly, coalition coordinator for

Putnam CTC.

The coalition holds this event bi-annually. However, for those who cannot make the event, there are MedReturn boxes located at the Carmel and Kent police departments, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office in Carmel; at the Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Patterson Town Halls; and in the lobby of the Kern Building (Department of Motor Vehicles) in Brewster. Call ahead for hours of operation.

Those boxes can take all unused or expired prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines, prescription ointments, pet medications and vitamins. They will not accept needles, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, lotions, liquids or IV bags.

For additional information, contact Robert Morris at the health department at 845-808-1390, ext. 43166, or Bruce Kelly at 845-225-4646; or visit Facebook by searching "Putnam Communities That Care - NY."

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Man Gets Jail Time for Drug Charges

A Carmel man was recently sentenced to prison for drug-related crimes.

According to Putnam County District Robert Tendy, Joseph Kotzur-O'Connor was sentenced Oct. 25 to two and a half years in state prison, to be followed by two years of parole supervision.

Kotzur-O'Connor, 19, was issued a court appearance ticket Feb. 9 for allegedly possessing an illegal knife. While the case was pending, Kotzur-O'Connor was subsequently charged with having sold heroin to a person working undercover with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Unit.

While housed in the Putnam County Correctional Facility, Kotzur-O'Connor was reportedly

found to be under the influence of narcotics. A search of his jail cell revealed that he had brought Xanax, Seroquel and marijuana into the facility, according to Tendy.

Kotzur-O'Connor pled guilty Aug. 30 to third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, a class B felony, and first-degree promoting prison contraband, a class D felony. He also pled guilty to two counts of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class A misdemeanor.

The case was handled by the NEU, the PCSO Criminal Bureau of Investigations and Road Patrol, and PCCF investigators, and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Breanne Smith and Larry Glasser.

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Mahopac

Carolan, Jeanette M., 45, Oct. 29. Cargain Funeral Homes, Mahopac. (845) 628-5655.

Loughlin, Janette M., 83, Nov. 6. Cargain Funeral Homes, Mahopac. (845) 628-5655.

Scafuri, Carmela O., 93, Oct. 31. Cargain Funeral Homes, Mahopac. (845) 628-5655.

Walsh, Mary B., 98, Nov. 7.

Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac. (845) 621-1992.

Brewster

Harrington, Janet, 89, Nov. 2. Cargain Funeral Homes, Mahopac. (845) 628-5655.

Lanotte, Betty, 87, Nov. 6. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster. (845) 279-3615.

Sep, Joan M., 76, Nov. 3. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster. (845) 279-3615.