Teen leads police on a chase

By Doug La Rocque

Another week, another police chase in Graeville.

On Wednesday, March 1, just before 11 p.m., Sergeant Whitney observed a vehicle on Main Street with what appeared to be ...n inspection violation. Once Whitne, tuened around to follow the vehicle, it was also noticed it had a damaged taillight.

When the sergeant attempted to conduct a traffic stop, the driver, later identified as 13-year-old Riyder David of Norton Street in the village. attempted to elude the patrol, traveling south on Church Street, Park and Potter avenues and Granview Drive. David then stopped at the end of a culde-sac. When approached by Sergeant Whitney, he is reported to have driven of: through several backyards, escaping across the border into Vermont. Speeds during the chase reportedly reached 70 miles per hour.

Shortly thereafter, David's mother

appeared at the Granville police station to advise officers her son was behind the wheel of the suspect's vehicle and that her 14-year-old daughter was with him, scared and afraid throughout the chase. David turned himself into police a short time later. The sister was interviewed by officers, and it was determined she did not need medical assistance.

David was charged with acting in a manner injurious to a child under 17 and reckless driving, both misdemeanors. He was issued citations for unsafe turns and failure to signal, speed not reasonable and prudent, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, operating an unregistered vehicle, failure to stop at a stop sign and to use a designated lane, failure to obey a police officer and operating a motor vehicle with improper plates. He was issued an appearance ticket for Granville Village Court at a later date.

Slate Valley Center announces February employee of the month Slate Valley Center on State Route 40 in Granville has

announced its February 2023 Employee of the Month.

The honor goes to Charles Lubrica, a well-loved and admired physical therapist at the 88-bed skilled nursing facility.

Lubrica comes from the Philippines, and his first job in the United States began at Slate Valley Center in February 2022, where he shows a strong work ethic, patience with the residents with whom he works and kindness.

Our residents are really appreciative when it comes to getting rehabilitation," said recreation director Andrea Kelley. 'In just the 13 months that he s been here at the facility, he already has a roster of many residents he has helped reach their personal therapy goals. We deeply appreciate his reliability, and he is a natural



Charles Lubrica

team player."

Lubrica lives with his wife in Hudson Falls, New York.

Whitehall man faces felony for striking, biting officer

By EJ Conzoia II

A Whitehall man is facing three charges including a felony, after he allegedly struck and bit a policeman attempting to take him into custody on an cutstanding warrant

Jason A. Suprenant Jr, 23. was charged March & with second-degree assauit, a felony, and misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and second degree obstructing governmental administration. He was arraigned on the charges in Whitehall Village Court; no additional information on his status was provided.

Police said on Dec. 28 they had been called to a Maple Street apartment in response to a verbal disagreement between the residents. Dispatch advised the responding officer that one of the residents - Suprenant wanted on a warrant out of Washington County. 'The officer allowed Suprenant to go into the apartment to get a sweatshirt, as he had come outside wearing only shorts and flip flops. As he did so, he partially closed the front door and when the officer went to check on him, the woman resident of the apartment, 25 year-old Lauren M. Brunza, said he had run out the back door.

However, the officer heard movement behind a closed door and when he attempted to open the door, he discovered Suprenant was trying to hold it closed from the inside. The officer eventually got the door open, then allowed Suprenant to go into another room to get his sweatshirt, at which point Brunza attempted to block the officer from following.

The officer got into the bedroom, where Suprenant struggled while being taken into custody, ultimately fleeing the room after knocking the officer down. The officer caught up to Suprenant near the front door, despite the efforts of Brunza to again block him, where a second struggle ensued.

Police said Suprenant struck the officer in the head, breaking his glasses, and bit him on the left hand, breaking the skin. Suprenant was able to get away while the officer was recovering from the blow and fled out the back door of the apartment. State Police. sheriff's deputies and Grangille police officers arrived to help look for Suprenant, but the search - which invol· ed a sheriff's department K-9 was unsuccessful.

The officer was taken to Glens Falls Hospital for treatment and testing to ensure no diseases were transmitted because of the bite.

On Jan. 18, warrants for both Suprenant and Brunza were issued by Whitehall Town Justice Thomas Nichols. Brunza was picked up in Hudson Falls on Feb. 70; Suprenant was taken into custody on March 8.

After Brun; a was taken into custody, she attempted to evade a return to Whitehall by first telling police she was pregnant, then claiming she was having a miscarriage. Both claims were false.

However, before medical personnel refuted her claims, she was issued an appearance ticket returnable in Whitehall Village Court. She reportedly failed to show up for her scheduled appearance, telling the court she was

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