



2012 Belmont Heritage Award winners

The 2012 winners of the annual Belmont Heritage Awards were presented at Monday's selectman's meeting. They are Belknap County Youth Services for the Community Volunteer Excellence. The award was accepted by Brian Loanes, executive director. Carignan Clock Company for the Village Business Storefront. The award was accepted by owner Denis Carignan. Susan & Joseph Rhodes for Renovation Excellence for the renovations of their Dearborn Street home in the village. Four businesses and their owners were also cited for last month's recovery and preservation the 100 year old peristyle unearthed during village revitalization project. They are Frank Blaney of Blaney Auto Crushing of Belmont; Rusty Drew of Rusty's Towing & Recovery of Tilton; Peter Harris of Automah, longtime Belmont Planning and Zoning Board chairman; and Tom Sleeper of Sleeper Welding of Belmont. Pictured, from left to right are Selectman Ron Cormier, Peter Harris, Denis Carignan and Brian Loanes. (Laconia Daily Sun photo/Gail Ober)

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spokesman Darin Snapp said Tuesday. When police approached the car, Belcher got out of the vehicle and was cooperative, Snapp said.

"We ask him 'Why are you sleeping here?', and he says he's there to visit his girlfriend, but she's not home," Snapp said.

When police determined Belcher didn't have any outstanding warrants, Snapp said Belcher, 25, made a phone call and a short time later, a woman let Belcher into her building. Police did not question the woman and don't know who she is, he said.

"When he was sleeping she may have come home, and he didn't realize," Snapp said. "He was very cooperative and thanked the officers."

Snapp said that was the last contact police had with Belcher "until his name came up" with the shooting at his home.

Witnesses have since told police that Belcher stayed at that apartment until 6:30 a.m., Snapp said.

At about 7:50 a.m., police were called to Belcher's home after he had shot and killed Perkins, whose body was found on the floor of the master bathroom with multiple gunshot wounds, according to a police incident report.

Belcher then drove about five miles to Arrowhead Stadium, where he was met by general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel, who Belcher thanked for all they had done for him. When police arrived, Belcher moved behind a vehicle, out of clear view of officers, Snapp said. He said Belcher then knelt down and shot himself once in the head.

Snapp said Belcher also used two separate, legally registered handguns in the shootings.

Friends have said the relationship between Belcher and Perkins was strained.

\$5k cash bail holding man in jail on charges of assault and criminal trespass

LACONIA — A Main Street man was ordered held on \$5,000 cash bail for allegedly assaulting a person in a Kentfield Court residence. He is charged with one count of simple assault and one count of criminal trespass.

Police said Michael A. Saritelli, 40, of 613 Main St. allegedly went into an apartment at 11 Kentfield Court at 10:37 a.m. on Monday without the permission of the owner and then refused to leave.

Police said he fled on foot after one of the residents sprayed him with mace. Police found him a few blocks away and arrested him.

Saritelli is scheduled for a video arraignment this morning at 10 a.m. in the 4th Circuit Court, Laconia Division.

Saritelli was arrested over the summer on one count of simple assault after he and his former girlfriend got into a fight in the tent where they were living in woods near White Oaks Road.

During that altercation, his girlfriend allegedly stabbed him with a steak knife because she said he was hitting her.

Laconia Police were called to the scene the next day when the two, apparently reconciled, went together to Shaw's Supermarket where one of them called for an ambulance.

Police recovered the knife and Saritelli was taken to Lakes Region General Hospital where he was treated for a knife wound to his arm and released.

Police said yesterday's incident is still under investigation and ask anyone with any information to call the Laconia Police Department at 524-5252 or the Greater Laconia Crime Line at 524-1717.

— Gail Ober

Fracus results in pot charge

LACONIA — A Concord man was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail Monday after allegedly being involved in a fight Friday afternoon and then running from the police who went to question him.

Police affidavits obtained from the 4th Circuit Court, Laconia Division, said Corey A. Newhook, 23, of 4 Royal Gardens #6 was in a fray at 58 Perkins Drive in Belmont and police were called for a "frantic female."

A Belmont Police supervisor met with an agitated see next page

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