

'Facebook burglar' admits kayaking to Canada after arrest

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A man labeled by authorities as the "Facebook burglar" on Monday pleaded guilty to escape charges in Bucks County stemming from his 2012 odyssey to Canada in a stolen kayak.

Steve Pieczynski, 40, of Lambertville, New Jersey, entered the plea during a brief court appearance in the county justice center in Doylestown. His sentencing was deferred, however, because he's facing penalties for several outstanding parole violations.

The escape charge was filed after Pieczynski missed a court date in October 2012 while he was out on bail for a burglary arrest. According to court records, Pieczynski was later convicted of burglarizing an acquaintance's Wrightstown home after he had learned through Facebook that the victim was on vacation.

According to county prosecutor Thomas Gannon, after missing the court date, Pieczynski stole his wife's car, which contained a blue kayak. At some point after, Gannon said, Pieczynski

called his wife from Canada and police were able to track the call to a cell tower near Toronto.

Gannon said United States Border Patrol agents determined that Pieczynski had kayaked across the Niagara River in an attempt to escape into Canada.

According to court documents, he was arrested in Canada in late October 2012.

Pieczynski's sentencing date has yet to be set.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS TODAY

Bucks County Board of Assessment: 10 a.m., Bucks County Administration Building, 55 E. Court St. Doylestown. www.buckscounty.org/government/departments/finance/boardofassessment/index.aspx

Langhorne Manor council: 8 p.m., Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Ave. Agenda: regular business. 215-752-5835

Newtown Borough council: 7 p.m., Chancellor Center, 30 N. Chancellor St. Agenda: regular business. 215-968-2109

Tullytown council: 6 p.m. executive session followed by 7 p.m. regular meeting, 500 Main St. Agenda for regular meeting: consider borough picnic expense for gym teachers for games; appoint members to Park and Rec Committee; discuss/consider borough municipal park; discuss plaque for municipal building; consider request for Honor Flight Bucks

County donation; discuss/consider disposal of Obsolete Personal Property; discuss/consider upgrade to borough website; reports by committees, mayor, coordinator, solicitor, engineer; other business. 215-945-1560

Upper Southampton supervisors: 7 p.m., township hall, 939 Street Road, Agenda: presentation by Brian Keaveney, Pennoni Associates of traffic improvement projects; discuss petition of 511 Keystone Road Condominium Association to re-zone Tax Map Parcel No. 48-016-088 and unit parcels from R-4 to LI; presentation by Robert Cormack, executive director of the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation, and consider adopting resolution approving a project financed by the Quakertown Area Industrial and Commercial Development Authority; consider entering into agreement with the Cohen Law Group for Cable Franchise Renewal Services; consider adopting resolution amending the park and recreation facilities use policy; consider authorizing advertisement of

ordinance amending the parking restrictions on Cushmore Road; consider adopting resolution approving a Sewage Facilities Planning Module submitted by James and Mary McCabe, for property located at 1601 County Line Road, and submitting it to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for approval as a revision to the official Sewage Facilities Plan; discuss and consider authorizing advertisement of ordinance amending zoning ordinance by permitting massage and/or certain other regulated establishments where massages and/or certain other regulated services are administered as a special exception in the RS retail service zoning district if the establishment meets certain conditions; consider adopting a resolution establishing compensation for township Municipal Authority members; solicitor's report; other business. 215-322-9700

Yardley council: 7:30 p.m., borough hall, 56 South Main St. Agenda: regular business. 215-493-6832

Family Service seeks sponsors for kids heading back to school

Not all families can afford to send their child to school with the necessary supplies and a new outfit.

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"The back-to-school season can be difficult for

children and families in need," the agency said.

Sponsors will be asked to fill a backpack with supplies, a lunch box and a new outfit for a specific child. Groups or companies are welcome to sponsor multiple children.

Last year, thanks to the Bucks County chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees and numerous individual and corporate donors, 317 children

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