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Appeal for group home's license will be heard

BY KENT JACKSON
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Hazleton City Council will hear an appeal from a group home that had its business license revoked after police received reports of missing children, assault and sexual assault.

Pathway to Everyday Life Human Services Inc. will present its appeal to council 6 p.m. May 13.

After receiving a recommendation from police, Mayor Jeff Cusat on March 15 revoked the business license for Pathway due to chronic nuisance activity or criminal conduct occurring at the home at 563-565 N. Laurel St.

City code says a property is a chronic nuisance if three or more nuisance activities occur there within four months.

Police said in a recommendation to the mayor that they received one report of assault on Dec. 4, two reports of disorderly conduct on Dec. 17 and one report of assault on March 5.

Since Pathway began operation on Aug. 25, police said they received 36 reports of missing children, four of staff improperly feeding or

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A woman wears special glasses to watch a total solar eclipse in Piedra del Aguila, Argentina, on Dec. 14, 2020.

State attorney general warns of scammers selling fake eclipse glasses

All Pennsylvanians will experience an eclipse ranging from 88% to 100% darkness.

BY STEVE MOCARSKY
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State Attorney General Michelle Henry is alerting Pennsylvania consumers to beware of scammers selling glasses to view the solar eclipse on April 8, as those glasses might not keep you safe.

NASA is recommending that the millions of people expected to watch the eclipse use solar-viewing glasses due to the intense energy from the sun. Legitimate solar-viewing glasses have special filters to protect your eyes; fake glasses do not have those filters.

"This is a fun and exciting global event, and that widespread anticipation has attracted scammers looking to make a buck without consideration of potential harm," Attorney General Henry said. "Do your research to make sure the glasses you buy will thoroughly protect your eyes and allow you to safely view the solar eclipse."

Pennsylvanians in Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren counties are in the direct path of the solar eclipse and should see a 100% total solar eclipse. The remainder of the Commonwealth will experience a partial eclipse ranging from 88% to 99% of coverage of the sun.

Scammers have been capitalizing on growing consumer demand to buy glasses to

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Looking at a solar eclipse can be dangerous without eclipse glasses. Here's what to know

BY ADITHI RAMAKRISHNAN
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DALLAS — Millions of people along a narrow band in North America will look up when the sky darkens during a total solar eclipse on April 8. When they do, safety is key.

Staring directly at the sun during a solar eclipse or at any other time can lead to permanent eye damage. The eclipse is only safe to witness with the naked eye during totality, or the period of total darkness when the moon completely covers the sun.

Those eager to experience the eclipse should buy eclipse glasses from a reputable vendor. Sunglasses are not protective enough, and binoculars and telescopes without a proper solar filter can magnify light from the sun, making them unsafe.

"Please, please put those glasses on," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said.

Where to find eclipse glasses

Since counterfeit glasses abound, consider purchasing glasses from a local science

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Justin Coleman, of Birmingham, Ala., holds his glasses up to his eyes as he watches the solar eclipse atop a parking structure on Aug. 21, 2017, in Birmingham.

Scranton woman mourns fiancé who died in shooting

Victim was from Hazleton.

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SCRANTON — The fiancé of a man who died after being shot in the head at a gas station near the couple's Putnam Street home says she is struggling to put her life back together.

Charlene Fanning said she asked her fiancé, Jose Miguel Tatis-Camilo, to pick up some snacks at about 10:30 p.m. on March 7.

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Fanning, who is six months pregnant, said it wasn't unusual for Tatis-Camilo, 26, to run out in the evening to get something for the couple to eat.

The Sunoco on North Main Avenue, she said, was "only 30 seconds away."

She remembers her fiancé getting their daughter, Heaven, 4, into the bathtub and then rushing Fanning to give him the money for the purchase.

"Sunoco closes at 11," she said. "And so he was hurrying."

At about 11:15, Fanning began to wonder where Tatis-Camilo was. She couldn't see the gas station from her house, but she could see emergency lights flashing from that area and her heart started pounding.

Fanning took her daughter to the gas station, which had been surrounded by yellow police tape, and asked officers if they had seen Tatis-Camilo.

At first, she said, officers said they didn't know where he was. A few minutes later, they asked Fanning to pull up a photo of her fiancé on her phone. After reviewing security footage, they told Fanning that Tatis-Camilo had been shot and had been taken to Geisinger Community Medical Center.

Fanning said she remembers seeing Gopi Soni, the store's clerk, who had been shot in the leg, limping to the ambulance and speaking to officers.

"I thought, even though he was shot, maybe it's not that bad," she said. "Maybe he's going to be OK."

As an officer was taking Fanning and her daughter to the hospital, Fanning said she prayed Tatis-Camilo had been shot anywhere but in the head.

"People don't usually recover from being shot in the head," she said.

But when she got to the hospital, she learned Tatis-Camilo had been shot in the head and was brain dead.

While she was at his side he had a heart attack; medical personnel revived him, she said.

She remembers seeing him with tubes coming out of his body, but knowing that he wasn't really there.

"When you're brain dead, you might be breathing, but you're dead," she said.

Two days later, on March 9, Tatis-Camilo was taken off life support and died soon after.

Fanning said it was unreal to her that one moment, the couple — who had just moved to the area a month earlier — were planning how to fix their house and what they would name their son due in June, and two days later Tatis-Camilo was gone.

A Christian, Fanning said she believes she will see her fiancé again in heaven and that he's all right somewhere.

But she said she believes he's worried about her and feels sad that he left her with so much responsibility.

As the story unfolded, Fanning said she was overcome with the senselessness of her fiancé's death.

According to surveillance footage, Shelton Miles walked into the gas station/convenient mart wearing a black "garbage-style" bag and, without saying a word, shot Tatis-Camilo in the head with a revolver, police said.

Miles fled but was arrested hours later. He is charged with criminal homicide and remains at Lackawanna County Prison without bail.

Fanning said she will always wonder why Miles didn't just wait until there were no customers in the store.

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