

From Drugs To Jail

Two sentenced in narcotics conspiracy.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

The last two members of a local, drug-trafficking ring that sold ecstasy and marijuana throughout the Washington Metropolitan area have now been sentenced in federal court. Centreville's Paul Bang, 19, received 18 months in prison, and 23-year-old Tam Phuong Tran of Chantilly was given 15 months.

According to documents filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, from about February 2009 through February 26, 2010, Bang and Tran "did unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally" conspire with Quang Huy Ho, Chen Chieh Yam,

Jonathan Pai, Tofun Ali Ghasri, Jeff L. Tsu and others to distribute ecstasy and marijuana.

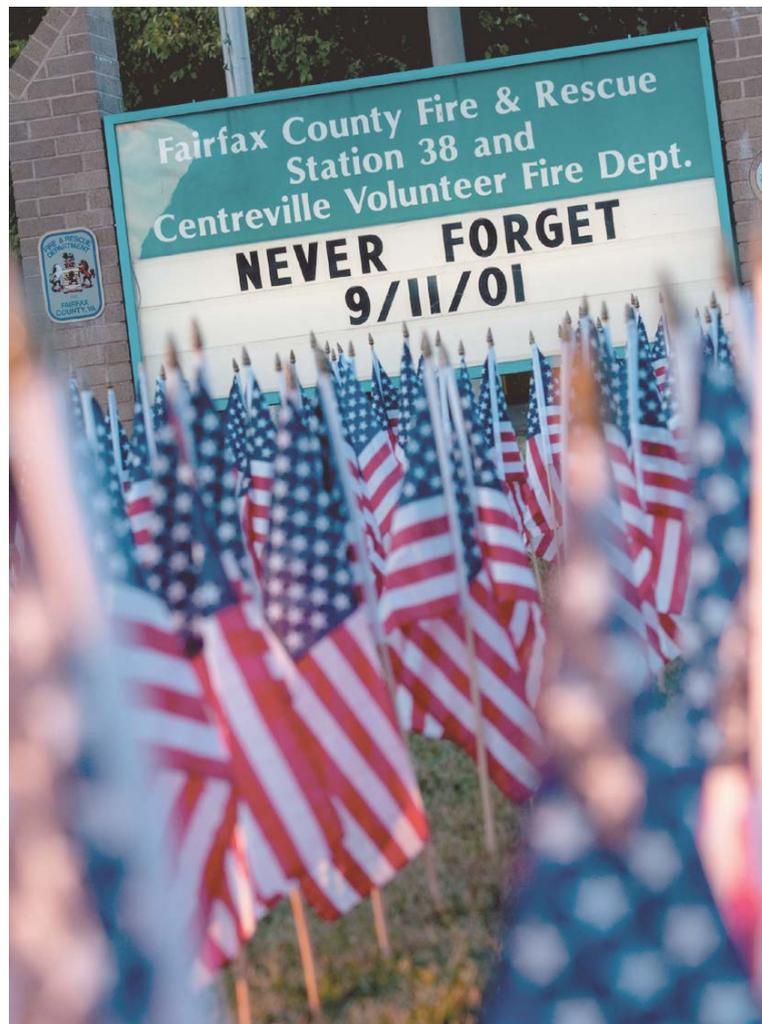
"I truly regret what I've done."

— Paul Bang, convicted in drug-distribution conspiracy

The documents further stated that the co-conspirators distributed "a quantity of ecstasy and marijuana — the combined total of which was equivalent to between 100 and 400 kilograms of marijuana." Federal authorities said these acts were done "willfully and knowingly and with the specific intent to violate the law."

The DEA, Virginia State Police and the Fairfax and Montgomery County police departments worked together on the investigation. Then on March 25, a federal grand jury indicted Bang, Tran and

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The firefighters of Station 38 placed 343 flags in front of the station to commemorate the 343 firefighters that died in New York City on September 11, 2001.



Dan Jenuleson of the Sully Station II Neighborhood Watch waves his flag while Aaron Moore, of Fairfax plays the bagpipes, in an effort to encourage people to attend the candlelight vigil about to start at Fire Station 38.

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A Time to Remember

Residents, firefighters, police commemorate 9/11.

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Carrying candles and lanterns, looking forward to the evening's program — yet thinking back to another Sept. 11, nine years before — residents, firefighters and police gathered Saturday night in Centreville for a 9/11 remembrance.

Fire Station 38 hosted the event, organized by Sully Station II residents Dan and Leslie Jenuleson, and about 85 citizens attended. Bagpiper Aaron Moore of Fairfax performed, as did the choir from St. Veronica Catholic Church in Chantilly.

"We wanted to come together to show our support and to express

publicly our emotional bond with our first responders who protect us every day — the men and women of the police and fire and rescue departments," said Leslie Jenuleson.

"For the United States of America, there will be no forgetting of the tragic events of 9/11," she said. "We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the victims. We have a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and of mourning. But we also have a memory of bravery from the heroes who gave their lives to try to save others from this tragedy."

Jenuleson said the American flags and candles people brought with them to the ceremony, plus the prayers that would be said and

the songs that would be sung were all in honor of those who look after the community all the time. They were also in support of families who lost loved ones in the tragedy.

"We are here to thank our officers and rescue personnel for their sacrifice and service," she added. "Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers."

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Deputy Chief Michael Reilly of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue department shares some thoughts and memories during the vigil.

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OPINION

One Thing Commonwealth Is Doing Well

This is no time to trade \$240 million a year for uncertainty.

"Government is supposed to do a couple of things well, and selling Jim Beam and Grey Goose isn't one of them," Gov. Bob McDonnell was quoted as saying this week.

Consider how well-endowed Virginia's transportation infrastructure could be if only it were run like the state-owned liquor stores.

When you buy a bottle of spirits from a Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control store, 50 percent or more of what you pay goes directly to the state, funding schools, public safety and other key state functions. Other states collect less than 10 percent. This system delivers more than \$240 million a year to fund core state functions.

By contrast, Virginia has privatized the widening of the Beltway, turning over 100 percent of the toll revenue to a private company more or less forever (50 years). And the tolls will likely amount to more than \$10 per car to ride in the "High Occupancy Toll" lanes during rush

hour. (To be fair, the private company is widening the Beltway, building the new HOT lanes and rebuilding the aging bridges along and over the Beltway in the process, although the state could have done that by selling bonds based on projected toll revenue.)

Instead of collecting tolls, or at least writing a contract that shares the revenue, from public-private highway partnerships to provide a long-term stream of revenue for transportation, or raising the gas tax, Gov. Bob McDonnell wants to use the money from selling off the state's very lucrative liquor business. (To be fair, McDonnell's Democratic predecessors signed off on the public-private transportation deals.)

But turning the liquor business over to private companies won't generate nearly the same revenue for Virginia, won't generate more than a drop in the bucket for the state's transportation needs, and will take away critical funding for other services, including education and public safety.

McDonnell wants to trade the annual revenue of \$240 million-plus for a one-time infusion of \$500 million by auctioning off 1,000 retail liquor licenses. That will be an increase of more than 600 stores selling liquor. Most of the money that now goes into the state coffers

would be turned over as profit for the private businesses.

McDonnell proposes to make up some of the difference by adding fees to alcoholic beverages served in restaurants, which any restaurant owner can tell you is about the last thing they really need in this economy.

And any one large business would be allowed to buy as many as 25 percent of the total number of licenses, meaning the market could be dominated by a few big box stores.

The Virginia Federation of Retailers say that McDonnell's plan doesn't allow enough opportunity for small retailers, and the Virginia Wine Wholesalers oppose the plan because they expect large retailers will bypass local wine.

For McDonnell, his single term in office will be a success no matter what the consequences.

Here are his goals: Shrink the size of state government. Lower taxes, or at a minimum, don't raise them. Privatize, privatize, privatize.

Will there be adequate funding to provide an education worthy of the state that is "home of the internet?" For public safety, for neediest citizens, for people with disabilities, or even for some transportation relief? Not his problem.

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EDITORIAL

Roach, Tabaka To Wed

David and Barbara Roach of Chantilly are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tamarae Carin, 27, to David Michael Tabaka, 27, son of Martin and Nancy Tabaka of Winchester.

Tamarae is the granddaughter of Ethel Roach of Charleston, S.C. She is an executive assistant for a government contractor in Arlington, and a paralegal for the company's general counsel. Tamarae is a 2001 Chantilly High School graduate and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in international studies.



David Michael Tabaka and Tamarae Carin Roach

David is a research analyst at an IP consulting firm in Alexandria. He is a 2006 graduate of George Mason University and holds a bachelor's degree in history. He graduated in 2001 from John Handley High School in Winchester.

The couple met at George Mason University in 2001 and began dating in 2003. David proposed to Tamarae in his native New Jersey on Jan. 17, 2010.

David and Tamarae will be married on Oct. 9, 2010 in Tamarae's hometown, Charleston, S.C. The two will exchange vows at her childhood church, Fort Johnson Baptist Church. The evening reception will be held in the Gold Ballroom at the historic Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston. The couple will honeymoon in Costa Rica and will reside in Arlington.



Father Edward Hathaway receives congratulations from SAR Chapter President Jack Sweeney.

St. Veronica School Remembers Sept. 11

The students of Saint Veronica School in Chantilly participated in a special Mass of Remembrance to remember the events of September 11, 2001. Since many of the children were too young to remember the specific events, Father Edward Charles Hathaway spoke on the virtues of justice, religion and patriotism on Friday, Sept. 10.

As a demonstration of patriotism, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented St. Veronica School with a flag certificate in recognition of their proper display of the American Flag at the school. Father Hathaway was inducted as a Com-patriot of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Parishoner Bill Price introduced Father Hathaway to the SAR, and Father Hathaway was admitted as a proven descendant of Erastus Hathaway of Vermont.

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Many vigil attendees welcomed the chance to thank the firefighters and police officers for their service. Pictured here are police officers PFC Silvana Masood and Sergeant Matt Owens both of the Sully District Station and to their right is Deputy Chief Michael Reilly of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



Tonya Beres (on right) and her daughters Bianca and Bailey, of Country Club Manor, light their candles before the vigil starts.

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A Time to Remember

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Then, following a moment of silence, Father Edward Hathaway of St. Veronica addressed the crowd. "Tonight, we're remembering everything that was lost on that tragic day, nine years ago," he said. "But we also found something then; we rediscovered the value of one, human life pulled from the rubble. And we rediscovered the heroes — fire, police and rescue personnel — who protect us every day."



Father Edward Hathaway, from St. Veronica's Catholic Church, blesses the emergency equipment from inside Engine 438.

He and Father Charles Smith then asked God to bless the fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances that the local first responders use to keep the community safe. "Bless the men and women that sacrifice for us every day, both here and overseas," prayed Hathaway. "Give them Your strength, and bless their families, too, because they're also part of their sacrifice."

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) said it was hard to believe that nine years have passed because "so many of the memories and images are so vivid in our minds. But it's important to continue to do this remembrance in tribute of those who gave their lives and in honor of those who risk their lives every day for us."

"This year is a very difficult time," said Frey. "We learned there are continuing efforts to bring pain and death to democracies around the world. And we realize we are not safe and that people still want to destroy our way of life."

"We're united, standing together. And when people who respect individual freedom, liberty and democracy stand together, we will not lose. But if we are divided, we will not win — and that's what the terrorists would like us to do."

"So it's important that we remember our values, and the traditions and beliefs the U.S. was founded on. If we do that, we will remain strong. To all of our first responders, thank you for putting your lives on the line every day, and thank you all for coming out to honor and respect them."

Next, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Reilly expressed gratitude on behalf of Chief Ron Mastin. He also noted that, in Fairfax County, more than 1,500 firefighters and paramedics respond to 95,000 calls a year.

"I watched those two aircraft [on TV] fly into the Twin Towers, and I was one of the first arriving chiefs on the second alarm at the Pentagon," he said. "I spent 3 and a half days there, and our Urban Search and Rescue Team was deployed there, too."

Reilly said the number of Americans who died on Sept. 11, 2001 is the same number who died in the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. "Many of our [local] Crisis Response Teams helped the Crisis Response Teams in New York," he said. "The 343 flags placed in the

lawn outside this fire station represent the 343 New York firefighters who never went home to their families, that day."

He also reminded the residents that the firefighters who hung the American flag from the Pentagon after the 9/11 attack were from Centreville's Station 38. And he told the citizens how much they mean to their public-safety personnel.

"We're trained to deal with disasters, knowing it could be our last call," said Reilly. "But knowing we have your support and knowing you haven't forgotten us makes me and my team so grateful for this community and proud to be a part of it. A sincere thank you, and God bless you all."

Pleased with the ceremony, the Jenuleons' neighbor, Doug Munger, said, "Dan and Leslie did a terrific job, helping organize this. It's a great idea because people here know people who worked at the Pentagon on 9/11 or have friends and relatives who worked in New York. So this event brings the community together to remember what happened nine years ago."

Agreeing, police Officer Joe Woloszyh of the Sully District Station told the crowd, "That dark day led to a lot of uncertainty that we've overcome because of who we are and what we believe in. Thank you for coming out tonight and remembering us in your hearts and prayers."

Addressing the gathering last was resident Emmett Greenleaf. "I'm a patriot and damn proud of it," he said. "Let's not forget our 100,000 deployed troops when they return. When you see a soldier in battle dress, thank him for being there."

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