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Prosecutor error frees inmate



Shakur Carrasquillo

By PEGGY WRIGHT
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A man who received a 30-year sentence for robbing, tying up and pistol-whipping a Harding Township resident in 2003 will be freed from state prison under an appeals court ruling Wednesday.

The decision means that Shakur Carrasquillo, 32, of

Pistol-whipping, kidnap conviction set aside

the Bronx, no longer stands convicted of the April 8, 2003, kidnapping and robbery of Daniel Chapple and can be released from New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. The release will take at

least a few days for necessary paperwork to reach the state Department of Corrections, said Joel M. Harris, one of Carrasquillo's attorneys.

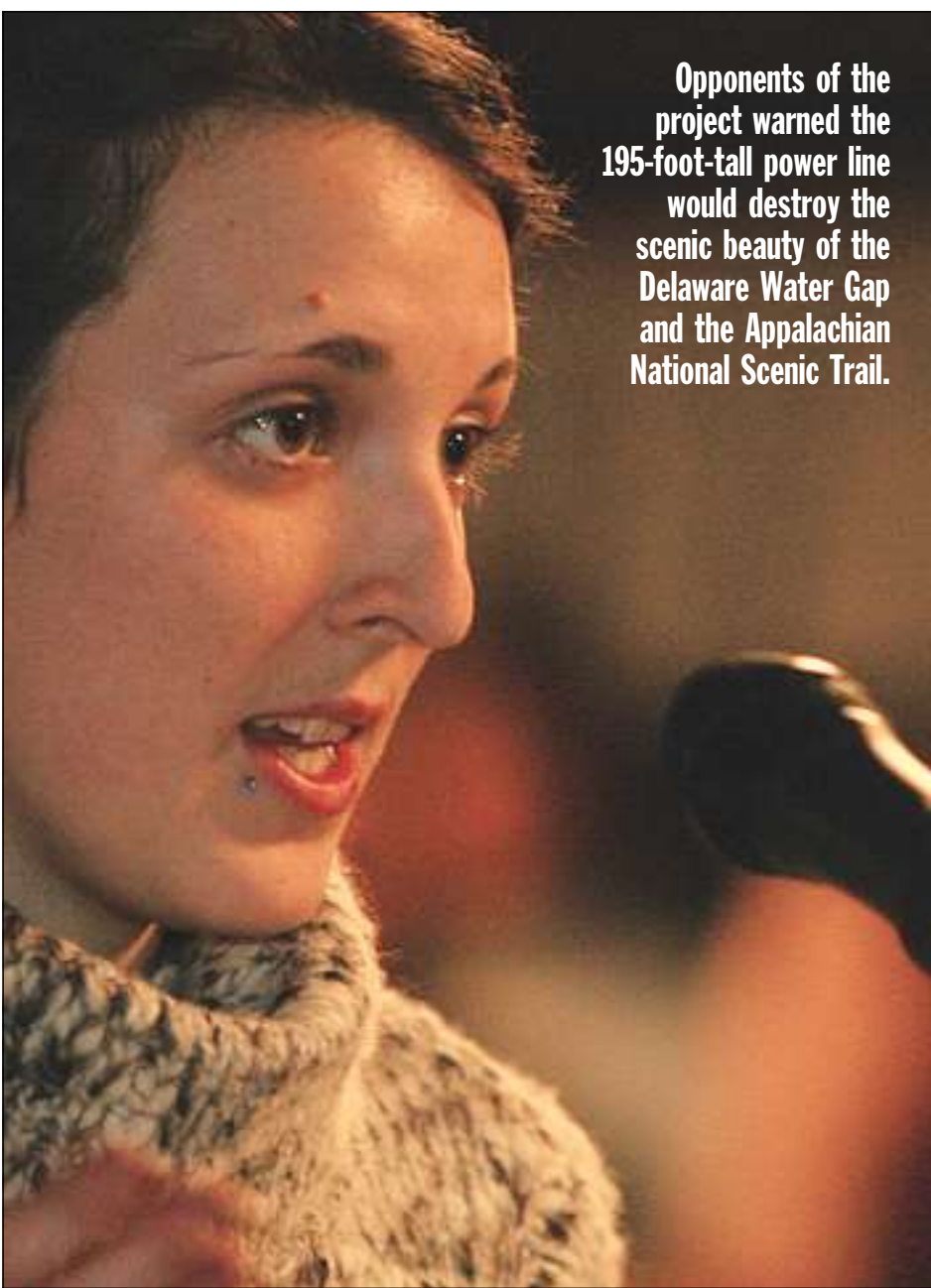
The appeals court upheld Superior Court

Judge Joseph A. Falcone's ruling in October that Carrasquillo's right to be tried within 120 days under a so-called Interstate Agreement on Detainers was violated. The detainee mandate is separate from the Sixth Amendment right to a speedy trial.

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JUST SAY NO: Park Service asked to reject plan

Foes: Don't park power line here



Opponents of the project warned the 195-foot-tall power line would destroy the scenic beauty of the Delaware Water Gap and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Kate Millsaps, Highlands Coalition campaign coordinator, talks about information left out of the environmental impact statement during a public hearing on the planned Susquehanna-Roseland power line upgrades.

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Opponents of the planned Susquehanna-Roseland power line upgrades decried the environmental and visual impacts the project would have on the Delaware Water Gap, one of the Northeast's best-known scenic landscapes, at a hearing hosted by the National Park Service on Wednesday night.

"Cutting through a national park and a wild and scenic river completely goes against the purpose of the park," said Jeff Tittel, director of the New Jersey Sierra Club. "It's a desecration, bringing big and ugly power (lines) to the most-used recreational resource in the country."

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Top: Anne Augustyn, a 40-year resident of Jefferson, speaks against the power line project during the standing-room-only public hearing. **Above:** Prior to the meeting, Paul Capell (from left), a National Park Service consultant and vice president-energy for David Evans and Associates, answers questions from Peter Holdsworth of Byram and Sparta, Susie Neffinger of Jefferson, Roy Lerch of Wantage and Ed Neffinger of Jefferson.



A jury is deciding the fate of Eugene Baum Jr. (right), who has been charged in the deaths of two cousins who were walking along a road in Kinnelon.

Jury mulls fate in DUI crash

Teen cousins struck, killed on Kinnelon Road

By PEGGY WRIGHT
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A jury heard contrasting trial summations Wednesday about Eugene Baum Jr., who was described by his attorney as a "cognitively impaired" alcoholic who couldn't appreciate the risks of drunken driving while the prosecuting attorney said he was a motorist who consciously drank himself to an excessive level of intoxication.

A Morris County jury has to decide whether Baum, 48, of Dover suffered a mental disease or deprivation — depression and physiological dependence on alcohol — that partially makes him not liable for the deaths of cousins Athear Jafar, 16, of Jefferson, and Mayada Jafar, 15, of Kinnelon, on April 20, 2006.

Baum's blood-alcohol content was 0.305 percent — or nearly four times the level at which a mo-

torist is considered legally intoxicated in New Jersey — after the Kia Optima he was driving struck and killed the girls as they walked on the shoulder of Kinnelon Road.

But defense attorney

The jury has to decide whether Eugene Baum Jr. of Dover is guilty of aggravated manslaughter or death by auto in the deaths of the two girls.

John Iacifano told jurors in his closing argument that aggravated manslaughter charges do not fit the case, as Baum was incapable of recognizing the risks of driving drunk because of his mental disease.

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Parsippany may cut 26 teachers

\$1.1M state aid loss feared

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PARSIPPANY — Already considering a layoff of 26 teachers, the school district is bracing for an even heftier spending cut after Gov. Chris Christie announced plans on Wednesday to implement a 15 percent reduction in state aid for the 2010-11 school year.

Superintendent Lee Seitz said the K-12 district, which received \$7.3 million in state aid last

year, will begin preparing for a \$1.1 million, or 15 percent, reduction in state funds next fiscal year.

Officials previously were preparing for a \$700,000, or 10 percent, state aid reduction — part of an estimated \$3.9 million overall cut. Christie's announcement that districts should prepare for a 15 percent cut in state aid means that the district must now

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SCHOOL CUTS: Poor districts will lose the most money, but suburban districts will lose the greatest percentage of state aid overall under Gov. Christie's plan. **PAGE A12**

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