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# Death an 'unfortunate incident' not murder

By MARLENE DIGIACOMO  
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**MEDIA COURTHOUSE** — Angelo Moore testified yesterday he had only moments to react, as another man swung a crowbar in an argument over the man's ex-girlfriend.

Moore said he didn't even know he'd fatally stabbed 49-year-old Marshall Strand in the chest May 6.

"He came charging at me with the crowbar swinging it," Moore told the court yesterday.

Judge Frank T. Hazel agreed with defense attorney Michael Malloy: Moore killed Strand in self-defense.

Hazel, who presided over the non-jury trial, found Moore not guilty of all charges.

Despite the verdict, Moore, 36, of the 1500 block of Perkins Street, Chester, will remain in jail since there is an outstanding 1987 warrant for his arrest on rape charges.

Malloy said his client did not know anything about the warrant until he was arrested in the latest case. Moore testified he returned to Chester in January 2000, after being away about 14 years.

According to testimony, Strand precipitated the May 6 incident by cutting his van in front of a vehicle that Moore was driving. Strand's ex-girlfriend, Theresa Hubbard, was a passenger in the defendant's vehicle.

After Strand stopped his car on an angle in the middle of the street, Hubbard and Moore both testified that the victim was the aggressor — first punching Moore. Within seconds, Strand grabbed the crowbar from the van and came at Moore swinging, the defendant said. Moore said it was then he took his penknife out of his pocket and flipped it open.

The altercation occurred near 23rd on Madison Street in the city. Strand, of the 300 block of Sunnyside Avenue, Chester, was driving his son to a baseball game when he saw Hubbard and Moore together in the same car that afternoon.

Malloy presented testimony from Hubbard and her cousin who said Strand was harassing her in the days before he was killed. Malloy said Strand was motivated by jealousy

and was like a volcano "spewing a little anger every until he exploded" in that street confrontation.

Hazel presided over the two-day non-jury trial that with testimony Jan. 19 and ended with not guilty yesterday to charges including third-degree murder manslaughter.

The judge ruled the evidence supported a verdict the stabbing was in self-defense and described it, "unfortunate incident for the victim and his family."

Assistant District Attorney Thomas Lawrie had successfully argued that Moore could have left the scene had a duty to retreat.

Strand's son, John, 14, who was with his father when he denied his dad had a crowbar. He said his father got the car and went over to talk to Hubbard.

Following the verdict, Rev. Horace Strand, the victim's brother, said he was disappointed with the verdict.

"There was an ongoing dispute between these two that was not brought out in testimony," said the brother. "He should have retreated without stabbing my brother's death."

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## NOTICE

Interboro School District is now holding Kindergarten registration for the 2001-02 school year. Registration is from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. and from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. at the Administration Building, 900 Washington Avenue, Prospect Park, PA 19076. Any questions, please contact (610) 461-6700 ext 121 or 144. All registrations for the 2001-02 should be completed by May 2001.

## Police: Man arrested holding pot, ecstasy

By ROSE QUINN  
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**COLLINGDALE** — A man arrested on an outstanding drug offense warrant had marijuana and

ecstasy pills in his possession at the time, a narcotics officer testified this week.

Lamar Clayborne, 25, of the 1000 block of Aah Avenue, was identified in court Tuesday by Daniel Leicht, a Collingdale police officer and county narcotics detective.

Clayborne was held for court by District Justice Laurence McKeon on all charges stemming from the Jan. 23 arrest at MacDade Boulevard and Chester Pike, including drug possession

and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leicht said he was backing up Sharon Hill police on a car stop shortly before 8 p.m. when he recognized Clayborne and brought him in on an outstanding warrant.

"A small bag containing what later field-tested to be marijuana was found in a front pant pocket, and four pills that later field-tested positive for Ecstasy chemicals dropped out of his hand and into the back seat of the

police car. The pills had a Me symbol on one side and line on the other side.

Defense attorney Benante of the county public defender's office said that a charge of paraphernalia possession he drop

Jason Barocas, an attorney with the county attorney's office court that small plastic bags commonly used to hold are paraphernalia.

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## Events marking Black History Month

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showing the artist's collection to celebrate Black History Month. The exhibit will held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Duckrey Social Science Center on the university campus. For information, call (610) 399-2417.

■ A cultural program, featuring music, dance, poetry and food, will be held at Penn State Delco on Thursday, Feb. 22. The event will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the student lounge of the Classroom Building. For more information, call (610) 892-1272.

■ "Jazz, Blues and Beyond" commemorates the key roles African Americans played in developing jazz and blues, and their influence on other music such as rhythm and blues and pop music. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at Thomas Jefferson University's Alumni Hall Cafeteria, 1020 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more information, call (215) 508-7743.

■ The Marcel Carter Basketball Classic will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at Penn State Delco. The basketball tournament honors the memory of Marcel Carter, a Penn State Delco student who died of bone marrow cancer in 1992. For more information, call (610) 892-1272.

■ Collage, painting, wax drawing, photo silk-screen and printmaking are med by four acclaimed black to interpret their d explore historical truth revisit ancestral memori exhibit is open through ; at the African Ar Museum at 701 Arc Philadelphia. For info call (215) 574-0380.

■ West Chester University a tribute to the Rev. Dr. Luther King this month. istor, editor, school offic two professors will be pa panel discussion on King cy. The event is free and t the public. It runs from n 1:30 p.m. in the Sykes S Union Ballroom at the u ty. For more informatio (610) 436-2989.

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