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IN SPORTS
Ex-brawler:
Devils GM
negligent

With seizures and depression due to concussions suffered in the NHL, Mike Peluso says the New Jersey Devils and general manager Lou Lamoriello were negligent in failing to protect him. “A lot of this could have been prevented,” he says. / Page 21

LITTLE FERRY
Kayaker
rescues man
who leaped
from bridge

Mystery boater pulled him from river after attempted suicide, then towed him to shore.

By Brian Amaral
For The Star-Ledger

A kayaker on the Hackensack River rescued a man who jumped from a bridge Sunday morning, but officials aren't sure who to thank for the save because they don't know his name.

The mystery kayaker saw a man leap from the bridge connecting Little Ferry with Ridgefield Park, and then paddled over to rescue him.

The kayaker threw the man a rope and towed him to shore, where first-responders were waiting to give him medical aid.

Then, the kayaker — who had his dog in the craft — kept floating on down the river without stopping or telling police his name. “You can't make this kind of stuff up,” Little Ferry Police Chief Ralph Verdi said.

The man who had jumped, a 55-year-old from Garfield, didn't suffer any serious injuries after his suicide attempt at about 8 a.m. Sunday. He willingly took hold of the rope, and when the kayaker got close enough to shore, he stood up and walked out of the water, Verdi said.

He told police he'd tried the same thing in Paterson. He was taken to Hackensack Medical Center. “Seems like he got lucky,” Verdi said.

Verdi said they're not anticipating any criminal charges. The Route 46 bridge is about 40-feet high, Verdi said.

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MAKING THE CASE
How the feds can pin Bridgegate charges

By Adam Clark
For The Star-Ledger

There was never any question that lanes at the entrance to the George Washington Bridge were closed or that traffic was gridlocked in neighboring Fort Lee.

Government emails and text messages seemed to hint that the four-day traffic nightmare was a plot to punish the borough's mayor.

But what federal law was broken in the Bridgegate scandal, and how prosecutors would pin charges against Gov. Chris Christie's former deputy chief of staff and other



Fishman

officials, were less obvious.

U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman answered the question Friday, pointing to what legal experts say is a statute rarely used except in the case of elevating offenses against officials to a federal crime.

It's called Section 666 of Title 18 of the United States Code, “theft or bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds,” and it applies when an organization,

government, or agency, such as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, receives more than \$10,000 a year in federal funds.

“That's what gives us the federal hook,” Fishman said. “That's what makes it a federal crime.”

Fishman says that shutting down traffic lanes as retribution against Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich is a misuse of those funds. The prosecutor used that logic in bringing charges against Gov. Chris Christie's former Deputy Chief of Staff Bridgett Anne Kelly, and former Port

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The hook

Section 666 of Title 18 of United States Code — “theft or bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds” — applies when an organization such as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey receives more than \$10,000 a year in federal funds. U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman says shutting down traffic lanes as retribution is a misuse of those funds.

DERBY DELIGHT



Emotional win for New Jersey entrepreneur after previous close calls.

By Keith Sargeant
For The Star-Ledger

As he sat up at the podium with the victorious jockey and winning trainer of the Kentucky Derby-champion horse he owns, Ahmed Zayat was all smiles.

Still basking in the glow of watching American Pharoah live up to the billing as the favorite in the 141st “Run for the Roses” — and still wet from taking a champagne shower in the post-race ceremony — Zayat said he was “speechless and very emotional.”

“We've been very close,” the 52-year old Teaneck resident said. “This is one special horse.”

An entrepreneur from Cairo, who formed Kentucky-based Zayat Stables in 2005, Zayat's Pioneer of the Nile finished second in the 2009 Kentucky Derby. Two other Zayat-owned colts — Nehro in 2011 and Bodemeister in 2012 — also settled for second-place finishes in the Derby.

“To win this Derby, this is for the Zayats, who have suffered so much running these seconds, since Bodemeister and Pioneer of the Nile,” said Bob Baffert, the trainer for American Pharoah who also conditioned Bodemeister and Pioneer of the Nile. “We

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KENTUCKY DERBY TRACK RECORD
Vindicated at Churchill Downs

Before Saturday's win by American Pharoah, three horses owned by Ahmed Zayat, of Teaneck, have finished second behind long shots at the Derby.

2009: Mine That Bird (50-1) sneaked up along the rail to beat Pioneer of the Nile.

2011: Nehro was defeated by Animal Kingdom (20-1)

2012: I'll Have Another (15-1) beat Bodemeister.

— Associated Press



Above, owner Ahmed Zayat, of Teaneck, celebrates American Pharoah's victory Saturday in the winner's circle after the Kentucky Derby. Right, trainer Bob Baffert walks American Pharoah out of the barn to show him off Sunday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

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