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Woman could get 3 years in fraud

By KATHLEEN HOPKINS
TOMS RIVER BUREAU

TOMS RIVER — A 49-year-old Stafford woman represented herself as a licensed practical nurse in order to get jobs as a private-duty nurse.

She claimed to have a doctorate with expertise in the education of autistic children to get parents to hire her as an advocate for their children.

She had business cards.

She had a resume boasting a Ph.D.

She charged people thousands of dollars for her help.

The problem is, Nancie Fisher had none of the credentials.

Fisher, 49, of Float Avenue, admitted all that in court Tuesday, pleading guilty before Superior Court Judge James N. Citta to five counts of theft and two counts of unlicensed practice of medicine.

The crimes were carried out between 2001 and 2005, according to the indictment against Fisher.

Under the terms of a plea bargain, Fisher will face three years in prison when she is sentenced by Citta on Feb. 16, said Assistant Ocean County Prosecutor Martin Anton.

Her attorney, David

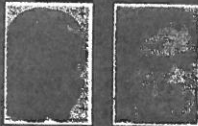
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OPRA enforcer faults Keyport for tardiness

By BOB JORDAN

5 murder suspects face judge

NOV. 22 CASE



Valdo A. Thompson (left) and Carl Holdren are charged in the shooting death of Michael Montgomery in Long Branch Nov. 22.

DEC. 14 CASE



Qumere J. McClendon (left) and Paul Lewis (center), both of Long Branch, and Darnell L. Stovall of Lakewood are charged in the shooting death of Keith T. Mason in Long Branch Dec. 14.

By KAREN SUDOL
FREEHOLD BUREAU

If any of the five Bloods gang members charged in two Long Branch murders posts his million-dollar-plus bail, prosecutors want to know the source of the money.

Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutors Marc Lemieux and Richard Incremona — who handled the first court appearances for the five men Tuesday — told the judge that in the event any of the defendants posts

bail, hearings will be requested to determine where the funds originated before the men are released.

The five defendants were in court Tuesday to hear charges connected to two unrelated fatal shootings in Long Branch — one in November and one in December.

On Nov. 22, 27-year-old Michael Montgomery was killed in a residential neighborhood near John Street and

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REST IN PEACE

Nation snaps a farewell salute to Ford



8 more join lawsuit alleging molestation by ex-Brick pastor

By KATHLEEN HOPKINS
TOMS RIVER BUREAU

TOMS RIVER — Eight more men have come forward to join a lawsuit alleging they were molested as children during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s by a now-deceased, one-time pastor of St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Brick.

That brings to 19 the number of men making allegations against the Rev. Robert L. Slegel.

In the year since the lawsuit was filed, the number of plaintiffs has grown from six, each of whom was seeking \$5 million in damages.

With the additional plaintiffs, the damages sought have grown to about \$95 million, said their Toms River attorney, Robert R. Fuggi.

The initial complaint has been amended twice, after additional plaintiffs read accounts of the case in the

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Abolish it

By MICHAEL RISPOLI
GANNETT STATE BUREAU

TRENTON — New Jersey should convert all current death sentences to penalties of life in maximum-security prison without parole and abolish capital punishment, said a report released Tuesday by the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission.