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Winner of Lottery Charged in Thefts

WEST HARTFORD A telephone repairman who won \$7.2 million in the Connecticut lottery in August has been charged with possessing stolen goods from a burglary ring that robbed homes in the Hartford suburbs, the police said yesterday. The man, Manuel Periu, who is 50 years old, surrendered Tuesday night and was released on a \$500 non-surety bond, pending a court hearing on November 20, the police said.

Periu was charged by the Hartford police with fourth-degree larceny, a misdemeanor, and by the West Hartford police with third-degree larceny, a felony possession, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of one to five years in prison.

Sergeant Michael Juda of the Hartford police said the investigation indicated that Mr. Periu bought the items from someone else and had not been an active participant in the burglaries. The sergeant said that Mr. Periu had cooperated with the police but that it was not known when he obtained the stolen items.

Mr. Periu has an unlisted telephone, and his lawyer, Stuart M. Roth, declined to comment.

Hasidic Group Wins Suit on Rabbi's Books

MANHATTAN A Federal appeals court has ruled in favor of a Brooklyn-based Hasidic Jewish group in a bitter two-year court battle over ownership of its former rabbi's huge collection of books.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Manhattan affirmed Tuesday a ruling by a lower court that the library was not part of the estate of the rabbi, Joseph Isaac Schneersohn, and rejected claims of ownership by his grandson.

Rabbi Schneersohn, the spiritual leader of the Brooklyn-based Lubavitcher Hasidic movement, Agudas Chasidei Chabad, died in 1950 without leaving a will.

In a unanimous ruling on the lawsuit, the three-judge appeals panel found that during his lifetime Rabbi Schneersohn indicated that he wanted to leave the books to the Hasidic group rather than his family.

The grandson, Barry Gourary, said he could not comment on whether he would appeal until he saw the opinion.

At issue in the lawsuit that began in August 1985 was the ownership of a valuable library consisting of 40,000 to 50,000 religious and secular books as well as sacred manuscripts by the group's rabbis, some of which dated to the 18th century. (AP)

A Colon Problem For Gov. O'Neill

HARTFORD Doctors treating Gov. William A. O'Neill said yesterday that they had diagnosed diverticulitis, an inflammation and infection of small pockets of the colon, as the probable cause of the high fever that hospitalized him on Sunday.

A statement from St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center also said tests had found two colon polyps, or small growths, that the doctors said appeared to be benign.

The statement said no surgery was anticipated and that diverticulitis

could be treated by dietary restrictions, intravenous fluids and antibiotics. The polyps are to be removed later with an outpatient colonoscopy procedure, the hospital said.

Mr. O'Neill, who is 57 years old, is expected to remain in the hospital through the beginning of next week, the statement said. He was described as being in good spirits.

U.S. Jury Indicts Man In Youth-Sex Case

BROOKLYN A bus company manager was indicted yesterday on Federal charges of unlawfully transporting two young girls to New Jersey to engage in prostitution, the authorities said.

The defendant, Victor Einhorn, 36 years old, was arrested last July 7 at a motel in Fort Lee, N.J., and charged with sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault. He was released on \$75,000 bail.

The Federal indictment charges that Mr. Einhorn took the girls, 12 and 13 years old, from Brooklyn to a New Jersey motel six times between May and July. An assistant Bergen County prosecutor, Fred Schwanwee, said Mr. Einhorn gave the girls \$20 to \$30 several times.

Mr. Einhorn, of Monsey, N.Y., and Brooklyn, manages the Private Trails Bus Company of Brooklyn, the authorities said.

He is charged with 12 counts of unlawfully transporting minors for the purpose of engaging in prostitution and other unlawful sexual activity. If convicted on all counts, he would face a maximum of 120 years in jail and a \$3 million fine. He is to be arraigned today in Brooklyn. (AP)

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