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bike later told officers that Dalling was the driver and that he had borrowed the motorcycle from a friend in Franklin and got the muzzleloader from a pickup that was parked in front of the house. Court papers said the pickup was registered to him and his ex-girlfriend, who was standing in the yard.

After the man ran into the woods, the state police K-9 units came to help track the man. The officers thought they had cornered him in a barn, Mahoney said, and they were waiting for the state police SWAT team to arrive when, at 10:30 PM, 911 got a call from a woman who lived on Channel Road, near Highland Lake and about 1.8 miles away from Plains Road. She said a thin man outside her door was asking her to make phone calls for him.

Laramie and Hewitt went to the woman's house and found a man standing on her porch, and Hewitt recognized him as the driver of the motorcycle. The officers told him repeatedly to put his hands on top of his head, but he was reaching into his pockets, court papers said. When the officers handcuffed him, he said his name was Peter. He was also wet, and he said it was because his sister threw him into a swimming pool, court papers said.

The officers identified the man as William Dalling based on his tattoos. Hewitt began driving him to the Merrimack County Jail in Boscawen, but Dalling kept passing out in the back of the cru-

er. He told Hewitt he had swallowed 20 morphine pills, court papers said. Hewitt took him to the emergency room at Franklin Regional Hospital. He spent the night in intensive care and was taken to jail yesterday morning.

Dalling was still wearing thin hospital pajamas when he appeared in court yesterday afternoon. He alternated sitting and standing as his charges were read and bail was discussed, and he told Judge Ned Gordon he was in a lot of pain because he had been on medication for 25 years but hadn't had any for two days.

Dalling entered pleas of not guilty to the misdemeanors. Pleas on felony charges cannot be made in district court. Mahoney asked Gordon to set bail at \$100,000 cash, not just because of the felony charges, but because Dalling was convicted in 2002 for possession of cocaine.

Dalling said he was a Vietnam War veteran and asked to be taken to a VA hospital instead of jail. "I'm not getting any of my medicine," he said. "I'm sick. I can't make it like this. If I can't get (to a VA hospital), next time I can't get my meds, I'll be back here."

Dalling also said he hadn't touched a gun since his last arrest. "The gun that I had was the gun I took away from" the homeowner, he said.

Gordon granted the state's bail request. Dalling faces a probable cause hearing for the felonies August 3 and a trial for the misdemeanors September 21.

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# Windfallen Trees Pulled From Highland Lake

By Anne Landini  
For the Beacon

Capitol Tree from Concord arrived bright and early on July 17 to remove the wind-fallen trees from Highland Lake near the Town Beach. The company removed the chain oil from the saws before starting so as not to pollute the lake.

Removing the trees was not an easy endeavor because of the space limitations for getting the crane in place and because the neighboring trees wedged the large birches in their grip. The trees had to be cut and removed in pieces. The estimated weight of what was re-



Photo: Bob Welch

moved was 9,000 pounds.

Everyone appreciates the great example the Dana Abbotts set by assuming responsibility for this removal in such a timely manner!



Hopefully, this is the final Town Beach cleanup for the year. On Father's Day a small but loyal group of workers cleaned up the debris left by the Mother's Day flooding. The day before, Lloyd Perreault had removed many large sticks and trees. The remainder was raked by Tim Connell, Urban Landini, Ray Mitchell, Ethney McMahon, and Judy Perreault, with Lloyd manning the tractor. Left to right: Lloyd, Ray, Urban, and Ethney.

Just a reminder: Please put your trash in the containers. Since Father's Day we've found a number of cans and bottles in the bushes on the beach.

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