

New York's most wanted driver finally apprehended

NEW YORK (AP) — The traffic violation — an illegal U-turn — was routine stuff. But when police pulled over Leroy Linen, they soon discovered he was no ordinary motorist.

It took nearly two hours to print out his list of traffic violations, which had resulted in 633 license suspensions in the last five years.

He was the city's most-wanted driver.

New York's No. 1 scofflaw was

charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and driving without a license. The 40-year-old scrap-metal dealer was jailed without bail.

After a series of fatal accidents involving unlicensed drivers, state lawmakers last year made it a felony to drive with 10 or more suspensions.

In one accident last May, Abraham Meyers, 55, a drunken driver with 22 license suspensions, killed a mother and her two

daughters as the family tried to cross the street after a party in Queens, authorities say.

Since then, the Police Department has kept a list of drivers with 100 or more suspensions, about 340 names, topped by Linen's. Officers also are under orders to make more computer checks on drivers stopped for traffic offenses.

Despite the crackdown, officials estimate that as many as 15 percent of the city's 2.8 mil-

lion motorists may have suspended licenses.

Linen, like many of the worst scofflaws, amassed his record with a plethora of moving violations. He avoided arrest mainly by avoiding accidents and by giving police false names and addresses, police said.

In New York, each violation or failure to appear in court becomes the basis for another suspension. In addition, each citation given to a driver is

counted as a suspension.

"This guy just ignored the tem," said police spokesman John Clifford.

On Saturday night, Linen was driving with a friend in a late-model Oldsmobile when he made an illegal U-turn in Bronx, police said.

A hand-lettered, carded license plate in the rear window also caught the eye of officers, who pulled Linen. Clifford said.

Study finds low fat diet safe for growing kids

DALLAS (AP) — Children can safely go on sensible low-fat diets and reduce their cholesterol levels without risk of stunting their growth, a study concludes.

Federal health experts recommended that all youngsters over age 2 should watch the amount of fat they eat, but those with high cholesterol levels in their blood should be especially careful.

However, many pediatricians are skeptical. They caution against withholding calorie-rich fats, which could slow youngsters' growth so they don't become as tall as they otherwise would.

To help settle the question, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute launched the Dietary Intervention Study in Children, a comparison program at six hospitals across the country. It is the first major study to examine whether cholesterol-lowering diets are safe and effective for young people.

The results, released Monday at a meeting of the American Heart Association, suggest the diets indeed do work without sacrificing children's growth.

"There has been concern that a low-cholesterol diet in children will make them healthy but stunted. Now we have evidence that's not true," commented David McCall of the University of Texas in San Antonio.

The study involved boys and girls who ranged in age from 6 to 10. All had relatively high levels of LDL, the so-called "bad" cholesterol that is closely linked with heart disease.

Doctors randomly assigned 334 of the young volunteers to follow a low-fat diet.

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ing attacked are nil," Kirk said. "But the downside to arming yourself is that your own weapon could be used against you. The majority of law enforcement officers shot annually are shot with their own weapons, and these are highly trained individuals who carry weapons daily.

"What makes you safe is an avoidance of circumstances that put you at risk and using your brain."

Raymond Montoya, with Montoya's American Black Belt Academy and BPD, demonstrated several basic releases from an assailant's grab, such as a hair grab or a choke hold.

Montoya said women should use their weight to overpower their attacker, never kick higher than the groin level and use heels and keys as weapons.

Montoya said it is most important to stay alert and avoid the situation if possible.

"The one thing I preach and teach is to avoid the confrontation," Montoya said. "You don't want to deal with someone you have no insight about. The last thing you want to do is to get in a toe-to-toe match with an assailant."

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pointing graduates of other schools in the System," she said.

The alumni also want a watchdog committee to sit on the Board of Regents meetings to ensure that Prairie View's best interests are represented.

Brisco said that the regents meetings have been moved to the Memorial Student Center so the public can attend.

"Everyone is welcome to come and listen to the issues," she said.

The Alumni Association said they would also like Prairie View to have its own Board of Regents.

Brisco said for this to happen, Prairie View would have to no longer be a part of the A&M System.

"I don't think that is in the best interest," she said.

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