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Appeal is attempted in police pay case

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert Tempin sent Farmington Hills attorneys scurrying for an emergency State Court of Appeals hearing when he gave the city until Nov. 1 to obtain a restraining order or pay its patrolmen \$11,000.

Tempin has ruled that an order delaying the payment to the patrolmen must come from the Appeals Court. If the city doesn't comply with the ruling, it will be held in contempt of court, according to City Attorney Paul Bibeau.

A charge of civil contempt can be punished with a fine or by a jail sentence, according to City Attorney Paul Bibeau. Bibeau said the city will file for an emergency Court of Appeals hearing in an attempt to win the delaying order. The Hills should know by Monday if it has been granted.

An emergency motion for a hearing would put the case up for immediate consideration. The judge would make his decision that day, Bibeau said.

The Hills had an Appeals Court date set for Nov. 2, the day after Tempin's deadline.

Bibeau said the delaying order is separate from the Hills' appeal of the court order that a pay the patrolmen a top salary of \$21,000.

BUT IF THE APPEALS COURT DOES rule eventually against the Hills' interpretation of the contract, the city could appeal to the Supreme Court.

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Court date is set in OCC shooting

Charles Cross, charged with assault with intent to murder, will stand trial before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge William Hampton, Nov. 19.

During a benchside pretrial hearing at Boston General Hospital, Friday, William Jordan, Jr. identified Cross as the man who shot him as he sat up his car which was parked on Farmington Hills Orchard Ridge Campus driveway, Sept. 21.

Judge Michael Hand, of the 57th District Court, Farmington Hills, extended Cross' trial to Oct. 26. Cross must stand and is free.

Jordan's identification of Cross as a Southfield resident, was the deciding factor in the case, according to Leonard Gilman, of the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

"I don't think that will be the issue of the trial. I don't know if the main issue will be, but it won't be that of identification," Gilman said.

Cross voluntarily turned himself in to Farmington Hills police, Sept. 21. He was arrested in connection with shooting Jordan, 58, six times at point blank range with a .357 revolver.

Cross agreed to meet Jordan on the Oakland County Community Campus driveway at Orchard Ridge, Orchard Lake Road near Twelve Mile, according to Gilman.

Jordan told FBI agents at the time of the shooting that Cross had shot him over a \$1,500 debt.

"They knew each other very well," Gilman said. "They had known each other for years. They were business friends."

Cross' attorney, Clyde Frickard, hesitated to call the two friends.

"They knew each other," he said. "I don't think they were friends."

FBI agents originally were called to the case because Jordan is scheduled to be a federal witness in the extortion trial of Highland Park City Council President Damon White.

Ronald Holko, chief of Farmington Hills police, refused to speculate as to the time of Jordan's involvement in the government investigation was the motive for the shooting.

Police theorize that Jordan's assailant fired at him from the passenger side of his car.

Jordan was hit in the face, the side and the arm by the barrage.

Jordan remains in traction at Boston General Hospital where he was taken after the shooting. One of the bullets shattered the bone between his shoulder and elbow.

After being shot, Jordan managed to return to the gas station on Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Road where he had a tire repaired about ten minutes before he is injured.

Jordan, the owner of a Royal Oak trucking firm, was sitting on an unloaded Browning Automatic Rifle which was pointed at the passenger side of the car when he drove into the station, according to police.

Police found no cartridges in the car.

"At the time of his arrest, Hills police had obtained a search warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor's office to examine Cross' weapons."

Frickard said his client had voluntarily turned over the weapons to police.

Cross owns a real estate business in Detroit, according to police.

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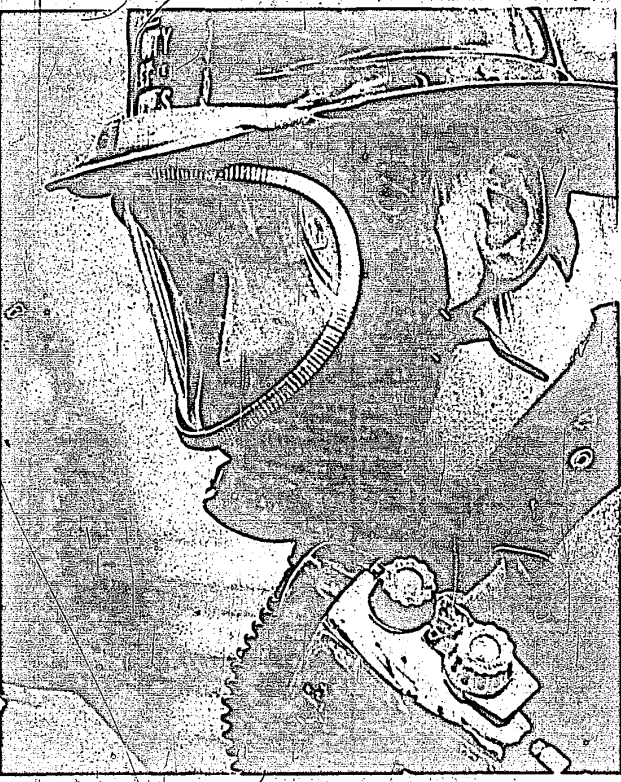
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THE DISPUTE STEMS from a cost-of-living clause in the old contract which says that that cost-of-living increases would double every six months by having the index figure compounded at each pay adjustment period.

The city says the clause is the result of a mutual misunderstanding.

"The contract is binding unless there is a mutual misunderstanding. That's why we have a pencil with an eraser," Bibeau said.



Reddy for action
Public Safety Officer Ray Lardo is preparing to enter a burning home to save the day. To see the full details of his practice rescue mission turn to page 3A. (Staff photo by Harry Mautho)

Patton outlines drug fight game plan

By HOWARD BONTAL

"A lot of people don't believe that Farmington has a drug problem but that's untrue," said Jimmy Patton, Director of Prevention and Education Services for the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC). The FAAC treats 60,500 teens and young adults yearly for drug related mental health problems.

Patton, who is the director of the program, said that which Patton was hired one month ago to head, is a \$23,000 innovation in the treatment of drug abusers.

"Dependency is symptomatic of another problem stemming from a family situation peer group pressure."

To combat substance abuse you have to implement a whole mental health package. We want to make people more effective in their personal life so they don't need drug dependency," Patton said.

Patton believes the program is new because it takes clients off the psychiatrist's couch, focusing not on mental illness, but on ways to deal with life more rationally and effectively.

PATTON HOPES TO ERASE the stigma

attached to seeing a psychological counselor.

"Mental health isn't necessarily for those who are mentally ill," he said every one in Farmington would profit from learning these "coping skills."

The PEP program is made up of four group counseling sessions, the first two with young abusers and their parents.

"It's very important to have parental involvement," Patton said.

In the first session the group leader tries to show the clients how to improve their communication skills; how to discuss without arguing; how to give and take criticism; and how to be more assertive and re-

sis the urge to take up or drink when everyone else is.

In the second session the group concentrates on identifying rational and irrational thoughts as a basis for making rational decisions.

Patton acknowledges that the program packs a lot of information and instruction into each four-hour session, but the clients have a week to experiment with their instruction to see how it can affect their lives.

The third and fourth sessions are held without the parents. In the third session, the client is shown relaxation techniques which can be used in high-stress situations, to combat boredom, loneliness and anger.

The program culminates in the fourth group meeting. At that point the counselor tries to "switch the group from making impulsive, emotional decisions to making well thought out, rational decisions," Patton said.

The group is video-taped giving participants a chance to see instantly how their behavior affects others and themselves.

PEP HAS ATTRACTED MUCH professional interest across the state, according to Patton. The fact it was one of 10 programs funded by the Michigan Attorney General's Public Health Trust out of 72 funding requests is an expression of hope that it will work.

Evolution of eight progress is built into the program; and clients are evaluated before each group meeting, six months after completion of the program; and a year after completion.

State mental health officials will evaluate the long-term result with an eye to expanding the program through out the state.

Patton, 28, has spent the last eight years of his life in community oriented mental health activities.

As a freshman at Western Michigan University, where he got his bachelor's and master's degrees in counseling, he helped

organize a 24-hour crisis intervention service. Since then he has been involved with "rap-lines" and drug education projects. He has also trained para-professionals and counselors for mental health centers.

For people who need further help, after completing the PEP program, the counselor will refer them to "scheduled counseling" offered by the Farmington Area Advisory Council, as well as other community mental organizations.

Patton hopes PEP takes some of the pressure of those organizations by treating drug abusers before they become serious problems to themselves, their families, and the community.

Here's your choices in Tuesday election

Farmington area voters will have three county commissioners, one state representative and a U.S. Congressman to elect come Tuesday's election.

In the 18th district Democrat Suetliff Haas, of Novi, is squaring off against Republican incumbent Dennis Murphy. Murphy filed the commission seat after Law Coy retired from that position.

Haas, 32, is a business executive and a graduate of the University of Detroit where he majored in finance and graduated magna cum laude.

Mr. Haas, 27, is a homemaker. She believes her budgeting experience as a homemaker and her willingness to devote full time to the commissioner's job qualifies her for the position.

In the 20th district, Farmington Hills City Councilman Robert McConnell is facing John Jack, owner of the Commerce Electrical Contractors.

They are vying for the seat left vacant by the resignation of Pat Norwalk.

McConnell, 67, is a manufacturers representative and design engineer in the automotive industry. He has an MA in business administration from Wayne State University.

THE HILLS COUNCILMAN has been the city's mayor and chairman of the charter commission for Farmington Township. He also was the township supervisor, as well as a member of the township planning commission.

Jack, 32, has taken courses at Wayne State University in applied management and technology and business administration. He holds an associates degree from Henry Ford Community College and attended the Trumbull Trade School where he learned how to become a master electrician.

He is a trustee of Commerce Township.

delegate to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) where he is a member of the housing subcommittee. He also is the township negotiator for the first two districts.

Incumbent Republican John McDonald, of the 27th district is facing off against Democrat John Campbell.

McDonald, 38, of Farmington Hills, is an attorney. He was Oakland County assistant prosecuting attorney from 1973-74. A graduate of the University of Detroit, he received his MA from Wayne State University in 1963 and his JD from Detroit College of Law in 1971.

Campbell, 60, of Farmington, is chairman of the social studies and history department at Oakton Day School. He also is the wrestling coach.

He is a graduate of Bates College and received his MA from the University of Louisville. He has served as the education chairman for the New Farmington Human Relations Council and was chairman of the New Farmington committee. He has served as a precinct delegate and is vice chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club.

In the 6th State House District Republican incumbent Wilbur Broderick is squaring off against Democrat opponent Harvey Katz.

Broderick, 53, of Farmington, formerly was an executive with the Chrysler Corp. He has served as mayor of the City of Farmington, and also was a councilman for 14 years. Before being elected as a state representative two years ago, Broderick was an Oakland County commissioner for two years and an Oakland County SEMCOG delegate.

He attended Northwestern University. Katz, 28, is a high school teacher and counselor. He has worked on the FISB executive board and worked in mass media for Common Cause.

What's the difference between you and a pusher?

Jimmy Patton, director of prevention and education services for the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) talks his plans on how to combat drug abuse. (Staff photo by Harry Mautho)

Witnesses sought in jewelry heist

City of Farmington Police are seeking persons who witnessed an armed robbery last Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Wilson Jewelers, 3315 Grand River, in the Downtown Farmington Center.

Police believe that two black males escaped from the robbery scene in a light blue compact automobile after making off with \$2,000 in diamond rings.

The first suspect is described as about five-foot-eight inches tall, 22-23 years-old and weighing approximately 130-140 pounds.

At the time of the robbery he was wearing a green navy watch cap, a green safari jacket and blue jeans.

The second suspect, whom police believe acted as the lookout during the robbery, is 19-20 years-old, five-foot-seven inches tall. He was wearing a wide-brimmed felt hat, blue jeans and black and white tennis shoes, according to police.

Anyone who thinks they may have seen these two men in the shopping center can call the City of Farmington Police, investigation division at 474-1212.

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