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All in the family: Miri (left) and Robert Spencer are pulling law enforcement duty in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield, respectively.



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ous they had something under their shirt.

"They said they were looking for Teeple Beach, so we gave them directions."

The teens' evasiveness made him more suspicious, said Miri Spencer, who had been an officer in Washington, D.C., before joining the Farmington Hills department almost 30 years ago.

The Spencers followed the pair from a distance.

"They kept veering off into the woods, out of sight," said Miri Spencer. "It was obvious they were stashing things."

As their suspicions were more and more confirmed, the two officers instinctively interacted as partners rather than father and son, said Robert. "We didn't talk much; we just knew what to do."

At one point, the Spencers lost sight of the teens. But, just as police training dictates, they didn't panic or give up. "We just continued cruising until we found them again," said Bob.

The two officers closed in and addressed the teens directly. That's when they saw a hunting knife with a 7-inch blade, said Bob. "They never threatened us. But the knife was a concealed weapon, and at that point we had probable cause to believe a crime had been committed."

That's also when the teens bolted, he said. They ran off through a field.

"We didn't have to say anything," said Robert, 28. "I started chasing them while my dad ran to the car and drove around the block to cut them off."

"It wasn't much of a chase," he

said. "I ran hard for about 25 seconds (less than 100 yards), but with the car cutting off their escape, they had nowhere to go."

Having caught their prey, the Spencers called White Lake Township police. "We never made an arrest," said Miri Spencer. "We just detained them until White Lake arrived."

The teens, both 15, later admitted burglarizing a home, said Lt. Jerry McClure of the White Lake police. He said jewelry, tools, a radio and other items stolen from a nearby house were recovered from the woods — where they had been stashed as Miri Spencer suspected.

The 15-year-olds were released to their parents and will likely be charged in probate court, McClure said.

Asked to evaluate the work done by Bob and Miri Spencer, McClure said, "Outstanding, no question about it."

White Lake officers occasionally make similar off-duty arrests when they're in other jurisdictions, McClure said. "So we fully understand — and appreciate — what they did."

The teens weren't the brightest or the most hardened suspects he's encountered, said Miri Spencer. "But it was fun. You don't get the chance to work with your son that often."

Spencer, who turns 55 in August, declined to speculate about whether he could have chased the two suspects down, while his son got the car. "I jog, and I'm in pretty good shape," he said. "We both did what we were supposed to do."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an annual election will be held in the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1994, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years ending June 30, 1998 for which position the following persons have been nominated:

R. Jack Inch
 Kenneth L. Stein
 Cathleen M. Webb

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Precinct No. 5:	Wooddale Elementary School 34278 Oak Forest
Precinct No. 6:	Forest Elementary School 34548 Old Timber Road
Precinct No. 7:	Hillside Elementary School 36801 W. Eleven Mile Road
Precinct No. 8:	Oak Elementary School 21198 Oak Road

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

SUSAN LIGHTNER,
 Secretary, Board of Education

Dated: March 11, 1994
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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: JUNE 14, 1994
 TIME: 7:30 P.M.
 PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
 31555 Eleven Mile Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336
 Plat 2, 1994

The following item has been requested to be on the Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, June 16, 1994, at 7:30 P.M., for Tentative Approval of Preliminary Plat, Section 37-38 of the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

PRELIMINARY PLAT

NAME: ARBOR OAKS PHASE II

NO. OF LOTS: 14

LOCATION: South of Nine Mile Rd., east side of Averhill St.
 Sidwell No. 13-34-701-412,913,914,915

ACREAGE: 4.3 Acres

ZONED: RA-4, Single-Family Residential District

DEVELOPER: Steven J. Schafer, Phoenix Land Development

DALE A. COUNTEGAN
 Director
 Planning & Community Development

Public: June 6, 1994
 Item: Plat 2, 1994
 Plans: 075-2043

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