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thought she would be killed. "He said he was going to ask me questions and every time I lied he was going to hit me." She said Cayce asked her if she was going with anyone and she said no. He hit her she said and repeated the same question, with the same response followed by a hard fist on the left side of her face three more times.

"You know I could kill you tonight if I wanted to and dump your body in the Detroit River," she said Cayce told her.

**Tape tells of murder**  
As he drove her to the Suburban House Motel, Cayce played a cassette tape that talked about committing murder and rape, she said.

"This is what I'm going to do tonight," he told me," she said.

The woman believed her attacker and at one point tried to open the door and jump.

"I would have rather just died that way," she said.

But Cayce stopped her, stopped the car and shut the door on her leg several times. She also grabbed the wheel at one point, pulling the car into a curb.

By the time the two reached the motel, the woman was in

obvious need of medical attention, said the clerk at the motel.

"Her mouth was all bloody," said Kathy Butler, who had not allowed Cayce to pay for a room with the victim's credit card. "I asked if she wanted an ambulance. He said she (victim) was somewhere she wasn't supposed to be and had gotten into a fight."

Butler said she was concerned that whoever the victim had been fighting might be after her. Butler said she did not suspect Cayce.

In the motel room, the woman said her attacker told her to have sex with him and she refused after the two talked for a while and he often cried, saying he loved her. He promised to let her go home if she had sex with him.

Fearing he would kill her, the woman agreed to have sex but would not take a shower first as he had asked.

"I thought he would take my clothes and then dump my naked body somewhere," she said.

### Back to Oakland County

But after sex, the accused drove her from the motel to the 12 Mile/Telegraph area, where he called a friend, the woman



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Can you confirm?: Prosecutor Lisa Madzia asks motel clerk Kathy Butler to identify a credit card receipt during Arthur Cayce's preliminary examination Friday.

said. He drove to the Telegraph/15 Mile area where he threw out a knife he had used to threaten the victim and then left.

Even as she was allowed to drive his Plymouth Duster back to the YMCA, the woman said she worried that he would kill her.

"I thought he was going to shoot up the car while I was driving away," she said.

The woman drove home to find her mother and brother already called police because she had not returned home. She later helped police locate the knife after going to Rotoford Hospital for treatment.

In the meantime, Cayce, who attended Harrison High School, had walked a short distance to the friend's house.

"He was kind of sobbing," said Mali Harrison, 20, of Birmingham, of the earlier call from 12 Mile and Telegraph. "He said he needed to talk."

That was at 12:56 a.m., Harrison said. She said the two talked, and he told her he had done something bad and the police would be looking for him.

As Harrison drove him home, police stopped them and asked Cayce to get out.

### 'Go ahead shoot me'

After a struggle, Bloomfield Township Police "pulled a gun on him," Harrison said. "He said, 'Go ahead, man. Shoot me. I don't have anything to lose for.'" Cayce's attorney, Gregory Wilkins, asked if his client's former girl friend knew that

the accused had been treated for mental problems and that he had tried to commit suicide after their breakup. He also alluded to the cassette tape as "satanic."

"He showed remorse, and he told you he loved you, didn't he?" Wilkins said.

The woman said yes and that she tried to be agreeable to anything her attacker said in hopes she would not be killed.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Madzia asked that Cayce be bound over to circuit court on the three charges of rape, kidnapping and extortion. District Judge Fred Harris ruled in the prosecution's favor. Cayce was held without bond and ordered that there be no contact with any relatives, witnesses or others connected with the case.

Cayce, who is in the Oakland County Jail, will be arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 26 before Judge Rudy Nichols.



Having her say: Mali Harrison tells how she drove the accused home and how they were stopped by the police.



Victim's story: Judge Fred Harris of the 47th District Court in Farmington listens to the victim's testimony.

# Prosecutor: Jealousy was motive in killings

By BILL COULTANT STAFF WRITER

In a bizarre twist, a man already facing rape and kidnapping charges faces murder charges for the arson deaths of two women in their Farmington Hills home Dec. 19.

Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce, 23, was charged with murdering two victims of a Dec. 19 fire in Farmington Hills, Louise Bovair, 52, and Melissa Bovair, 21. George Tyrone Davis, 23, of Westland, a friend and co-worker of Cayce, was also charged.

The two were arraigned separately Saturday morning at the Farmington Hills police station before 47th District Court Magistrate Joan Dudley, who entered not-guilty pleas for the men.

Davis' stepfather and a friend of the Bovair family attended the arraignment.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Lynda Rubin asked that bond be denied for both men.

"The defendant (Cayce) has been charged with six murders," she said. "He is an extremely good risk of flight and he's a threat to society."

Cayce said despite his criminal record that he had not been in trouble with the law for seven years and that he is presumed innocent on a current rape and abduction charge. Cayce said being held in the Oakland County Jail would not allow him enough contact with his attorney and family.

Davis, who spoke softly, had worked at Roosevelt's Bar and Grill on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile with Cayce.

Both men face the possibility of mandatory life sentences on each of six charges: two for premeditated murder against each of the two women killed in the fire; two for felony murder involving the arson; and two for felony murder involving the burglary of a VCR and jewelry after recovered from their homes by police; plus one count of arson, a 20-year offense. The Dec. 19 fire killed the women at their house on Quail Hollow Court north of 12 Mile and west of Farmington in Farmington Hills.

Fire Chief Rich Marinucci had said the fire was intentional after an accelerant believed to be kerosene had been found where Louise Bovair died, in a bedroom.

Police said statements by Davis and his performance on a polygraph test last week confirmed suspicions about both defendants. "He (Davis) did not do well" on a test, Dwyer said.

"We instinctively knew something wasn't adding up right away," Marinucci said. "We never classified this as accidental."

Hills police arrested Cayce for an unrelated charge of abducting and raping his former girlfriend on Dec. 27-28. During that investigation, police learned that Melissa Bovair and the rape victim were best friends and that Cayce and Davis knew the deceased women.

In that case, as in the arson, handcuffs were used to restrain the victims, police said.

A TV and VCR found at Davis' home, and jewelry found at Cayce's home, were identified as property from the Quail Hollow house.

only robbery, it was jealousy, Rubin said.

"The only motive seems to be that his (Cayce's) ex-girlfriend was spending too much time with Missy (Melissa Bovair)," Rubin said. "Their only crime was being a friend to his ex-girlfriend. If that's a crime, then none of us are safe."

Police believe that the two women killed in the fire were forced into the closed garage of the home and bound while a car was started in order to poison them with carbon monoxide.

Lab results and results from an autopsy showed that the "kerosene-like" substance used to start the fire in a bedroom had burned the skin of Louise Bovair, who had been handcuffed, leading police to believe she was set on fire. Police do not believe the women were killed before the fire.

Hills Detective Pat Comini said he and Detective Ron Shankin, who were the lead detectives, had suspicions about the fire early on.

"We had strong suspicions that we began to confirm through more evidence and interviews," Comini said.

Shankin said the work of Detective Sandra Rockford, who is the lead detective in the rape and abduction case against Cayce, also led them to him as a suspect in the fire.

Davis and Cayce face a preliminary examination on the murder and arson charges at 10 a.m. Jan. 22. Cayce is scheduled to be arraigned in Oakland Circuit Court on the rape, abduction and extortion charges at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 26 before Judge Rudy Nichols.



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