

Hills man charged in veterinary clinic holdup

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A 24-year-old Farmington Hills man was arraigned Friday morning in 47th District Court on a charge of robbing at knife-point a veterinary clinic employee — wielding the weapon while demanding an animal anesthetic called Ketamine.

not guilty to the charge at the arraignment, held before 47th District Judge Marla Parker. A \$25,000 cash bond or surety was set for the defendant.

An exam was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Nov. 16.

The victim, a 27-year-old Novi woman and veterinarian at the Village Animal Clinic, 34415 Grand River, was cut on her left hand. She was treated by Community Emergency Medical Ser-

VICES attendants and wasn't hospitalized.

According to the Farmington Public Safety Department, a man, carrying a cage containing his "sick" cat, walked into the clinic at approximately 9 a.m. Thursday.

After a receptionist took information from the man, who acted nervous, he was allowed into the examination room. Police reports stated that, while the victim

started examining the cat, he came around the table, put his hand over the victim's mouth, pushed her into the corner and pulled out the kitchen knife — raising, it over her head.

She tried to take the knife away from the man, and cut her hand in the process.

The man demanded Ketamine, a drug used to make pets unconscious for surgeries. If a human consumes the drug, it can cause

hallucinations, disorientation and paranoia, according to police reports.

He stuffed his pockets with a vial of the drug and six syringes and left the clinic in his vehicle. The assailant also demanded money, but received none, reported Michael Wiggins, public safety deputy director.

Police stopped a motorist fitting the suspect's description on Nine Mile Road west of Drake

Road. The man cut his hand while taking a knife out of his pants pocket to give to officers.

He was then taken to the Farmington Hills Police Department jail.

According to police reports, Baynes said he had suffered from depression for eight years and received treatment at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital and Common Ground.

Schools, teachers hope for continued collaboration

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The ratification of a four-year contract by Farmington Education Association members hopefully won't cap collaboration between the teachers union and Farmington Public Schools, said officials from both sides of the

bargaining table.

If all goes according to plan, throughout the length of the contract, both sides will continue building on a growing relationship — one fostered during year-long negotiations by a cooperative, problem-solving approach called interest-based bargaining. That collaborative style helped

achieve consensus on a number of non-economic issues. Superintendent Bob Maxfield said that there were 92 "substantial issues that went through the process." The pact, ratified by the 850 members of the union and unanimously approved Tuesday night by the Farmington Board of Education, was praised by board President Cathy Webb.

"This contract is fiscally responsible," Webb said. "And through a contractual commitment, we are providing the foundation that will enable all parties to collaborate and problem solve in the future four-year contract, which expires June 30, 2002. FEA members, including

FEA President Thomas Chrzanowski did say that interest-based bargaining was most effective on non-economic issues, and that the process did not work as well on some of the financial issues of the accord, however.

general education and special education teachers, as well as coordinators, psychologists and social workers, will receive a 2 percent salary raise for each of the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 school years and a 2.5 percent raise for the final two years of the deal, 2000-01 and 2001-02. Teachers received annual raises of 2 percent for each year of

its last contract, which was a three-year agreement.

"I think, for the most part, it worked pretty well," said FEA President Thomas Chrzanowski about the new bargaining process. "It lays a good foundation. We'll hopefully continue working collaboratively."

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The contract also adds two instructional days, from 180 to 182, for the first two years; a third additional day in 2000-01 and a fourth day, bringing the school calendar to 184 days in the final year. Those extra days are mandated by state law.

Still pending is ratification and board approval of the Farmington Transportation Association's four-year contract, as well as deals with secretaries and custodial personnel.

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of time prior to this," said Wiggins, "and they hadn't seen him for about two weeks." Wiggins said the man was arrested early Friday by Detroit police and detained until Farm-

ington police picked him up. According to a press release, the assailant kicked in the back door to enter the home, and then confronted the victims in their bedroom, demanding

money. After the male victim complied, the suspect led them to the basement. The basement door was then jammed with a kitchen spoon. Also at some point during the incident, the female victim was slapped.

Fifteen minutes later, the victims were able to free themselves and call the public safety department.

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that people "be cautious" about permitting boarders to live with them.

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