

Krohn suit ends out of court

More than 41 months after Dr. Don Krohn allegedly assaulted a West Bloomfield woman in her home, a \$1.1 million civil suit against him has been settled out of court.

Terms of the recent settlement were not disclosed. Krohn, a gynecologist who heads the obstetrics and gynecology department at Providence Hospital in Southfield, was acquitted of criminal sexual assault by Oakland County Circuit Judge William Beer. The judge contended that because of intoxication

Krohn lacked the necessary criminal intent.

The incident occurred after midnight of Oct. 1, 1976 when the doctor, a Farmington resident, entered the home of Ann Mae and Sanford Porvin.

Finding Mrs. Porvin on the phone, the doctor allegedly threw her onto the stairway and assaulted her. Neighbors who had been on the phone with her rushed to the home.

Krohn then scuffled with neighbor Robert Penfil as he fled the Porvin home. He was caught by police after a

high-speed chase.

The Porvin's civil suit was filed after Dr. Krohn's acquittal of criminal charges in June 1977.

Mrs. Porvin asked for \$1 million in damages for physical, emotional and psychological problems stemming from the incident. Her husband sought \$100,000 for loss of his wife's companionship and consortium.

Krohn still faces a civil suit filed by Robert and Sylvia Penfil, who seek more than \$100,000 in damages resulting from the 1976 incident.

A suit by the Michigan Board of Medicine which would take away Krohn's license to practice medicine is still pending.

The board suspended his license temporarily after the Porvin incident and found him guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct.

Krohn's moves to block the suspension and disciplinary action were successful, and the board of medicine, represented by the state attorney general's office appealed the decision.

PCB found in road oil

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additionally used for roads, is considered a hazardous waste because of the levels of PCB and heavy metals it contains, said Hurlburt. Even crankcase oil, which was formerly used by road oil services, contains high levels of lead and other elements, he said. The EPA warned in 1978 that using waste oil as road oil was an improper method of disposal, he said.

The problem has worsened over the past few years because as the cost of oil increased, the quality of waste oil used for roads has severely decreased, he said. "The stuff beyond reclaiming

was being used as road oil."

The act does not ban the use of road oil, but services must be licensed and have their oil analyzed to determine that it is free of contaminants, said Hurlburt. Under the act, roads treated with oil containing toxic chemical wastes would have to be licensed as waste dump sites, he said.

Road oil has been less expensive than chloride in the past, said Peterson, partly because chloride requires five or six applications a year. The difference isn't that great, said Peterson, who noted that the cost of road oil will increase due to the required licensing and testing.

Fire ravages mall women's clothing store

A fire Saturday damaged merchandise and the interior of Fly Sherri's, a women's clothing store in West Bloomfield's Old Orchard Shopping Center.

No one was injured. Loss estimates were not released pending further investigation of the blaze.

Firefighters kept the blaze from spreading to other stores in the center, on the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and Maple roads.

Cause of the fire, which reportedly started about 7:30 p.m., was still un-

known Tuesday, according to the West Bloomfield Fire Department. The fire is believed to have started on the corner store's east wall.

"We can't tell exactly what caused it," Fire Chief Earl Benson said. "We don't think it was electrical."

The township's arson team is investigating, although Benson says there is no reason to suspect the fire was deliberately set. "We're checking the ashes to make sure it wasn't arson," he said.

It took 25 firefighters and six pieces of equipment to douse the blaze, which

Benson said "was under control within 30 minutes. I think we did quite a good job on it," he added.

THIS IS THE fourth major fire in the township within the past two weeks.

On March 3, an explosion and fire destroyed a house under construction and damaged two others in the new Timbers Edge subdivision near 14 Mile and Farmington roads.

Two other homes were damaged in the blaze which investigators believe may have started when someone entered the unlocked construction site and pushed over a propane-fueled portable heater.

Arson is suspected in the March 6 fire which destroyed an abandoned house at 4955 Pontiac Trail. The house was reportedly due to be demolished to make way for proposed cluster housing

and rental apartments on land near Mirror Lake, owned by developer Harry Brody.

Investigation continues into last Thursday's fire which partially destroyed a supposedly abandoned house on Orchard Lake Road just north of Northwestern Highway.

The house on two acres of property is reportedly owned by a Farmington Hills dentist. It was expected to be demolished since the area is now zoned for business.

Although the windows of the house were boarded up and trash and junk strewn on the property, there was evidence someone had been living in the house. The gas and electricity were on and food was in the refrigerator.

West Bloomfield Fire officials are waiting for reports from the state crime lab on all four fires.

Oil debated in Hills

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one years cold patching costs were absorbed by the city.

Cold patching is a process to fill in chuckholes.

Magid explained it was a matter of budget. Last year it cost the city \$9,000 to cold patch unpaved roads.

"Chloride doesn't require cold patching," explained City Manager Larry Savage. "Oiling is done at the home owners' option. Chuckholes are created because of the oiling dust control program."

But some residents disagreed with that premise. One woman maintained that the chuckholes were caused by insufficient drainage rather than the road oiling.

"Lack of drainage is the problem in Farmington Hills. We've been trying to get drains on our street since 1973," she said.

Magid explained that charging for cold patching on unpaved roads was a matter of equity for residents who have already paid to have their streets paved with concrete or asphalt.

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