

Recent cop chases draws criticism

By ARLENE FUNKE

What kinds of police incidents or suspected crimes justify the potential danger of a high-speed chase along city streets or highways?

Police admit that chasing a suspect can be risky, and should be justified by the "gravity" of the alleged incident.

Consider this scenario, which took place earlier this week: The radio in a police car blurs a message of a shooting in the city of Wayne.

A "subject" (suspect) in a white Toyota truck has escaped in that incident and is driving through western Wayne County "shooting at police."

That message last Monday afternoon prompted a chase that reached speeds of 80-100 mph, according to a witness.

There were unsuccessful roadblocks along the route, which went from the city of Wayne through Canton Township and into Washtenaw County.

THIRTY OFFICERS from the city of Wayne, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Ann Arbor and the Michigan State Police chased the truck along Michigan Avenue, onto I-275, along Ford Road, north on M-14, onto U.S. 23.

It ended north of Ann Arbor when the suspect, Lawrence Adams of Garden City, was forced off the road and shot. He died several hours later in University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Wayne police believe Adams, 37, earlier had shot and killed Morley Shellsell, 45, outside the Parklane Motel on Michigan Avenue, for "no apparent motive."

Police said Shellsell lived at the motel with his wife, Adams, who had been staying at the motel since late September had recently been evicted by the manager.

Sources said Adams had been treated by Plymouth psychiatrist Dr. Merlin Townley for depression and anxiety.

Family members told police that Adams' marriage broke up six years ago. Adams had been laid off from

Ford Motor Co.'s Transmission Plant in Livonia.

NO ONE WAS injured during the chase. But in recent weeks, injuries or deaths from these Starsky-and-Hutch stunts have sparked criticism.

For example, a 17-year-old woman recently was critically injured in Westland. Her car collided with a vehicle driven by a man police suspected of holding up a florist shop.

A Clawson man was thrown through his windshield and killed last week when the van he was driving collided with the car of a suspected shoplifter who was being chased by police.

In Monday's incident, Canton Township Police officials decided against dispatching cars or trying to set up a roadblock.

"By the time the vehicle had arrived in Canton, there already were 18 cars involved," said Police Chief Jerry Cox. "It seemed fruitless to make it number 19."

Cox said he discourages high-speed chases. The exceptions, he said, are in

cases of serious assaults, suspected homicides or thefts involving large amounts of money (such as a bank robbery), or if giving chase were the only way a suspect could be identified.

But often the decision to chase boils down to an individual officer's perception.

"The primary criterion is the gravity of the crime," said Cox. "There is justifiable controversy. The patrol officer has the information."

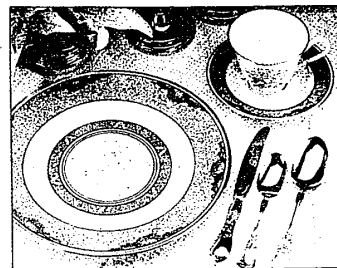
Sometimes a routine traffic stop "snowballs" into a chase if the motorist is trying to cover up a previous crime, said Cox.

"In that situation (this week), you had an individual who had shot at least one person (and) who was fleeing and hanging out the window shooting."

ANDREW PRUNER knows well how dangerous that situation was.

Pruner, 41, a Wayne County deputy sheriff, took part in the chase and was instrumental in catching up with Adams.

Big Savings on Lenox Dinnerware



30% OFF with this ad only

(Offer expires November 5, 1980)

... Plaza Suite ...

29113 Northwestern Hwy. at 12 Mile
the Suite of the Franklin Plaza
357-1121



Orchard Hills Psychiatric Center

announces its new location:

23800 Orchard Lake Road

Suite 201

Farmington Hills, MI 48024

Phone: (313) 474-1144

OHPC offers a full range of psychiatric services for all age groups. The center is a Blue Cross and Blue Shield Approved facility.

Former Address: 23970 Orchard Lake Road • Farmington Hills

try a dividing line of storage space for the room your children share

Organize toys, books, blocks on our two-sided shelves—and keep mine-and-hers on equal terms. 37x15x5; 29 1/2" High. Used nationwide in schools. \$65.00

Need closed storage? See Bookcase-Hutch: sliding doors help keep baby out, older child's things safe. \$48.00

R.H. STONE

23165 Lakeshore
N. of 8 Mile



Large Selection of New & Old Oriental Rugs

Sell • Buy • Trade

Cleaning • Appraisals • Repairing

223 S. Woodward Business & Residence
Birmingham, MI 48011 (313) 644-7311

Krandall's invites you...

Immediate Cash!

All discussions will be conducted in private offices with consideration for your confidence and respect for your dignity. Evaluations for purchase without obligation.

Sidney Krandall & Sons

755 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, Michigan
(16 Mile at I-75) • Phone: 313-362-4500

KITCHEN CABINETS Wood or Formica



Custom Made To Measure.

For New Homes or Remodeling.

• Electrical • Plumbing

• Appliances • Bank Terms

KITCHEN & BATH REMODELING OUR SPECIALTY

Over 1,000 Satisfied Customers

House of Kitchens

13516 FORD RD. (at Schaefer) DEARBORN

Showroom Open Daily and Saturday

FREE Estimates | CALL 846-6755

19" SNOW FORECAST

DETROIT - 19"

Snow forecast is sure to be a head-

line soon. Get

ready for your winter

fun now.

Choose from Michi-

gan's Largest Ski and

Ski-Wear selection. In 11 Great

BAVARIAN VIL-

LAGE SKI SHOPS.

Pre-Sale and Saturday, No-

vember 1st.

WHY PROPOSAL 'D' IS A DISASTER!

CUTTING \$2 BILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET WILL CUT THE HEART OUT OF ESSENTIAL STATE AND LOCAL SERVICES.

HERE'S WHAT WILL GET THE AXE:

SLASHED!

75% OF STATE POLICE PROTECTION.

CUT!

VITAL CARE FOR THE AGED AND HANDICAPPED.

CLOSED!

MOST STATE HOSPITALS. SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.

DEVASTATED!

12 OF 15 STATE COLLEGES. ... AND MUCH MORE.

... and for individuals and businesses
HIGHER FEDERAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES!

ROBERT TISCH, Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner says of these service slashes:

"A bunch of scare tactics."

WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, Governor of Michigan says:

"...Proposal D would be devastating."

VOTE **NO** ON PROPOSAL **'D'**

EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PATTERN FITTING AND WERE AFRAID TO ASK.

PATTERN FITTING CLINIC



MR. DWYER

ATTEND ONE 3 HOUR CLINIC FOR ONLY \$4.00 PROFESSIONAL DESIGN CONSULTANT

Learn how to make perfectly fitting slacks and pants every time - How to buy your correct size pattern - How to sew sleeves and collars easily - How to end pinning and busting - Sew zippers quickly - Sew straight seams and many more shortcuts to skill and fun in sewing. Learn amazing pattern making method that allows you to create unlimited designs, contoured to your own body requirements.

NO RESERVATION NECESSARY. BE EARLY FOR BEST SEATS.

Clip and receive basic dress, slack pattern and suit dress pattern you can draft to fit your measurements. Also a pattern fitting manual. Clinics Begin at 10:00A.M. and 7:00P.M. Tell your friends about this Ad. Classes Identical.

NO EVENING CLASSES ON SATURDAY

© 1977

Mon. Nov. 3 - Fort Huron Inn at the Bridge 1720 Hancock

Tues. Nov. 4 - Pontiac Holiday Inn 1801 South Telegraph Rd.

Wed. Nov. 5 - Southfield Howard Johnson 25100 Northwestern Hwy.

Thurs. Nov. 6 - St. Clair Shores Shore Point Motor Lodge 20000 E. 9 Mile Rd.

Fri. Nov. 7 - Warren Holiday Inn 32035 Van Dyke

Sat. Nov. 8 - Detroit Downtown Howard Johnson Washington Blvd. & Michigan Ave.

Mon. Nov. 10 - Troy Northfield Hilton Inn 5500 Crooks Rd.

Tues. Nov. 11 - Mt. Clemens Holiday Inn 1 North River Rd.

Wed. Nov. 12 - Royal Oak Sagamore Motor Lodge 3220 N. Woodward Ave.

Thurs. Nov. 13 - Ann Arbor Holiday Inn 3750 Washtenaw Ave.

Fri. Nov. 14 - Ann Arbor Holiday Inn West 2900 Jackson Rd.

Sat. Nov. 15 - Pontiac Sheraton Hotel 1001 Woodward Ave.

Mon. Nov. 17 - Romulus Ramada Inn 2270 Wickham Rd.

Tues. Nov. 18 - Allen Park Ramada Inn 3600 Enterprise Dr.

Wed. Nov. 19 - Livonia Holiday Inn 36375 Plymouth Rd.

Thurs. Nov. 20 - Woodhaven Sheraton Motor Inn 21700 West Rd.