

# Assault and battery charge sought against youth

By Judith Berne  
staff writer

A 14-year-old West Bloomfield resident faces an assault and battery charge and a possible civil suit because of the harassment of another teenager resulted in injury.

The teenager was among a group of middle school students allegedly taunt-

ing a 16-year-old and his younger brother Sunday afternoon at Orchard Mall, according to West Bloomfield police.

The incident reportedly began in the video game section of the All For Learning store in Orchard Mall.

When the group moved to the concourse outside the store, verbal harassment, pushing and shoving appar-

ently increased.

Although he was outnumbered, "he stood up for his rights," West Bloomfield Youth Officer Tom Nelson reported.

A larger 14-year-old apparently picked up the boy in a bear hug and fell down on top of him, Nelson said. The older boy's ankle was broken in the process.

HE REQUIRED surgery, was hospitalized overnight, will miss a week of school and may require further surgery, his mother said.

She said his cast goes from thigh to foot and he will need a wheelchair to get to his high school classes and will require transportation to and from school.

"It hit a critical spot — the growth

plate," she said. "There is cause for future concern."

"It's very sad that something like this happened here," she added.

"It was a freak occurrence," Nelson stated. "They did not intend to break his ankle. They did intend to give him a hard time."

"No one has to be the focus of fun for anyone else. This is what can happen."

All For Learning owner Jim Macy said he broke up the scuffle, and had no idea that the boy had been badly injured.

Although Orchard Mall maintenance

personnel have the double duty of breaking up scuffles, the one person on duty Sunday apparently was in another part of the mall, said Kathy Price, a mall official.

"I'VE BEEN here three years and I've not heard of any incident like this," Ms. Price added. "For the most part during the week, they (the maintenance people) have always done a real good job."

Police Lt. Daniel Pitsoy verified there have been few incidents at the mall.

# Prosecutor seeks confinement

By Karen Hermes Smith  
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The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office will attempt to institutionalize a 32-year-old Bloomfield Township man found not guilty, by reason of insanity, of murdering his West Bloomfield psychiatrist.

Three psychiatrists testified during David J. Link's two-day trial last week that he was schizophrenic at the time of the slaying and "did not really know what he was doing," said James Mitchell, an assistant Oakland County prosecutor.

Link has been ordered to undergo examination by the state Center for Forensic Medicine in Ypsilanti by Oakland County Circuit Judge Gene Schuelz who issued the not-guilty verdict.

IF PSYCHIATRISTS at the center conclude that Link continues to be schizophrenic, Mitchell said he will initiate proceedings through Oakland County Probate Court to institutionalize him.

Link was living with his parents and employed by Computer Peripherals Inc. of Avon Township before he was arrested in connection with the slaying of Dr. Azizollah Malakuti on July 25, 1981.

Mitchell said he would be "greatly surprised" if psychiatrists at the center don't find Link schizophrenic, "based on the long-term nature of his illness." The forensic center has 60 days to render an opinion.

The psychiatrists at the trial testified that Link "intended not to kill Malakuti, but himself," Mitchell said, as evidenced by a note Link wrote to that effect.

"Voices" Link allegedly heard told him later to kill the doctor instead, the psychiatrists testified.

MITCHELL HAD argued for a verdict of "guilty, but mentally ill" which carries a sentence of up to life imprisonment. Mitchell contended that Link demonstrated "prior planning" before the slaying by buying a gun three days earlier and mental awareness after the shooting by trying to wipe fingerprints from a door handle.

Defense attorney Norman Lippitt of Southfield maintained Link's insanity through evidence of Link's 16-year history of mental illness.

Malakuti, married and the father of three children, treated patients of all ages but was noted for his treatment of gifted and autistic children.

He was the former director of a children's clinic at the Fairlawn Center, Pontiac.

# Slattery wins scholarship

William P. Slattery, 35384 Northmont, Farmington Hills, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by the Michigan Chapter of the Air Pollution Control Association.

Slattery is a student in Chemical Engineering at the Wayne State University College of Engineering. He plans a career in air pollution control.

The Michigan Chapter of the Air Pollution Control Association will recognize Slattery at its annual meeting in the Michigan Inn, Southfield, April 7.

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