

# Woman killed in pedestrian accident

By Judith Berne staff writer

Sharon Davis, a West Bloomfield High School sophomore, died Monday at Pontiac St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from injuries suffered in a Friday-night traffic accident.

Sharon, 15, was struck by a car as she and two companions walked along Green Road south of Hardwoods about 9:20 p.m., West Bloomfield Police Sgt. Bob Scott said.

Sharon allegedly was walking in the northbound traffic lane when she was hit from behind by a car driven by Michael A. Coopes, 17, of West Bloomfield, Scott said.

Coopes said he saw the pedestrian too late to swerve out of the way, according to the West Bloomfield Police report. He was issued a summons for improper headlights, Scott said, because his car headlights were partially obscured.

The three pedestrians reportedly were returning to a party they had attended earlier in the evening. There is no pedestrian-bicycle path along Green Road, which has a 25 mph speed limit and two stop signs.

POLICE ARE continuing to investigate the accident, which initially did not appear to be as serious as it was, officials said. Sharon had only a minor

obvious injury, according to West Bloomfield Emergency Medical Service personnel, who said she was conscious at the scene, and her vital signs were normal.

But once at the hospital, "it just got worse and worse," an EMS member said.

She reportedly suffered cardiac arrest and lapsed into a coma, from which she did not recover. The Oakland County Medical Examiner's office has tentatively listed her death as resulting from a head injury, pending further analysis.

The death of the popular, active student hit the high-school community hard.

Students, particularly those who had been with her at the party, gathered Saturday and Sunday to comfort one another.

Students reportedly milled around the school's administrative office Monday, awaiting news of her condition.

At least one teacher rescheduled a test in deference to Sharon's friends in his class.

ONE OF few freshmen to win a varsity letter, Sharon was gearing up to pitch for the girls' softball team this spring, said Bill Mason, her high-school softball coach.

Although she played left field last year, "she had been practicing pitching all winter long. She would have been an outstanding sophomore pitcher," he said.

SHARON IS survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Davis; two brothers, William and Steven; a sister, Kathryn; and her grandparents, Thomas Newton of Waterford and Mrs. Onnie Davis of Redford.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at the Loveland Funeral Home, 5291 Highland Road, Waterford. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home, west of Telegraph on M-59.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the West Bloomfield High School Laker Fan Club or the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League Association.

Plans are in the works to set up a continuing school athletic award in her memory.

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# Woman is robbed

A 52-year-old West Bloomfield woman was robbed at knifepoint mid-morning Monday on Orchard Lake Road after the car she was driving was apparently deliberately hit from behind by another vehicle, police said.

The woman was northbound on Orchard Lake Road near Depot when her late-model yellow Mercury was struck by an older-model black van at about 10:55 a.m., West Bloomfield Sgt. Bob Scott said.

When she pulled over to the road shoulder to investigate damage to her car, two white male teen-agers reportedly got out of the van and approached her.

The van passenger, brandishing a large knife, ordered her to hand over her money and jewelry. She turned

over cash, two heirloom rings and a watch valued at \$4,350, police said.

The woman, who was unhurt, said both teen-agers were of medium height, thin and wearing dark-colored down jackets and blue jeans. Both wore sun glasses; one had a severe case of acne.

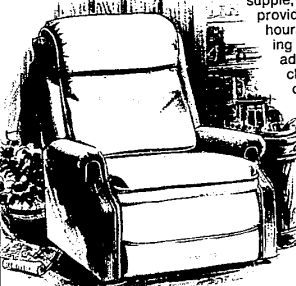
The van, which had damage to its front end, had no side windows. It may have had an out-of-state license plate, she told police.

There was no apparent damage to her car.

Although this is the first robbery in West Bloomfield which appears to have been deliberately provoked through an automobile accident, Scott said it is not an infrequent occurrence in Detroit and other suburbs.

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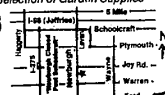
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