

Trial set for man accused of attempted rape

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Joseph Zemach, 20, formerly of West Bloomfield, has been bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court to stand trial on two charges of criminal sexual conduct in connection with the attempted rape of a woman jogger last Labor Day.

Zemach was identified in court last Tuesday by the jogger, a 29-year-old West Bloomfield resident. She testified

during examination of the sexual charges in 48th District Court that Zemach was the man who jogged up behind her, threw her on the ground, pulled down her shorts and tried to rape her.

Robert Wyllie, a West Bloomfield resident who was also jogging Labor Day morning, testified that he was running in the opposite direction along Bloomfield Glens, south of Walnut Lake Road and east of Middlebelt, and saw the woman jogging and Zemach

jogging behind her. He said he recognized Zemach as the employee of a local gas station.

At the conclusion of testimony, District Judge Gus Cifelli ruled there was probable cause to try Zemach for second-degree criminal sexual conduct and assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

The first charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years, the second a maximum of 10 years. Zemach, who is married and working, is free on \$25,000

bond, which was continued by Cifelli. Circuit court arraignment has been set for Oct. 18 before Judge Francis X. O'Brien.

The woman testified she was jogging when she heard a runner behind her. She turned and looked at him and slowed to let him pass, she said. The man "grabbed me with one arm around my left chest and arms and one around my mouth," she said.

Her assailant pushed her face down in weeds at the side of the road, pulled

her shorts down and attempted to rape her, the woman said.

The man was unable to rape her, got up, stood on her neck, and then ran away, she said.

Despite the fact she wasn't wearing her contact lenses, she said, "I have a very clear image of the man who was running behind me."

The woman said she had been running 50 miles a week and was in training for the Free Press Marathon at the time she was attacked. She did not compete in the marathon and has run only four times since the incident, she said.

"I feel a lot more paranoid and vulnerable now. I don't sleep as well at night. I have bad dreams," she testified. "I'm a lot more wary of everything."

The woman said she no longer feels safe living alone in her township home and has made plans to move to her apartment.

Wyllie said he recognized Zemach from a gas station at Walnut Lake Road near Inkster. Wyllie, who did not witness the alleged attempted rape, usually wears glasses but was not wearing them at the time, he said.

Pair hospitalized after accident

Daniel Smith and Roseanne Cohen, both 15, remained hospitalized Tuesday evening after being struck by a car about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

The two were with four other young people, all from Farmington Hills, attending to cross 14 Mile Road at the Northwestern Highway intersection when they were struck by a car driven by John Russell Thomas Jr. of Birmingham.

Thomas told police he was traveling

eastbound on 14 Mile Road when he stopped for a red light at 14 Mile and Northwestern. When the signal changed to green, according to police, Thomas proceeded to cross the intersection and, he told police, "suddenly observed two persons on the hood" of his vehicle.

Michelle Alameddine and Jenny Noteman, both 14, said they were bruised when Thomas' car ran over their feet. Neither was hospitalized.

According to the young people, they were attempting to cross 14 Mile Road and were confused by traffic. They thought 14 Mile Road was one-way (westbound) and, when attempting to cross, failed to look for eastbound traffic, police reported. Smith, who, with Cohen, was struck when he began to run after entering the intersection, suffered a concussion and multiple abrasions. He was reported in fair condition Tuesday evening by a Providence Hos-

pital spokeswoman.

Cohen, also reported in fair condition, suffered a fractured leg and multiple abrasions.

Three witnesses, all in separate vehicles, confirmed that Thomas had a green signal and that the pedestrians were crossing against the red signal, police said.

No citations will be issued, according to Farmington Hills Lt. Ernest Miller.

Unemployment targeted at Orchard seminar

A one-day unemployment conference will be held at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College on Saturday. Unemployed workers throughout the Metro-Detroit area are invited to attend free of charge.

Entitled "Where Do We Go From Here?" the conference will stress career opportunities and coping with unemployment.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. in H-Building and continue to 4 p.m. at various locations on campus. Complimentary lunches will be provided. Since participation will be limited to 2,000 persons, registration is required.

Unemployed persons who wish to participate in the career-opportunity conference should call Oakland Community College at 476-4425 or 476-

9400, ext. 276, 277 or 278.

Dr. Sonya Friedman, psychologist and local TV/radio personality, will deliver the keynote address "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Dr. Friedman has played a major role in encouraging the unemployed to attend similar conferences throughout southeastern Michigan.

Other guest speakers include Joan Greenfield, psychologist/Detroit News columnist, and Beverly Daniels, attorney.

Lectures, discussion sessions, and workshops held throughout the day will highlight such topics as using stress positively, effective time management, money management, career awareness, positive thinking, legal and medical concerns, and job preparation.

The career opportunity conference is being sponsored by Oakland Community College in cooperation with Henry Ford Community College, WDIV-TV,

Manufacturer's National Bank and Moving Ahead Inc., a non-profit foundation designed to raise money for similar conferences.

Clarification

Last Thursday's story headlined: "Day care: It pays to compare" listed incorrect information regarding Montessori Center's address, fees and weekday hours.

The Center is at 20001 13 Mile Road, between Northwestern and Middlebelt. Summer fees will be announced next year but are expected to be about \$50 per week, or \$600 for the full 10 weeks, according to Renee Bean, owner of the

school. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The story also neglected to mention that full-time, year-round day care services for children 2½ to 12 years of age are offered at the Farmington Hills Nursery School, 25225 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. Day care fee is \$48 per week; kindergarten is \$50 weekly and three-hour-per-day latch-key care for students of working parents is available for \$24 per week. Hours are 6:30 a.m. till 6 p.m.

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