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Arrest made in abduction attempt

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

A Detroit man is free on \$10,000 bond following his arraignment Feb. 8 on charges connected with the attempted abduction of a woman gas station attendant in Farmington Hills in late January.

Robert Harrison Palmer, 36, was arraigned before 47th District Judge Michael Hand on charges of assault with intent to kidnap and felony firearm, said Farmington Hills Sgt. Al Haver.

Police also recovered a gun used in the attempted abduction early Jan. 25 at a Union 76 service station near Middlebelt and 10 Mile, Haver said.

Palmer was also arrested in Detroit on charges involving the same incident, Haver said.

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attendant at a Union 76 station in West Bloomfield was abducted by two men, sexually assaulted and released in Detroit, according to police reports. But in the West Bloomfield case, two men were involved and their descriptions differed from the Farmington Hills case, police said.

In the Farmington Hills incident, police said, a customer walking into the station interrupted the abduction.

"The man came in with a gun of some type, tried to get the attendant

working there to leave with him. She resisted. A customer came in and he stuck the gun in his pocket and left," said Lt. Norman Kilmer of the Farmington Hills police.

In the West Bloomfield incident, two men abducted a female attendant from the Union 76 station on Pontiac Trail at Haggerty about 2:30 a.m. Jan. 25, raped her, then released her 45 minutes later near Telegraph and Schoolcraft in Detroit, according to police. She walked to the 18th precinct.

Break-in arrests made

Two men in their 20s were arraigned on breaking and entering charges on Feb. 14 before 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer.

The men were arrested by Farmington police at 1:45 a.m. in connection with the breaking and entering of the Towne Tub Laundry.

Bryan M. Heller, 24, of Farmington Hills and David W. DeBabant, 21, of Southfield, were charged with breaking and entering a commercial building with intent to commit a larceny, said Detective Chuck Lee of the Farmington Police. Both are in the Oakland County Jail awaiting preliminary exams.

Police are still investigating and

questioning a third suspect, Lee said.

While patrolling, Michael Wiebert and James Madigan noticed tracks leading through an alley to the Towne Tub on Orchard Lake Road, Lee said.

The officers went to the laundry's back door, noticed it was pried open and entered to find two men in the building, he said. One of the men was holding a screwdriver and flashlight while the other was going through a desk, Lee added.

Missing from the laundry was \$50, according to Mabel Hawkins, Towne Tub owner. While still at the scene police recovered \$38 of the missing money, Lee said.

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