

Court rules Bailey competent to stand trial

By Marie Chestney staff writer

Defense attorneys for Ronald Lloyd Bailey last week failed to challenge a forensic center report that said Bailey was mentally competent to stand trial in the kidnapping of 13-year-old Shawn Moore.

Following the recommendation contained in the evaluation from the Michigan State Center for Forensic Psychia-

try, Livingston County 53rd District Judge Michael Merritt set a Dec. 10 and 11 preliminary examination for the 26-year-old Livonia resident.

Bailey is charged with abducting and killing Shawn Moore on Aug. 31 near Brighton. The boy's body was found Sept. 13 in a wooded area in Gladwin County. Bailey subsequently was arrested in Florida after a two-day manhunt.

Livingston County Prosecutor Frank Delivero said he "wasn't surprised" defense attorneys Raymond Casar and Charles Murphy did not dispute the forensic center's evaluation, even though the lawyers had asked for a delay to give their own psychiatrist time to evaluate Bailey.

The forensic evaluation was done on Oct. 15 and received in Howell district court on Oct. 22. Merritt adjourned the

original hearing until last week to give defense lawyers time to arrange their own psychiatric examination of Bailey.

BECAUSE of Bailey's "complex personality," the attorneys have said the 6½-hour evaluation on Oct. 15 wasn't enough time to determine Bailey's competency.

Delivero said competency — or the suspect understanding the nature of the

charges against him — could readily be established within a 6½-hour time period.

"But establishing criminal responsibility, that's another area," Delivero said. "Did he know right from wrong? Those are two different issues."

Delivero said the court could order a "more extensive" exam of Bailey to determine criminal responsibility on the murder charge. The exam to determine criminal responsibility would take place after a plea is entered.

Delivero speculated that defense attorneys might enter a "not guilty by reason of insanity" plea if Bailey is bound over to circuit court.

After last week's hearing, Merritt released the three-page forensic report, done by Newton Jackson Jr. and Dr. Lee H. Rome.

THE EXAMINERS said that Bailey does not "suffer from a major mood disorder, such as a major depression, in our opinion. It appears, however, that the defendant exhibits a mixed personality with antisocial, narcissistic and borderline features."

Bailey also has undergone competency exams in two other cases. He has been charged with first-degree murder, and kidnapping in the July 14, 1984, slaying of Kenny Myers, 14, of Farmdale. He has also been charged with kidnapping and first-degree criminal sexual conduct in the June 7, 1984, assault of a 15-year-old Livonia boy.

Bailey's defense attorneys recently suffered a setback in attempts to force Bailey's former psychiatrist at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital to surrender his passport.

THE ATTORNEYS claimed the testimony of Dr. Jose H. Tombo, who treated Bailey at the hospital, would prove crucial to their client's defense. Tombo is being investigated for an alleged homosexual relationship with Bailey while treating him at Northville. But Livonia 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski said he was unconvinced Tombo was a material witness and saw no danger of him leaving the state.

Merritt of Howell's 53rd District Court denied a similar motion Oct. 23, saying he, too, didn't believe Tombo "was in any danger of leaving."

National group tours Memorial Center

By Carolyn DeMarco staff writer

A somber and attentive audience of nearly 100 persons toured the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield recently as part of a national conference held last week at the Jewish Community Center.

The group represented the newly elected executive board of the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, an organization of 10,000 survivors and their families which held its inaugural assembly in Philadelphia in April.

Purpose of the West Bloomfield meeting was to plan national activities and receive progress reports on a number of the group's major projects.

A main concern of the federation is

expanding the National Register of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. The register currently lists more than 40,000 names from 14 countries and serves to facilitate searches and reunite families and friends of holocaust survivors and their children throughout the world.

THE FEDERATION lists as its goal, expanding the register to 100,000 survivors, the cities of their birth, the camps and ghettos or their incarceration and the place of their liberation. In addition, it hopes to list their "contributions to their adopted homes."

The group also serves as an informal lobbyist for the American ratification of the Genocide Convention, an international treaty which will condemn genocide as a universal crime.

The treaty will obligate countries

who ratify it to prosecute and punish those who commit genocidal acts, and is a direct response to the horrors of the Holocaust.

Benjamin Meed, of New York, president of the federation, said the United States was instrumental in bringing the proposal before the United Nations, and since then 86 nations have adopted it, but, Meed said, "For 36 years, certain elements in the United States have blocked American ratification of the Genocide Convention."

In a recent groundbreaking in Washington D.C., for a Holocaust Memorial Museum, Senate Majority Leader Rob-

ert Dole, pledged to promote its passage.

Another major project is a teacher training program in which 100 American educators will be sent to Israel to attend seminars on teaching holocaust studies in the public school system.

A special commemoration is planned for 1986 at the Statue of Liberty to recognize the survivors' 40 years of new life in the United States.

Requests for information about the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors can be addressed to their national headquarters, 122 W. 30th St., Suite 205, New York, NY 10001.

Funds aid shelters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently announced that Macomb, Oakland and Wayne (outside Detroit) counties will receive \$395,532 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. The City of Detroit receives separate funding.

This grant is part of \$20 million appropriated by Congress as Phase IV of the federal funding program to help expand the capacity of food and shelter services in high-need areas around the country through July 1986.

John MacInnes, executive president of United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, was elected to chair the local FEMA Board of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, outside Detroit.

The local FEMA Board consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic Charities, United Way of North Oakland, United Foundation, Christian

Communications Council, Jewish Welfare Federation and the Salvation Army, in addition to local government leaders.

The board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs operated by local service organizations.

Under the terms of the grant from the National FEMA Board, local government or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must be non-profit; have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit; practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food or shelter programs; and if private voluntary organizations, they must have a voluntary board of directors.

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