

# Police raid nets stolen merchandise

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Two Detroit men were arraigned Thursday on breaking and entering charges for smash-and-grab last year at the Bloomfield Jewelers and New World Video in the aftermath of Wednesday morning's raid of six houses and one party store in Detroit.

A task force of 48 police officers from Bloomfield Township, Southfield, Troy and Detroit cooperated in the bust, which netted a total of \$10,000 to \$20,000 in stolen furniture, jewelry, furs, clothes, television sets, stereos

and other electronic equipment. Two handguns and one rifle were also seized.

In addition to search warrants for the seven locations, police also had warrants for the arrest of five men.

The raid came after at least four months of cooperation by the police departments, but was set up by an informant, according to township police detective Dan Bernier.

Willie Ramsey, 24, and Rudy May, also known as Rudy Valentino Grigsby, 29, were arraigned before Judge Bernard Friedman in 48th District Court

where they stood mute to two charges each of breaking and entering.

Friedman set a \$10,000 personal bond for each man on the charge from the Bloomfield Jewelers case and a \$10,000 cash-only bond for the New World Video break-in. The pair did not post bond as of Friday. Hearings are set for Jan. 16 and Jan. 21.

OF THE OTHER three named in warrants for break-ins, two are already in prison on other charges, according to DeWolf. That pair may be arraigned on charges later this month. The fifth suspect remained at large.

The five men were the nucleus of a loosely organized group of about 15 whom police believe to be responsible for about 150 smash-and-grab style larcenies over the last year and a half in the tri-county area. The incidents range from "Farmingington Hills to the Shores," DeWolf said.

More warrants on the case are expected, according to township police Lt. Jeffrey Warner.

The group's method of operation included driving a stolen van or large car, DeWolf said. Ramsey was usually the driver, the detective said, and he

would "case" the target business ahead of time. Then, the group would come back at night or early morning to do the job.

THREE BREAK-INS at the New World Video store on Square Lake at Franklin Road occurred in August. After the first two, the store installed a video camera that recorded the third one. The entire incident took about one minute, from the time the van pulled up to when it left. In that time, the thieves smashed the window with a piece of concrete, ran inside to grab vi-

deo equipment and loaded it in the van.

The 15 smash-and-grab incidents since August in Bloomfield Township cost merchants about \$105,000 in stolen merchandise, DeWolf said. The items identified as stolen from township stores totaled just a small percentage of that.

The stolen property was often traded for drugs, although no narcotics were confiscated, DeWolf said. The stolen items would only get about one-quarter of their retail value on the street, police said.

# State denies local library's request for grant

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With recent notification that Farmington Community Library's application for a grant has been denied, officials will be looking to private and corporate financial sources to complete the computerized circulation system.

The library's application for a matching \$81,220 Michigan Equity Grant, offered through the state Department of Commerce, was denied in early December, said Library Director Beverly Papai.

The grant would have been used to complete the final phase of computerization — development of a public access on-line catalogue — at the Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries.

The on-line catalogue would replace printcard catalogues and provide patrons with access to more than 3 million books in libraries throughout Wayne and Oakland counties.

"We will have an on-line catalogue. We just won't have it from the state Department of Commerce," Papai said. "Certainly the topic is not dead. We will be looking at private or corporate sources."

Library officials could request additional funding from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, which

financially support the library. Asking the cities to help fund the final phase of computerization would be a last resort if other attempts to secure funding are unsuccessful, Papai said.

THIS IS the first year the Michigan Equity Grant money has been available to libraries. Grant money is awarded on the basis of city population. Although both Farmington and Farmington Hills support the library, the application was made under the auspices of the Hills — the larger of the two communities with an estimated 60,000 population.

The state Department of Commerce received "overwhelming response," Papai said, in the way of 31 applications requesting a total \$11.7 million funding for 184 projects. And that was in the 40,000-200,000 population category in which the library applied. The commerce department had only \$4 million to award in this category, Papai said.

The library's matching share of the grant was in the form of state time and other administrative costs — almost equal to the grant's amount — for completion of the computer system, Papai said. Preference is generally given to applicants who can match the grant.

To complete the system, Papai had planned to buy 13 computer terminals,

two printers, additional telephone lines and communications equipment, shares of computer memory and one-year maintenance. Annual maintenance costs for the system are expected to run about \$3,000-\$4,000 a year, Papai said.

Providing attempts to secure other funding are successful, the on-line catalogue will complete the library sys-

tem's total computerized circulation system that library officials have been working on for the past two years. The Friends of the Library and the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills have provided approximately \$100,000 toward the system, Papai said.

With a complete system though, patrons would have access to 80,000 books in the Hills branch and 60,000 in

the Farmington branch, as well as approximately 3 million books in member libraries of the Wayne-Oakland Federated Library System. The system would inform patrons if a book has been checked out, when its return is expected and if other patrons have reserved it, Papai said.

WITH THE on-line catalogue, pa-

trons can request a book — over computer lines — from other libraries that will ship it to the Farmington libraries. The Farmington libraries have twice-weekly delivery from other federation libraries.

The final component would replace the current manual system in which librarians have to call other libraries to find which has a particular book.

# Hills philanthropist is mourned

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years in Detroit, he also had become a good personal friend. "Paul was one of those rare individuals, and he'll be very sadly missed."

PRIME MINISTER Peres issued the following statement: "Paul Zuckerman's death is a loss that is deeply felt by the citizens of the state of Israel and by me personally. From the establishment of the state and on through years of historic challenge, Mr. Zuckerman was in the forefront of efforts in Israel's behalf. His leadership in the United Jewish Appeal and his devotion to so many other important causes characterized a lifetime of commitment to the Jewish people."

Zuckerman was born in Turkey on May 31, 1912, and came to the United States as a child of 2. He attended the University of Detroit. Zuckerman was a lover of ancient art, and he and his wife possessed a very valuable art and sculpture collection.

The organizations to which he belonged, the causes to which he was devoted and the honors he received would

take up many columns of type. Surviving in addition to his wife, Helen, are a daughter, Linda Klein, a son,

Norbert; two brothers, Victor Zuckerman and Emanuel Leonard; and three grandchildren.

# City residents could face hefty water hike

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was attempting to get the projection revised and would advise them of any changes.

Detroit officials look at a four-year usage average when reviewing rates annually, Deadman said. This year's usage was checked June 27 by Detroit employees.

Fifteen rate-building factors are considered, he said, including the distance water travels, the elevation to which it must be lifted and the maximum day and peak hour demands.

"THE KEY seems to be how these

factors are applied to other elements," Deadman said, adding there are possible "fallacies in the rate-building model. There's been an awful lot of (rate) fluctuation over the years."

Both Deadman and Countegnan believe the proposed increases may be justified despite possible rate-building problems, but they want to see proof.

"They operate a utility the way it should operate," Deadman said, in answer to council questions about the operation of the Detroit system. "Previous court cases have decided what they can take out of the system and put into the general fund."

# Keeping up with the times

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