

# 2nd murder suspect remains at large

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Redford Township police continue to search for one of two men charged in the May 23 beating death of a 30-year-old man, while arrangements were being made Friday to take custody of the other suspect.

Information provided by two people piece together enough evidence to obtain arrest warrants for the two men, Michael Brock, 25, who was apprehended Tuesday by Kentucky police, and a second suspect, a 32-year-old Redford man, who remains at large, according to Redford police detective Sgt. John Bommarito. Both live in a Redford apartment complex on Grand River.

"We're checking leads, but we're

not positive where he (the suspect) might be," Bommarito said Thursday. "We may have to fly down (to Kentucky) to pick up Brock. That's the proper procedure, for the arresting police authority to take custody. There may be a liability problem involved in Kentucky police transporting him (Brock) to Redford as was originally planned."

Brock, described by Bommarito as a drifter, waived extradition proceedings and remains in jail in his hometown of Pineville, Ky., where he was apprehended by local police after Redford authorities informed Kentucky law agents that he was wanted for questioning.

SEVERAL HOURS after Brock was apprehended, Redford police obtained a warrant charging him and a

second man with second-degree murder in the death of Gregory Allen Link of Farmington Hills.

The two people who helped break the case are in line for the \$1,000 reward being offered by Bob Saks, owner of Bob Saks Motor Mall in Farmington Hills, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the beating death of Link, Bommarito said. Bommarito declined to identify the pair, saying their identities may come out later.

"The (reward) donor (Saks) wants us to determine who should get the reward money, but we want to sit down and talk to him about it," Bommarito said.

Link's assailants were last seen by his girlfriend, 36-year-old Karen Layden of Livonia, the lone witness

to the beating.

She has declined comment on the incident.

Two men were involved in a verbal conflict with Layden inside the bar before the assault occurred, said Bommarito, who declined to talk about the nature of the discussion.

THE ASSAULT on Link, a former Westland resident, apparently stemmed from that exchange, he said.

Neither Link, the father of a 2-year-old son, nor Layden knew the assailants, Bommarito said.

Link, the third oldest in a family of seven children, apparently did not speak to the suspects in the bar or at the time he was assaulted, Bommar-

ito said. The youngest of the Links, 24-year-old John Link of Troy, said family members have no idea why he was assaulted.

Link, who worked as a small machine operator, was attacked at about 2 a.m. while walking to his car with Layden in the bar parking lot near Brady and Grand River.

A blunt instrument may have been used in the assault, but Redford police detective Sgt. Erick Plater said it is uncertain whether a weapon was used in the attack on Link.

After the assault began, Layden ran back into the bar to call police,

Bommarito said. She returned to find Link lying face up and unconscious on the sidewalk, he said.

LINK WAS taken by ambulance to Redford Community Hospital, then transferred to Boisford General Osteopathic Hospital in Farmington Hills.

After doctors determined that Link was brain dead, they turned off his respirator on Memorial Day afternoon.

Link was buried May 30 in Glen, Eden Memorial Park Cemetery in Livonia after funeral services at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

He was the first murder victim this year in Redford.

## Former city queen dies

Marie Long, who wrote a column for the Farmington Observer, then the Farmington Observer for a total of 18 years, died of a massive heart attack Thursday, June 8.

Services were held Sunday in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and private services of interment are scheduled for today in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Long was born in Mt. Bethel, N. J., and lived in Farmington from 1944 until eight years ago when she moved into Beverly Manor of Novi.

She thought of Farmington as "my town" and was often heard to say, "I love this city."

The city was to return that love when she was voted "Sesquicentennial Queen" in a vote among senior adults during Farmington's 150th anniversary celebration.

And although she was a regular visitor to the seniors' drop-in center in her later years, she never revealed her age, a statistic that was omitted by the family out of respect to her wishes.

Mrs. Long was married to Herbert C. Long, who died in 1971. She is sur-

vived by one daughter, Carol L. Karp of Farmington Hills, and two sons, Herbert C. Long Jr. of Westland and

William F. Long of Mio; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Marie Long, when voted Farmington senior sesquicentennial queen in 1974.

## Cloverdale plans developing

A Farmington Hills contractor was awarded the bid June 3 for planned improvements to the Cloverdale Center play area.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for phase one of the Farmington Public Schools project are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at 33000 Freedom.

F.J. LaFontaine & Sons Landscaping was the only contractor whose final bid of \$22,077 was considered by the Farmington Board of Education. A bid of \$20,372.20 was submitted from an Oxford contractor, but was withdrawn before the board made its decision.

Plans for the three-year project for building a barrier-free park at Cloverdale were submitted last November to the school board's building and site committee.

## Farmington budget is adopted

With several modifications by members, the Farmington City Council adopted its 1986-87 budget and tax rate Monday, June 2, levying the same millage as last year for operations and debt retirement.

A budget of slightly more than \$6 million will be taken from operating millage of \$10.76 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation and 98 cents per \$1,000 to retire the city's debt.

Following several budget review sessions prior to the required public hearing, members decided to appropriate \$30,000 from the General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund budgets for replacement of comput-

er hardware, according to a city report.

In addition, \$5,000 was appropriated to modernize municipal building furnishings and \$4,700 was included in the General Fund as seed money for the city's Downtown Development Authority, the report said.

A resolution was included to establish a 4 percent penalty for unpaid taxes and a 1 percent administrative tax collection fee for those taxes turned over to other agencies for collection.

The city's tax rate reflects an increased SEV for 1985 of about 7 percent, according to city records.

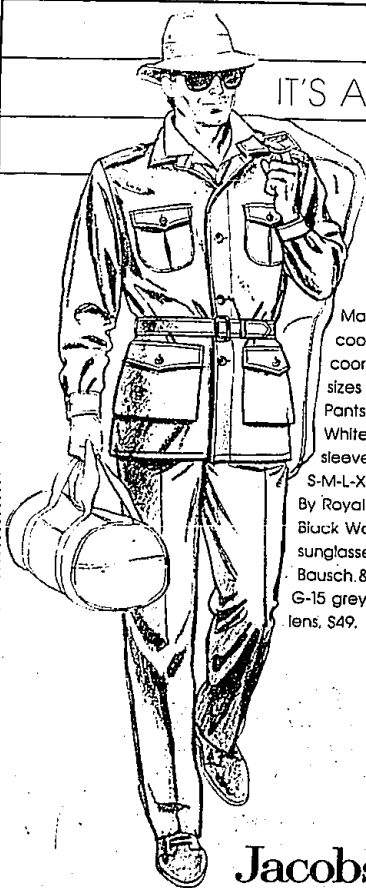
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