

2 Hills men face cocaine delivery charges

Two men identified as Farmington Hills residents were among 12 Michigan residents indicted Friday on cocaine distribution charges in what one law enforcement officer called a "massive drug arrest."

The two are Arthur J. Smith, 37, identified by Robert Mott of the FBI office in Detroit as working in the heating and air conditioning field, and Barry S. Friedman, 28, identified by Mott as working in the elec-

trical field.

The indictments cracked a multi-million-dollar cocaine distribution ring that operated for a decade, said law enforcement officials.

Twenty-two people were indicted but only 10 arrests were made Friday. Seven of those arrested were from Michigan, including five from Southfield. Friedman was among those arrested and arraigned Friday. Officials said attorneys for three

others named in the indictment, including Smith, had contacted authorities and indicated their clients would turn themselves in.

Mott said the following Southfield residents were named in the indictment:

- Donald K. Berry, 35;
- Kenneth R. Citron, 35, identified by Mott as a psychologist;
- Ernest L. Citron, 59, identified

by Mott as a lawyer;

- David J. Panavas, 27;
- Eric D. King, 34;
- Clara Inez Cole, 30;
- Alan Cohen, 47, and his wife, Theadora Cohen, 45.

MOTT SAID that all those named in the indictments were charged with four counts of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

He said investigators are charging that those indicted were involved in a cocaine ring that operated for 10 years. Cocaine, he said, was brought into the country from Colombia to Florida and then transported to a distribution center in Southfield.

Mott said that as much as 100 pounds of cocaine valued at \$2.3 million was involved.

He said the indictments came af-

ter a three-year investigation involving the FBI, the Michigan State Police and the U.S. Customs Service.

Of those arrested Friday, seven were from Michigan, two from Florida and one from New York.

All the Southfield residents except for Cole and the Cohens were arrested and arraigned Friday, as was Barry H. Schmideberg, 34, Birmingham.

Park site will be studied

Farmington Hills has hired an architectural firm to evaluate four buildings on the grounds of the city-owned Heritage Park on Farmington Road.

The Detroit firm of Kirk and Koskela was retained for a low bid of \$5,050 to evaluate a sheep barn with a bad supporting wall in the basement, a stable that has roof problems and the Spicer House, which has "a number of problems," according to Dan Potter, director of the Special Services Department. The architects will also evaluate the caretaker's house on the property.

"All of these buildings are in various stages of disrepair," Potter said in his report. "This evaluation also would give us cost projections to see what it would take to stabilize the existing buildings."

"The question becomes how much it will actually take to restore (the buildings)," Potter added.

OTHER BIDS were submitted by Architects Four Inc. of Ann Arbor and Preservation Planning Inc. of Franklin.

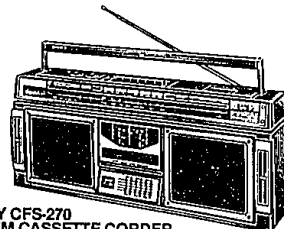
The selected architects will do a stabilization survey and a design concept narrative, present their findings and provide measured drawings of buildings to verify their dimensions, and provide conservation engineering services for each building, according to the company's proposal.

It is projected final reports could

be prepared in 2-3 weeks if work begins immediately.

City Manager William Costick told the city council a meeting between the council and the Parks and Recreation Commission was being scheduled for sometime in January at the Spicer House to discuss future plans for the buildings.

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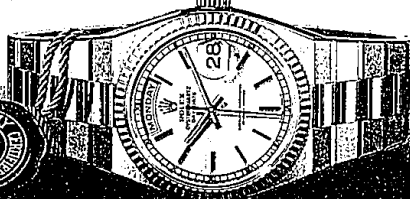
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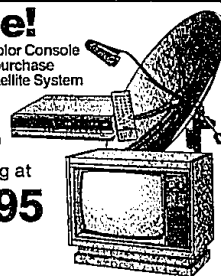
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