

Alleged cocaine seized

A 27-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested after he allegedly sold more than three ounces of suspected cocaine to an undercover officer Tuesday afternoon.

A subsequent search of the man's apartment turned up a quarter ounce of suspected cocaine and two pounds of suspected marijuana, police said.

Charges were pending late Wednesday.

The man was arrested after he allegedly sold 3 1/2 ounces of cocaine to a Farmington Hills undercover officer for \$8,300. The transaction took place at 5:20 p.m. in a parking lot near Orchard Lake and 10 Mile roads, said detective Sgt. Dennis Rochford of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"An informant arranged the buy," Rochford said.

After the buy, officers executed a search warrant of the man's apartment, which officers earlier had under surveillance. District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington signed the search warrant.

The suspected cocaine was in rock form.

Both the suspected cocaine and the suspected marijuana are to undergo laboratory testing at the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory in Northville.

"But we've already done field testing," Rochford said. "And both tested positive. A positive field test is enough to get a warrant on."

Jail sentence delayed; attorney charged

A former Farmington Hills resident — convicted of manslaughter in a 1985 traffic death — will begin a six-month jail sentence May 1, giving her time to complete bonding with her newborn child.

Additional charges were not brought against Connie Doa, 24, of Novi, for her failure to appear before Oakland Circuit Judge Norman Lippitt on Dec. 1 for sentencing. Lippitt had issued a warrant for her arrest when she failed to appear.

When Doa appeared in court Dec. 3, Lippitt enforced a six-month jail sentence.

Following a show cause hearing "for the attorney who told her not to show up," Lippitt filed contempt

charges Dec. 8 against Bloomfield Hills attorney Stanley Kurzman, who has represented Doa throughout her manslaughter trial and subsequent appeal, according to information from the court.

Kurzman, who also serves as secretary for the Waterford Township Board of Education, did not return the Observer's telephone calls.

LIPPITT SCHEDULED a show

cause hearing for Monday, Dec. 15, for the contempt of court charges. Conviction carries a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail.

According to information from the court, the contempt charges include obstructing justice, fraud, aiding and abetting a fugitive, and deceit.

Doa was convicted of manslaughter in the death of Beverly Ann Lambert, 20, of West Bloomfield Township.

Lambert was killed when the car she was driving was struck head-on by Doa's car. The accident occurred about 11:30 p.m. March 18, 1985, on Mulwood Drive, near Conifer, at the Mulwood Apartments, Farmington Hills. Doa was living in Mulwood at the time. Lambert had a friend who was living there.

Doa's blood-alcohol level taken after the collision, was .13 percent — three-tenths of a percent higher

than the 10 percent blood-alcohol level at which people are considered legally drunk.

Doa appealed her conviction and sentence, which included five years' probation and a six-month jail sentence. Lippitt allowed Doa to remain free pending her appeal, though she did begin serving her probation. She gave birth to a baby boy in mid-November.

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