

New Year starts with armed robbery

Southfield police are investigating the New Year's Day armed robbery of a Shell service station at 20705 Southfield Road.

At about 8:40 a.m. Thursday, a 25-year-old cashier and Southfield resident was threatened with a knife by a man in his late 20s or early 30s who demanded money from the station's cash register, according to Gary Conat, public information officer. The man was armed with a knife that had a six-inch blade.

The cashier was not injured in the incident.

After grabbing about \$100 from the register, the man hopped into a burgundy, late model Chevrolet Cavalier and headed west on Eight Mile. The car had a temporary registration sticker in the window.

The suspect is described as being white, 5-7, 190 pounds, with dirty blond hair.

A 65-YEAR-OLD Oak Park woman was forcibly robbed of her car, purse and groceries outside a Southfield supermarket New Year's Eve afternoon, but at least two of her alleged assailants didn't get very far. Dearborn police made arrests later that day connected with the incident.

At about 1:30 p.m., the victim, who had just unloaded two bags of groceries into the trunk of her dark car, parked in the lot of Shopping Center Market, 25155 Greenfield, was approached by a man in his late teens.

Conat said the suspect pushed the woman onto the front seat and placed his hand over her mouth, instructing her to be quiet. After the

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assailant started the car, he took the woman's purse and told her to get out of the car. At that time, two other males got into the vehicle and headed south through the parking lot toward 10 Mile.

At about 11 p.m. Wednesday, Dearborn police told Southfield officials that they had found the victim's car and had arrested two suspects in the incident. The two were handed over to Southfield police and spent the night in jail.

According to Conat, however, the suspects were released Thursday pending further investigation.

The woman's purse was not recovered, said Conat. She was not injured in the altercation.

A 43-YEAR-OLD Detroit woman

was surprised after she arrived at work at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday and was robbed of about \$80 at knife-point.

After parking her car in the lot of the McDonald's restaurant, 21368 Eight Mile, the victim was approached by a man in his late teens or early 20s.

Brandishing a hunting knife with a 6-inch blade, the man demanded that the woman hand over her purse and fled the scene. The victim was not injured, Conat said.

The suspect is described as black, 5-11, with a thin build.

A BOULDER, Colo., woman told Southfield police that she had \$800 worth of jewelry stolen Monday from her hotel room at Marriott Courtyard, 27027 Northwestern.

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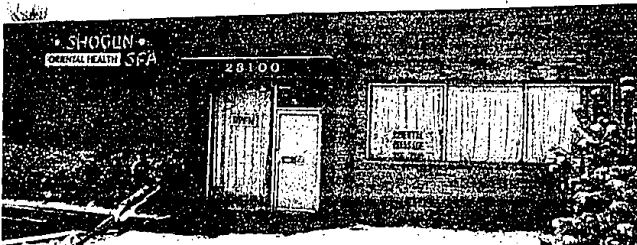
A tribute for retiring 46th District Court Judge Clarence A. Reid Jr. is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Southfield Manor, 25626 Telegraph Road, Southfield.

The event features dinner, cock-

tails and entertainment.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Frank Gettleman, 6735 Telegraph Road, Suite 320, Birmingham, or by calling 645-5770.

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The Shogun Oriental Health Spa at 23100 Telegraph was still open for business after arrests.

Illicit spas targeted by new city ordinance

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● Only myomassologists, with current city permits, shall perform body massages.

● No portion of the employee's body which might arouse customers can be exposed, including breasts, buttocks and genital areas.

● At all times, customer's genital areas must be covered with towels, cloths or undergarments.

● Customers must be at least 18 years old, and the spas cannot be open between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

ALSO, THE ORDINANCE requires that spa employees cannot live at the business address. Fasbinder said massage parlor employees have often lived at establishments where suspected illicit activities have taken place.

Ordinance violators, if convicted, would face maximum penalties of 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

The constitutionality of ordinances similar to the one recently enacted in Southfield is now being challenged in court, Fasbinder noted.

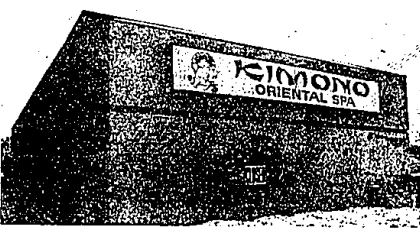
The city of Farmington Hills is being sued by Un Cha Shino, the owner of both the Tokyo Oriental

Health Spa on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills and Southfield's Shogun Oriental Health Spa, 23100 Telegraph.

Fasbinder said Southfield officials will pay close attention to what happens in the Farmington Hills case. "We'll have to see what develops. If we have to, we'll go through the court system."

THE DEC. 11 raids of the Shogun spa and Kimono Health Spa, 24445 Telegraph, which resulted in the five arrests, capped a six-month investigation.

City attorney Frank Kohl, who could not be reached for comment by press time, did much of the work in preparing the ordinance, according to assistant city attorney Philip Poole.

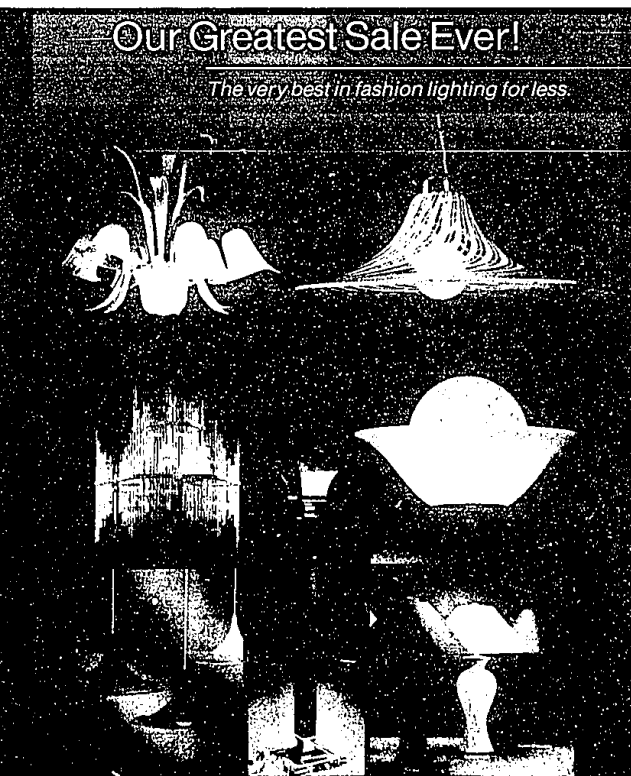


A closed sign was put up at the Kimono Oriental Spa at 24445 Telegraph.

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