

Car crash kills Hills woman, injures 2 others early Sunday

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A Farmington Hills woman was killed just after midnight Sunday morning when a car driven by a Birmingham teenager hit the car she was riding in as it drove onto Lahser near Lincoln in Bloomfield Township.

Judith Ann Ferrier, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene about 12:15 p.m., according to Bloomfield Township police. The Detroit Public Schools teacher was not wearing a seatbelt, police said.

She died of a head injury, according to an Oakland County Medical Examiner's spokesman.

The car Ferrier was riding in was driven by Samuel Streeman, 60, of Detroit. He was listed in critical condition Wednesday in William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Police said he had internal injuries to his head and chest. He was also not wearing a seatbelt, they said.

Joseph Vincent Walker IV, 17, of Birmingham was driving a Pontiac Bonneville southbound on Lahser. His car hit the rear of the Pontiac J2000 Streeman was driving as it turned out of a parking lot and onto Lahser,

according to police.

TOWNSHIP OFFICER James Cutright said a search warrant was obtained to test the teenager's blood because police thought they smelled intoxicants at the accident site. Police are still waiting for the results of that test. No charges have been filed in connection with the accident which is still under investigation.

The teenager was treated for head and internal injuries at a local hospital and released the next day, Cutright reported.

There was a light snow the night of the accident, Cutright said.

Services for Ferrier were held Wednesday at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. The Rev. Victor Mesenering of Hope Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, officiated.

Survivors include one daughter, Renee Ferrier; one son, Charles Morris; her mother, Romaine Greene; and one grandchild.

The family asks that memorials be made to Lutheran Adoption Agency, 8131 E. Jefferson, Detroit 48214.

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"I felt when Mrs. Dudley was here and always raised the question (of council expenses) and I always said that it was paucifying ... I don't think this council should be involved in this and leave it to the individual council member to use their own judgment. If they want to go to the conference, it's their business," Alkateeb said.

In a 4-3 vote, the city council rescinded the policy requiring council members to list their expected expenses before attending conferences and seminars. Council members Aldo Vagnozzi, Terry Sever and Jan Dolan voted to maintain the pre-approval policy.

BOTH VAGNOZZI and Sever defended Dudley and the expense policy.

"It doesn't seem to me to be reasonable for us to have a budget set

and then not have some guidelines. But I think it is important for us to determine where our money can best be spent," Sever said.

"I, for one, feel that it's important on the basis of controlling the budget and I feel that there is some accountability and I like the idea of having a firm and having some type of stuff in writing," he continued.

Vagnozzi supported the policy, but also suggested voting to determine whether a conference is worth attending.

"I frankly would not like this council to take the position of whether a conference is worthwhile," Mayor Jody Sorenson responded.

Debate of the policy was prompted by an upcoming National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C., March 19-22. The

city's expected cost for the two council members attending, Sorenson and Ben Marks, is \$220 each.

Of the city council's 1987-88 \$8,400 budget, members spent \$5,768 as of the end of January, said Charles Rosch, Farmington Hills finance director.

THE POLICY was established in 1984 following a story that ran in the Observer in June 1984 documenting council members' spending habits, particularly on items such as liquor bills.

Originally, Alkateeb suggested filling out a pre-approval form only when council members intended to spend more than \$100.

But Dudley disagreed. "I just don't believe that's what taxes are collected for. The point is, before we spend it, for God's sake, let's make it public," Dudley said in 1984.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

- **CAR RECOVERED**
A 29-year-old Detroit man faces felony charges in connection with the theft of a 1988 Dodge Shadow from Town & Country Dodge, 31015 Grand River, Feb. 18, police said.
- Arraigned Feb. 20 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, the man stood mute to one count of unlawfully driving away an automobile and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. Innocent pleas were entered. Bond was set at \$1,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.
- Farmington Hills officers Charles Rozum and Gary Bradley impounded the car after finding it in a snowbank near 7 Mile and Telegraph about 11 p.m. The suspect was arrested nearby. Officers had followed the car from Grand River and Jacksonville, where their suspicions were first aroused. The car was valued at \$12,093, according to a Farmington Hills police report.
- **2 CHARGED**
Two Detroit men face felony charges in connection with the theft of a car from the Gateway Apartments Feb. 20, police said.
- Arraigned Feb. 20 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, a 21-year-old man pleaded guilty to one count of unlawfully driving away an automobile (UDAA). His plea was taken under advisement and an innocent plea was entered.
- A 29-year-old man pleaded not guilty to one count of UDAA and one count of breaking and entering of a vehicle with intent to steal property over \$5. Innocent pleas were entered.
- Bond was set at \$2,500 and \$1,000, respectively, pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction of either count could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.
- Special Patrol Operational Team (SPOT) officers arrested the two at 8 Mile and Haggerty at 2:50 a.m. Feb. 20, following broadcast of the stolen car, according to a Farmington Hills police report.
- **INN ROBBED**
A clerk at the Quality Inn of Farmington Hills, 31525 12 Mile, was robbed of more than \$500 in receipts shortly before 5 p.m. Feb. 20. According to a Farmington Hills police report:

The robber, thought to be in his 30s, approached the desk after hanging around the lobby and looking at the pool for about 10 minutes. He implied he had a gun and demanded money.

After the clerk complied, the man ran out the front door to a waiting car occupied by a woman.

- **RADIOS RECOVERED**
Two Detroit men, one 32, the other 23, were charged with felonies after a Farmington Hills officer stopped the car they were in Feb. 19.
- The charges stem from the theft of an in-dash radio from one car and personal property from another car, police said.
- Arraigned Feb. 20 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, the men stood mute to one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and two counts of breaking and entering of a vehicle with damage. Innocent pleas were entered. Bond was set at \$10,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.
- Officer Wayne Beerbower stopped

the car at 8 Mile and Beech at 3:35 a.m. after watching it cruise apartment parking lots in Farmington Hills and Northville.

The stop was made after determining the car was registered to a man with an outstanding felony warrant in Detroit, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

- **TICKETS ISSUED**
Two Livonia teenagers, one 19, the other 17, were ticketed for prowling, in violation of city ordinance, on Sunnydale Feb. 20, according to a Farmington Hills police report.
- **CHIMNEY FIRE**
Creosote buildup was the cause of a chimney fire at a house on Hawthorne Feb. 20.
- Damage was estimated at \$100, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.
- **CARS RECOVERED**
A pickup reported stolen from Dearborn was recovered on Victory Feb. 19.
- A 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88 reported stolen from Southfield was

recovered at Kendallwood Apartments Feb. 20.

A 1986 Chevrolet station wagon reported stolen from Farmington Feb. 20-21 was recovered in Northville.

- A 1984 Buick Century reported stolen from Madison Heights was recovered on Aster Feb. 22.
- A 1984 Chevrolet Blazer reported stolen from Farmington Hills was recovered on Drakeshire Feb. 22.

- **THEFTS REPORTED**
A computer valued at \$2,500 was reported stolen from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New

Market, Feb. 17.

A motorcycle valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from a garage on Chatham Hills Feb. 17.

- An in-dash radio valued at \$700 was reported stolen from a car parked at Country Ridge Apartments Feb. 17-21.
- An in-dash radio valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a car parked at Crosswinds Condos Feb. 18-19.
- A 1988 Pontiac SSE was reported stolen from outside Max & Erma's, 31205 Orchard Lake, Feb. 19.
- A 1988 Dodge Shadow valued at \$11,451 was reported stolen from a house on Lilac Feb. 22-23.



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