staff writer

A Plymouth Township couple whose son suffered brain damage at birth has been awarded \$2.07 million in an out-of-court settlement reached Feb. 26 with three physicians and St. Mary Hospital.

Todd Boonstra, born in September 1973, is severely mentally and emotionally impaired as a result of collective malpractice and negligence, said Beverly Hires, Southfield attorney who represented Richard and Judy Boonstra, Todd's parents. Named in the sult were Drs. Harry Tarpinian, Harvey Stein and William Rubinoff. Tarpinian, who formerly practiced in Farmington, no longer is on staff at St. Mary.

Stein and Rubinoff still work at the Livenia hospital. They have offices in Farmington and Farmington lills, respectively.

A JURY TRIAL was to have be-gun in April before Wayne Circuit Judge Charles Farmer.

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"A series of inexcusable commissions and emissions demonstrated labor and used forceps to deliver the
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"Hospital records indicate that sions and omissions demonstrated that standard medical procedures were not followed during and after Todd's birth," said Hires, who also is a registered nurse.

The case involved a "tragedy of errors which began when Mrs. Boonstra's pregnancy was allowed to continue two and a half weeks past her due date.

"Doctors were negligent in falling to evaluate the baby's large size, which precluded a safe vaginal delivery," said Hires.

Instead of performing a medical costs.

"As far as a statement, I don't know what we can say, It was 14 years ago," said Jule Sproul, direc-tor of community relations for the hospital.

"Tod Boonstra was born here, that's a fact. But we really can't comment further because this was settled out of court."

The Boonstras also have declined

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Dr. Regine Aronow, director of the Poison Control Center at Children's Househild with Ministry and Minist

## Suspect held in lieu of bond

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returned to his car and drove away,"

Dwyer said.

Wheeler was arrested because descriptions of him and hls car matched those of the robber and the getaway car in several recent lnn robberies. His 29-year-old companion was released Sunday, pending continued investigation and issuance of a warrant. A woman was seen in the getaway car used by the man, who robbed the Quality Inn, Dwyer said.

said.

DWYER LAUDED the coordinating efforts of Sgts. Al Havner and Chuck Nebus, who head the Farmington Hills Police Department's surveillance and detective bureaus, respectively. They worked through the night to compile investigative findings, Sunday morning, the Oakland County prosecutor recommended the arrest warrant that Judge Schoeffer later signed.

Wheeler's arrest culminated a weeklong department pursuit that included stakeouts by uniformed and for the compile of the control of the contr

Police in Hazel Park, Southfield, Monroe, Bloomfield Township, Romulus, Warren and Canton Township are among those interested in questioning Wheeler. "They'll probably ask their victims to attend a police lineup at the Oakland County Joil," Dwyer said.

Before Saturday, the most recent robberles were March 2, at a Holl-

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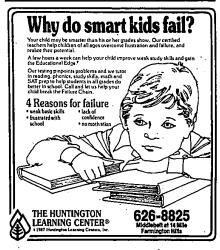
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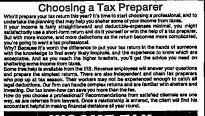


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