

Man in standoff faces exam

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staff writer

The 21-year-old Farmington Hills man who shot himself in a standoff with police at a Ferndale motel Dec. 17, remained under police guard in a Royal Oak hospital Friday.

David Scott Klueger was listed in fair condition in William Beaumont Hospital. He shot himself in the stomach to end an eight-hour standoff with police Dec. 17 at the Motormans Motel, Eight Mile and Woodward.

"It was an unfortunate incident," said defense attorney Eugene Friedman of Farmington Hills.

A preliminary examination of the newest charges facing Klueger is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 27, in 44th District Court, Royal Oak. It'll likely be rescheduled if Klueger is still hospitalized.

Free on bond at the time of the shooting, Klueger is awaiting sentencing on three felony counts in Farmington Hills. He faces four more felony charges in connection with incidents that led to his latest arrest.

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ACCOMPANIED BY his girlfriend, Michelle Elise Friberg, 20, of Detroit, Klueger barricaded himself in their room at the Motormans Motel Dec. 17.

Negotiations that police hoped would lead to a peaceful surrender began at 8 a.m. and continued until Klueger became despondent and shot himself at 3 p.m. with a 9 mm automatic pistol. Police do not know why Klueger shot himself, Ferndale Sgt. Don Johnson said.

In a bedside arraignment Tuesday, District Judge Daniel Sawicki of Royal Oak advised Klueger of the latest charges brought against him: unarmed robbery, armed robbery, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and use of a firearm while committing a felony.

THE UNARMED robbery involved the theft of a purse contain-

ing about \$3 from a 76-year-old woman at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the parking lot at Barton Towers, a Royal Oak senior citizens apartment complex at 333 N. Troy.

The other charges involve the theft of a purse containing about \$60 at gunpoint from a 42-year-old Royal Oak woman arriving for work at Meijer Thriftway Acres, Coolidge Highway and 14 Mile, Royal Oak, at 4:55 a.m. Dec. 17. The thief was driving a stolen car.

Judge Sawicki set cash/surety bond for Klueger at \$50,000.

On Dec. 19, Friberg stood mute at her arraignment before Sawicki on an unarmed robbery charge in connection with the Barton Towers purse snatching. Police think she drove the getaway car, Royal Oak detective Richard Babcock said.

Friberg, who has no police record, is being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Sawicki entered innocent pleas for both defendants.

Conviction carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison for armed robbery, 15 years in prison for unarmed robbery and five years in prison for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. A felony firearms possession conviction brings a mandatory two years in prison.

ON NOV. 29, Klueger pleaded guilty to one count of breaking and entering of an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny, one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and one count of carrying a concealed weapon in connection with his arrest Sept. 23 in Farmington Hills.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn is scheduled to sentence Klueger on those felony counts Jan. 10. On Dec. 1, Klueger posted \$10,000 cash bond pending sentencing — 10 percent of the \$100,000 cash/surety bond that Kuhn had set at arraignment Oct. 18.

Hills, Farmington holiday closings

Several closings are scheduled in observance of New Year's Day Sunday, Jan. 1.

Farmington Hills City Hall, Farmington City Hall, the 47th District Court and the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will be closed Monday, Jan. 2.

The Farmington Observer will be closed Monday as well. Many banking institutions also will be closed.

Farmington City Hall, the 47th District Court and the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will be closed Friday, Dec. 30.

In Farmington Hills, trash collection on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday next week only. Residents who normally put out trash on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday should continue to do so. If it's not picked up on the normal day, it will be picked up the next day.

In Farmington, trash will be collected as usual next week.

The Farmington Community Library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31, through Monday, Jan. 2.

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule Monday, Jan. 2. There will be no window, post office box service or residential/business mail delivery. Only Express Mail, Special Delivery and perishables will be delivered.

Students in Farmington, Walled Lake and Clarenceville schools will return to class next week. Classes resume Jan. 5. Ditto for Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus students.

Bosch employee safe, but ex-employee dies

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Greg Kosmowski, vice president of market development at Lucas Industries in Troy and a former Bosch employee in Farmington Hills, died on the flight.

Kosmowski, 40, left Bosch, which manufactures fuel-injection electrical systems for the automo-



Greg Kosmowski played a vital role

tive industry, some six years ago, said Margaret Nordquist, press relations spokeswoman at Bosch's domestic headquarters in Broadview, Ill.

"I knew him personally," Nordquist said. "There's mixed feelings about all this. Greg was a very liked person. I just saw him in February at the Society of Automotive Engineers convention at Cobo Hall. Bosch had a booth next to Lucas," she said.

"I know the people in Farmington Hills are very upset. You're upset when you hear these things, but when there's somebody on board that you know, it really hits hard."

THE WEST German Bosch Corp., a worldwide manufacturer, moved its sales, engineering and administrative groups from Southfield to the Hills in 1982.

When Bosch first opened its Farmington Hills doors, the company employed 30 scientists, engineers and technicians. Today, it has 100 employees locally and 4,500 employees nationwide, Nordquist said.

In 1985, the manufacturer deepened its local roots with a \$2.5 million expansion. The expansion project included an explosion-proof room for testing and analyzing gas-cold-temperature chamber.

"We are greatly saddened by news of the loss of Greg Kosmowski, vice president of market development at Lucas Industries," said E.B. Wooten, Lucas Industries president and chief executive officer.

"Over the past five years, Greg's contribution to our company and its employees has been immeasurable. Professionally, Greg played a vital role in several key areas of our business. The impact of his exceptional work will be long-lasting. Lucas employees will continue to benefit from

his knowledge and dedication for a long time to come."

LUCAS INDUSTRIES is establishing a scholarship in Kosmowski's name at the Wayne State University College of Engineering.

He lived in Highland Township, near Milford, with his wife, Susan, and their sons, Eric, 16, and Erin, 10.

Family unaware he booked earlier flight

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ment when, about 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, she heard on the radio that Flight 103 had crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 258 people aboard and at least 22 on the ground.

"I knew the plane had originated in London," she said. "I didn't know exactly when Todd would be home. All I knew is that he said he'd be home by Christmas. All I knew is that he'd try and be home by his birthday."

When she got home, Jackie called Todd's friend, Chris Papadopoulos of Oxford, who had accompanied him on the trip but who had come home the week before.

Chris told Jackie he called London but could only find out that Todd had left that morning. He didn't know what flight Todd was on.

WHEN JACKIE called Pan Am, she was told no passenger information was available. She was told an airline official would call her back if Todd's whereabouts were determined.

When Todd arrived home on Gill Road after hitching a ride with a

serviceman he had met on the plane, his mother "flew out the door," thinking it was a Pan Am official bearing bad news about Todd.

When she saw Todd, "I threw my arms around him and I hugged him — and I cried," she said.

TODD DIDN'T know his family knew he was flying home Wednesday.

"He planned to take a taxi home and surprise us," his mother said. "He was totally unaware we were sitting here going out of our minds with worry."

Todd's sister, Kristle, 25, lives nearby in a Farmington Hills apartment.

Fate determined that Todd didn't take Flight 103. When he arrived at London's Heathrow Airport, he was booked on Flight 55, a

direct flight to Detroit. But an airline clerk told him his round-trip student-rate ticket was for a non-direct flight — Flight 103.

"Chris had left a week earlier and flew straight through, even though he had a student rate," Todd said. "I wanted to do the same thing. I just wanted to be on that flight. I didn't want to stay in New York and Chicago first, like I did going there."

WHEN TOLD a direct flight would cost \$240 more, Todd offered the airline clerk \$40 plus two \$100 gift certificates he got on the flight over because of a longer-than-usual stopover in New York.

"She said she wasn't able to accept them but I kept nagging on her," Todd said. "She then walked away, checked with her supervisor, came back with the certificates and said, 'We're going to give you

and marketing manager of Lucas Fuel Injection Products. Before joining Lucas Industries in 1983, he held several marketing positions within the automotive industry and also worked as a test engineer.

Kosmowski earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University, and completed the Lucas Strategic Leadership Program at Insead University in Paris, France.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and was a member of the Automotive Market Research Council and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

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an early Christmas present. We're going to let you go straight through."

"I was fortunate they were willing to bend the rules. I ordered the airline clerk a dozen roses. I'm going to try to track her down today."

Todd and Chris took two classic convertibles to London to lay the groundwork for a classic car exporting business they hope to start "if all goes well." Todd previously sold cars for a Chevrolet dealer in Lapeer.

"I'm so grateful Todd made it home," his mother said. "But my heart goes out for all those who lost their loved ones. I can identify with the sorrow they're going through."

"Todd was my Christmas present 24 years ago today," she said Thursday. "He sure was one last night."

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