

# Officer injured during scuffle with prisoner

A 30-year-old Saginaw man arrested on a charge of possessing cocaine struggled with an officer trying to book him in the Farmington Hills Jail Saturday morning, police said.

While booking the man, officer Matt Koehn asked him to remove his jacket, property and boots. As the man removed his boots, a fumbled piece of paper fell to the floor. Koehn tried to retrieve it as up and put it in his mouth.

Fearing for the man's life and wanting to retrieve the potential evidence, Koehn ordered him to spit out the paper. Instead of complying, the man pulled away. The ensuing struggle sent both men to the floor.

Sgt. James Whitcomb and Cadet James Knittel, watching the booking on a TV monitor from the command desk, quickly assisted Koehn in cuffing the man and prompting him to spit out the paper, which contained a white substance believed to be crack.

Koehn injured a knee in the struggle. A strip search turned up no other suspected narcotics, police said.

**ARRAIGNED SUNDAY** before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Kevin Bernard Crawford stood mute to one count of possessing less than 25 grams of cocaine, a four-year felony, and resisting and obstructing a police officer, a two-year misdemeanor.

Schaeffer set cash/surety bond at \$10,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

Koehn arrested Crawford following a traffic stop at Grand River and Middlebelt at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Crawford was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor traffic warrant out of Saginaw.

# Swainson plans class addresses

Retired Michigan governor and Supreme Court Justice John Swainson will address students in three Farmington high schools on March 14.

He will first speak to North Farmington seniors in a special assembly, sharing some of his personal experiences and speaking about the American democracy.

He will then move to the North Farmington TV-10 studio, where a panel discussion will be broadcast live to students at North Farmington, Harrison and Farmington High with a new interactive video technique. TV-10 is the Farmington Public Schools Education Channel.

Swainson's appearance was coordinated by North Farmington activities director and teacher William Brinker.

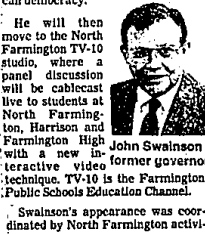
Seriously wounded and disabled during World War II, Swainson has gone through much of his life without legs.

He came to Detroit in 1951 to practice law, and was elected to the state Senate in 1954. In 1958 he became lieutenant governor of Michigan, then in 1960 was elected governor. He was the second youngest man to hold that post at 35.

In 1965, Swainson was elected a Wayne County Circuit Court judge then became a Supreme Court Justice in 1970, serving in that capacity until retiring in 1975.

Swainson is also involved in state historical activities, serving as president of the Michigan Historical Commission.

He has also been involved in the Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Coordinating Organization and the Michigan Association for the Emotionally Disturbed Children.



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## police/fire calls

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

### ● CAR FIRED AT

A motorist who pulled alongside another and fired six or seven pellets left only a cracked windshield in his wake at 10 p.m. Sunday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After a traffic altercation at Orchard Lake Road and 12 Mile, one of the motorists involved followed the other to eastbound Grand River. At Eight Mile, the trailing motorist pulled alongside the other, fired, then sped away.

The 22-year-old West Bloomfield man and 17-year-old Northville woman inside the attacked car were not hurt.

Damage was estimated at \$150.

### ● SMASH AND GRAB

A smash-and-grab burglary at Computer Rx, 24345 Ialsted, netted the thief a computer system valued at \$3,900 Sunday morning.

Koehn arrested Crawford following a traffic stop at Grand River and Middlebelt at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Crawford was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor traffic warrant out of Saginaw.

Responding to an alarm, officers found a Zenith computer display on the sidewalk and the front door glass smashed out. A Club disc drive system attached by cords to the computer display was found on the ground near the locked front door.

The pieces of recovered equipment, valued at \$3,510, were damaged beyond repair. They had been removed from a display center visible from the front windows and near the doorway, the store owner told officers.

### ● BUS-CAR MISHAP

Damage was minor when a Clarenceville school bus scraped a car in the eastbound to westbound curve on Grand River at Roosevelt at 1:20 p.m. Friday.

No students were aboard when the driver's rear wheel well of the bus

scraped the passenger front of a 1988 Chrysler New Yorker driven by a Novi man. Damage was estimated at \$200, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● LITTLE DAMAGE

An oven fire left about \$500 in damage at Romano's Pizza, 30930 Grand River, Saturday night.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, a corn meal build-up in a vent caused the fire shortly after 9 p.m. Both Farmington and Farmington Hills firefighters responded.

### ● BREAK-IN SUSPECT

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man faces a felony charge in connection with the break-in of a 1984 Pontiac Trans Am parked at Maple Ridge Apartments, 23058 Middlebelt, early Saturday.

Arraigned later that day before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the man stood mute to breaking and entering of a motor vehicle with damage. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

He faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

According to a Farmington Hills police report, the man was arrested hiding near a brick wall after officers responded to a call about two men tampering with the roof of the car at 3:45 a.m. No one else is in custody.

About \$175 worth of parts and equipment was taken in the theft. The T-Top sustained about \$200 in damage, detective Darnel Krause said.

### ● SUSPECT NABBED

Farmington Hills police assisted Farmington officers in arresting a Farmington man on an outstanding felony warrant at 3:30 a.m. Friday.

Farmington Hills officers Dan Luoma and Bill Maffessoli assisted Farmington officer Terry Purves in

arresting the 25-year-old Farmington resident on the porch of a house on Marblehead. A cocaine scale and small quantities of suspected cocaine were found in his possession, according to police.

The suspect is charged with possessing less than 25 grams of cocaine, a felony that could bring a four-year prison term and fine upon conviction.

After standing mute at his arraignment Friday in 47th District Court in Farmington, the man posted 10 percent of the \$5,000 cash/surety bond. He then was transported to Ann Arbor, where he faces additional drug-related charges.

### ● BREAK-IN PROBED

Damage was estimated at \$500 from a break-in at NEWS Travel, 39225 Grand River, at 1 a.m. Monday.

Responding to an alarm, officers found a damaged safe, a rifled desk, tipped boxes and disturbed counter-tops, but nothing apparently missing.

Cash was reported stolen during a break-in at the nearby EPS Printing, 39217 Grand River, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● BURGLAR SURPRISED

A man who heard noises from his bedroom surprised a burglar straddling a kitchen window in a house on Deer Run at 2:40 a.m. Saturday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report, when the man turned on the kitchen light, the hooded burglar jumped from the unlocked window, which he had pushed open, and ran north. His tracks in the snow ended at Tanglewood and Greenspring.

### ● COCAINE SEIZED

Two Southfield men face a felony charge in connection with the discovery of cocaine in their car during a traffic stop at Eight Mile and Pearl Saturday night. Arraigned Sunday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the

men, in their 20s, stood mute to possessing less than 25 grams of cocaine. Cash/surety bond was set at \$10,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring up to four years in prison.

A 33-year-old Westland man faces the same charge in connection with the discovery of cocaine in his car during a traffic stop at Oakland and Orchard Lake Road early Sunday. Arraigned later that day before Schaeffer, he stood mute. Cash/surety bond was set at \$1,000. He also faces a misdemeanor charge alleging the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and while with a blood alcohol level of 10 percent or more.

### ● CAR RECOVERED

A 1986 Pontiac 6000 valued at \$6,800 was recovered at the Clarion Hotel, 31525 12 Mile, March 3. It had been stolen out of Dearborn Feb. 25.

### ● THEFTS REPORTED

An automatic pistol valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a nightstand drawer at the Radisson Suites Hotel, 37529 Grand River, Dec. 17.

Cash was reported stolen in a break-in at Grimes Cleaners, 38257 10 Mile, March 2-3.

Appliances valued at \$1,310 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Fleetwood March 2-3.

A stereo, a VCR, two monitor TVs, a microwave oven, a toaster, an answering machine, a computer typewriter, a copier, jewelry, a safe, a telephone, tools, bed comforters, truck tires, a personal computer and a 10-speed bike valued at \$22,850 were reported stolen from a house on Robinson March 4-5.

Jewelry, a microwave oven, ski equipment, a lawnmower, a rototiller and two bikes valued at \$3,850 were reported stolen from a house on Colgate March 4-5.

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