

Rape case may move to Wayne County

The attorney for a 12-year-old boy charged with raping a 12-year-old girl in the woods at a Farmington Hills home for abused, neglected and emotionally disturbed children wants the case heard in Wayne County, police said.

The suspect faces one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, involving penetration, and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, involving contact.

Up to six other boys may have witnessed the sexual attack, which occurred between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 3, while the girl and the boys

were truant on the grounds of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 12 Mile, police said.

At a preliminary hearing May 9, Gary Sabourin, Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division Referee, found probable cause to believe a crime had been committed and enough cause to continue detaining the suspect. The boy, who came to the center as a temporary ward of the court last June, was ordered held without bond in Oakland County Children's Village.

AT A pretrial hearing Monday be-

fore Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Referee Joseph Racey, defense attorney Michael Batchelor of Detroit requested waiving the case to Wayne County because the boy is from that county and because another case involving him is pending there, Farmington Hills detective Rose Luttrell said.

Racey said he would consider the request if the Wayne County Probate Court Juvenile Division agrees in writing to hear the case. "I want to give the request more thought," Racey said Tuesday. "But before I do so, I want confirmation that Wayne

County would accept the case."

Neither the prosecutor nor the police objected to the request, Luttrell said.

The pretrial hearing was adjourned until June 8.

The victim returned to her room the afternoon she was attacked. She was examined at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She came to the center as a permanent ward of the court in December. The suspect returned to his room the next morning. Wards of the court, they are both from Detroit, officials said.

Their investigation could lead to other charges, police said.

THE RAPE is the first such incident at the 60-year-old center. The boy who is charged has no such criminal history, officials said.

The center's residential treatment program provides care and treatment for 55-60 children ages 5-14, who live in cottages of 10-12 residents per cottage. The center is re-evaluating placement, truancy and teaching policies in light of the incident.

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Holiday parade to honor fallen Marines

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"It will always be the duty of those who have served to honor all who have made this supreme sacrifice," added Christensen, a Korean War veteran and former Army medical corps paratrooper.

By taking part in the festivities, participants show "their expressions of faith in our nation's effort to peace, freedom, equality and justice," Christensen said. "We must never forget those who did so much to uphold our American ideals."

BEFORE THE memorial service, Williams will lead the parade and be present on the reviewing stand to salute color guards representing the armed forces and veterans groups.

The 90-minute parade will stop off at 10 a.m. from the Uptown Farmington Plaza, on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road. It will proceed west to the Veterans Memorial. The sidewalks on both sides of Grand River provide good viewing spots.

The award-winning marching

bands from North Farmington, Farmington, Clarenceville and Harrison senior highs will take part. The procession also will include memorial floats, antique cars, fire trucks, scouts and Indian guides.

The parade is co-sponsored by Groves-Walker Post 346, VFW Brotherhood Post 2269 of Farmington Hills and American Legion Northwest Post 190 of Farmington Hills.

The memorial service will include the invocation by a veterans post chaplain, a firing squad, the playing of Taps and best of class parade

awards.

RESERVE MARINE of the Year, staff Sgt. Robert Appleton, and the Active Duty Marine of the Year, Sgt. W.S. Elliot, both based at Selridge Air Base, will be honored for meritorious achievement during the past

year.

Also honored will be the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year, Cadet Eric Wilson of Livonia Churchill High School, and the Navy Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year, Cadet Rebecca Hivley of Livonia Franklin High School.

Memorial Day closings set

Several closings are scheduled in observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.

Farmington Hills City Hall, Farmington City Hall, the 47th District Court, the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Farmington Observer and all banks and schools will be closed for the holiday.

In Farmington Hills, trash collection will be delayed one day next week only. In Farmington, trash collection will not change next week.

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule on Memorial Day. There will be no window, post office box service or regular mail delivery. Only Express Mail, Special Delivery and perishables

will be delivered. Mail pickup from collection boxes will be on a holiday schedule, as posted on individual boxes.

Students in Farmington, Walled Lake and Clarenceville schools will be off Memorial Day. Ditto for students attending Oakland Community College at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Help name new grade school

Farmington school officials are looking to the community for ideas in naming the district's new elementary school, to be built on 11 Mile, just east of Halsted.

Groundbreaking for the new facility is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6.

According to superintendent Graham Lewis, his office has already received some suggestions, including possibly naming it after the


predominant type of tree on the heavily wooded parcel.

Residents with ideas should submit them before May 31 to: Farmington Public Schools, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, 48024.

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