



An unmarked Southfield police car collided with a black Ford Escort driven by two people suspected in robberies Thursday night. The

suspects are in critical condition at Providence Hospital after a shoot-out with police.

Police shoot 2 armed men

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AN IMMEDIATE search for the men was unsuccessful. The officer was taking information from the victims when they saw the men returning to the area.

Members of the Southfield police

tactical unit converged on the men, colliding with their black Escort, as they were attempting to rob a third person at gunpoint in the parking lot of Northland Mall.

Police fired shots, wounding both men during the confrontation. They were treated at the scene by Life

Support and taken to Providence.

The target of the second robbery attempt, a 26-year-old Detroit woman, was not injured. A weapon was recovered at the scene, police said.

The officers involved are now on paid leave, a procedural, not punitive, measure, Zulowski said.

Hospital defends expansion plans

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"He insisted existing services won't be reduced to those who now use the Southfield facility. In addition, Connolly said the Novi facility will have a 70 percent occupancy rate by its third year.

But at the hearing, much testimony was in opposition to the plan. The main reasons were that it would increase health costs and hamper services to the poor and elderly.

"WE BELIEVE as the population moves, sound planning principals suggest that replacement beds be located in areas of growing population," Connolly said.

Building the Novi facility would also be cheaper than renovating the main bed ward of the Southfield campus, which opened in 1965 and is beset with uncomfortable four-bed rooms and a lack of showers, Connolly said.

It would cost \$45 million to build the Novi satellite; \$70-\$80 million for the ward renovation.

The hearing was held to gain public input into the Providence application for a state certificate-of-need, a planning document required before construction can begin.

A late November decision on the application is expected, said Robert Hicks, a health department official.

ONE OF THE most outspoken people to testify was a doctor not affiliated with any major hospital, Richard Horst.

Horst said Providence was the first major hospital to move from Detroit, to the growing suburbs in the mid-1960s.

"Now that the hospital continues to prosper, as the racial composition and affluence in Southfield is begin-

ning to change, Providence wants out," Horst said.

"We can't afford hospitals to follow white flight and change locations every 25 years," he stressed.

Horst also questioned setting up a two-hospital system, which he contended would be less effective and more costly. And he opposed building a new facility while "blocks of unused beds" continue to hamper struggling Detroit hospitals.

Southfield Mayor Donald F. Fracassi, meanwhile, told the audience that he has been assured by Providence officials that services now available at the Southfield campus won't be limited because of the Novi satellite.

ALONG THOSE lines, Beach Hall of General Motors testified that there already are too many hospital beds.

"What we need is a more intensive and cost-effective utilization of existing beds," Hall said.

Ernest T. White, a consumer, said he would be concerned about how Providence could adequately staff both its Southfield and Novi facilities. "Where are you going to get the people and how much is it going to cost?"

Several representatives from other hospitals testified against the Providence proposal, including Robert Asmusen, Henry Ford Health Care Corp. vice president of external affairs.

Asmusen said the Providence plan shouldn't take precedence over seven other similar applications pending with the state, including one jointly submitted in 1984 by Henry Ford and Sinai hospitals.

He added that a "piecemeal approach to building a health care system through individual certificate-

of-need applications... shortchanges consumers and purchasers of health care."

ALSO TESTIFYING against Providence was a representative for Detroit Medical Center, the owner of Huron Valley Hospital, a Commerce Township facility now seeking its own 150-bed addition.

According to another, who testified on behalf of the Michigan League for Human Services, a moratorium on new hospital projects should take place until alternatives are reviewed that would keep health care costs down.

Candidates give answers at meeting in Southfield

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The land use plan, Cristiano said, isn't a city council document. The planning commission uses it as a guide, he said. The strength of neighborhoods is a primary concern, he said.

THE INPUT of residents is paramount, Schuster said.

The land use plan is a guide for the city council to consider, said Goldstein. Each zoning issue is considered independently and residents will have a chance to speak.

Bloom said public open forums are held when land use issues arise.

Alexander, chairman of the Southfield Planning Commission, said she shared the concern of residents that they lacked adequate input. The plan will be amended in certain areas and a public hearing on the plan is set for January.

Horite referred to the plan as a "dream" approved by the planning commission. He's not completely satisfied with the plan, which has been revised, he said, and considers it a guide.

Evans said it all depends on whose definition of the term "guide" is being used. Residents should have input on what affects them, she said.

IN ANOTHER AREA of concern, the coalition asked what council members would do to insure prompt, tough, effective code enforcement. Requests for code enforcement action has fallen on deaf ears, according to the coalition.

Goldstein said the city has in-

creased the number of code enforcement officers. City employees survey neighborhoods, she said. But they must be helped by residents who report violations, she said.

Code enforcement is a neglected part of the city, Schuster maintained. As an attorney, he would suggest better procedures to issue tickets and get violators to court quickly.

EVANS SAID people call several times for the same offense. If elected, she said, she would work to so they'll only have to call once.

Bloom said code enforcement officers are in force and city employees survey areas in the community.

Alexander said she would increase the number of code enforcement officers and provide a better forum for residents to get to the city council to report grievances.

Horite said the city has taken steps to give code enforcement officers the authority to write tickets. Residents must assist the six code enforcement officers in helping to maintain the city, he said.

The city has a neighborhood target group of code enforcement officers and other city employees. The new rental property ordinance will allow strict inspection of rental housing, he said.

CANDIDATES WERE asked if they believe Southfield's law enforcement is adequate and, if not, what they propose should be done.

Goldstein said the city has improved crime prevention with the as-

sistance of Mobile Watch, Neighborhood Watch, volunteer cadets, reserves and emergency management units.

Bloom said crime is down in the city but that's not important to victims. He suggested neighbors helping each other and communicating with police officers.

Alexander said everyone should be the eyes and ears of the city and officials must maintain communication with police agencies.

HURITE SUGGESTED the city maintain the optimum number of police officers and technical equipment to protect the whole city.

Evans said she would work with police and do whatever is necessary in the budget to keep Southfield safe.

Cristiano said more lights are needed in the city and that security tops the list of priorities.

Schuster said crime is more prevalent in commercial areas. Advanced technology would cut down auto thefts and could be a cost effective program.

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Diabetics can protect their eyesight. A free program will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Southfield Civic Center, city council chambers, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive.

Dr. Robert N. Frank, ophthalmologist at the Kresge Eye Institute, will discuss what individuals need to know about diabetes and the effect on eyesight.

An update on diabetes will be presented by Dr. Scott Jacobor, associ-

ate director of the clinical diabetes program at Harper Hospital and assistant professor of medicine for the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

The program is cosponsored by Harper Hospital; the American Diabetes Association; Michigan Chapter; and the city of Southfield Department of Human Resources.

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