

# Hills traffic dispute ends with a gunshot to chest

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Banks drove himself to Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield after being shot. He was later transferred to the main medical center because physicians there have more experience treating gunshot wounds. Police said he never lost consciousness.

WITH HIS wife at his side, David Lewis Goldapper, 45, of Farmington Hills, was arraigned Saturday at the Farmington Hills Police Department on two felony counts.

Goldapper, the father of two, has been a Farmington Hills resident for six years and a Novi jeweler for three years. He pleaded not guilty to one count of assault with intent to

**'When tempers flared, it got out of hand.'**

— Detective Doug Anderson

commit murder and one count of possessing a firearm while committing a felony.

Goldapper, on his way home from work at the time of the shooting, was licensed to carry a .38-caliber revolver. He has no criminal record. Police do not believe he had ever used the gun before, Dwyer said.

Goldapper gave a statement to police, but they would not reveal its contents. Magistrate James Brady of the

47th District Court in Farmington ordered a cash or surety bond of \$50,000 after rejecting Southfield defense attorney Richard Ziper's plea to put his client's Olds Franklin Drive house up as collateral.

Ziper said his client, "up to now an outstanding citizen," will be vindicated. "There's every indication he will appear," Ziper told Brady.

"THERE'S NO question he had a law right at the time he had the weapon with him," Brady responded.

But calling the charges "a very serious offense," Brady said the shooting wouldn't have happened if Goldapper didn't have the gun with him. He also said the court isn't "in the real estate business."

Later Saturday, Goldapper posted

\$50,000 surety bond. He faces up to life in prison if convicted on the assault charge and a mandatory two-year prison term if convicted on the felony firearm charge.

Saying he needs more time to prepare a defense, Ziper waived the right for his client to face a preliminary examination in 47th District Court within 12 days.

POLICE GAVE this account of what led to the shooting:

On 12 Mile near Drake at 6:25 p.m. Friday, witnesses noticed two drivers shaking their fists as one tried to pass the other but couldn't because of blocking maneuvers. At one point, one apparently threw a beer can at the other's car as it passed.

At Bunker Hill, the cars stopped

for a red light, one behind the other.

When the lead driver ran back to the second car, that driver got out and stood behind his open door.

The two argued face to face, waved their fists and shoved each other. As the first man retreated, the other man reached inside his car for a pistol. With his car door now closed, the argument continued, then one shot was fired.

THE MAN who was shot doubled over, then regained his composure and drove himself to the hospital.

Meanwhile, the gunman got back into his car, drove onto the south shoulder of 12 Mile and again got out.

Farmington Hills officer Kathleen Costello, at 12 Mile and Farmington

Road, heard a description of the gunman's car on her police radio.

When she arrived, she arrested the suspect. She found a loaded pistol in a briefcase on the front seat of his car, which was running with the driver's door open.

Dwyer said he's satisfied with the procedures the Oakland County Gun Board uses to screen applicants for a concealed pistol license but he's concerned "that almost anybody can purchase a weapon."

"Nine out of 10 times, the intent in purchasing a weapon is not what the weapon is used for," he added, citing guns bought to protect a home that end up being used to resolve a domestic dispute.

## Pathways planned on 12 Mile

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To screen parking lots on the commercial south side, Grissim envisions shade and flower trees. Those kinds of deciduous trees also will draw the eye of motorists, helping protect the privacy of residents on the north side.

Tall trees are envisioned along the boulevard to "screen out traffic so you're not constantly looking at cars on the other side of the road," Grissim told the city council Aug. 21 in unveiling conceptual landscape plans.

At turnarounds, he envisions low plantings or trees that motorists can see around.

GRISSIM WANTS to spruce up key intersections along the 1.1-mile stretch. He wants motorists to say "Isn't this a beautiful community? Isn't it something special?"

Councilwoman Jean Fox cautioned that the city must maintain the boulevard. "Landscaping is beautiful if it's maintained," she said. "Landscaping that is not maintained is terrible. It becomes blight."

City manager William Costick concurred: "We shouldn't build boulevards if we don't intend to maintain them."

In supporting the bikeway, councilman Aldo Vagnoni said, "I don't think we should be thinking of a bike path in a vacuum. We ought to be thinking about an expanded bike tour."

A bicycle ordinance also should be written, said councilman Paul Sowerby.

TO PAY for the \$6.1-million road improvement project, the city is counting on a \$3.2 million state grant through the Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund.

The city wants to split the remaining \$2.9 million with the county. That figure includes \$1.1 million for right-of-way acquisition.

The proposal is part of a long-range, four-phase plan to widen 12 Mile all the way to Dixon in Novi.

Total estimated cost of the three-mile stretch through Farmington Hills is \$12 million, a figure that doesn't include right-of-way or relocation costs.

## FHS building plans outlined

Inside construction will not take place during the school day at Farmington High, Farmington Public Schools officials confirmed Friday. The new school year is scheduled to start this week.

Farmington High is undergoing a \$1.8 million face-lift. Construction will only occur after school hours, except in the media center, which is being doubled in size. There, work will continue throughout the day.

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## police/fire calls

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

### MOTORIST CHARGED

A 33-year-old Lathrup Village man faces a two-count felony warrant in connection a fatal accident July 8 on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Arraigned Aug. 17 before Magistrate Dennis Phene of the 47th District Court in Farmington, Geoffrey Shierman pleaded not guilty to one count of manslaughter, punishable upon conviction by up to 15 years in prison and a \$7,500 fine, and one count of felonious driving, punishable upon conviction by up to two years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Phene released Sherman on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond pending a preliminary exam today before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington.

Paul Hans Otfedahl, 29, of Detroit, was in the crash. His fiancée, Vito Sinacori, 28, of Detroit, was badly injured.

A box truck was eastbound on 12 Mile at 6:45 p.m. on July 8 when the two-wheeled trailer jumped the hitch and crossed the center line at Rollcrest, in front of Harrison High School. The trailer rode up the driver's side of Otfedahl's westbound car, peeling back and crushing the roof before falling to the pavement, police investigators said.

### DRUG CHARGES

Patrick George, 27, of Farmington Hills is among 18 people named in a federal grand jury indictment alleging they were part of a "large-scale narcotics organization" operating from a Detroit carwash.

George, arraigned Wednesday before Magistrate Thomas Carlson in U.S. District Court in Detroit, is charged with distributing and conspiring to possess with intent to distribute narcotics.

He was released on personal recognizance bond after agreeing to turn over his passport, obey travel restrictions and submit to both drug counseling and a urinalysis.

George faces up to life in prison without parole if convicted.

Five kilograms of cocaine and one kilogram of heroin were distributed through the R&J Car Wash, which operated as a "front" business at 1840 E. State Fair, according to the indictment, according to the indictment.

U.S. Attorney Stephen Markman released the indictment Wednesday.

### ARMED ROBBERY

A gunman took \$150 from the Mobil gas station at 37810 Grand River at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday.

After looking at a wall cigarette display, a man thought to be in his 20s produced a handgun. After a customer at the window left, the gunman demanded money from the attendant, who put it in a plastic Mobil bag.

The gunman then ran to a car, oc-

cupied by two others and parked in the nearby Denny's Restaurant lot. The same man is suspected of robbing a Livonia gas station one hour before, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ARREST ASSIST

Two Farmington Hills undercover officers, Sgt. Al Hanner and C.J. Van Meter, assisted Southfield police in arresting two men suspected of trying to steal a car from Precision Tune, 26810 Eight Mile, east of Inkster, Wednesday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report: Van Meter was westbound on Eight Mile at 11:30 p.m. when he saw two men run from the Precision Tune lot across the road to a waiting car occupied by two others.

Van Meter followed the car for awhile, then went back to Precision Tune.

He found a 1983 Chevrolet Celebrity that had been parked at Precision Tune now was in the driveway — its lights on, the lock damaged and the steering column attacked.

Hanner found the suspects' car near Eight Mile and Evergreen, where two men bailed out in the area. Two others were still inside.

Southfield police stopped the car and arrested two Detroit teenagers at a residential intersection south of Eight Mile in Detroit.

### LICENSE SUSPENDED

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission ordered confiscation of the liquor license at Jonna's Wine

Shop, 24225 Halsted, for three days, Aug. 25-27, because the store sold liquor to a minor, Farmington Hills police said.

Sgt. Charles Nebus confiscated the license Friday morning. He will return it and remove the bright orange LCC license-suspension placard from the door this morning, Nebus said.

### BUILDING FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$500 when a transformer in the blueprint room caught fire at Giffin International, 23095 Commerce Drive, at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The fire extinguished itself before firefighters arrived, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

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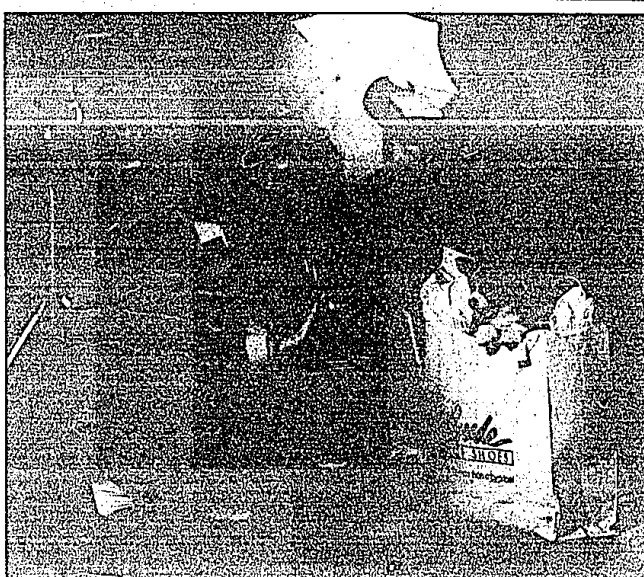
If you have joint or muscle aches, you want to know if the cause is Lyme disease, since antibiotics cure the condition.

However, it is not practical for doctors to test everyone with arthritis for Lyme disease as it accounts for less than one percent of all arthritis in the United States. The expense of testing would add a huge amount to a health bill already under criticism for its enormity. Test candidates are those individuals whose arthritis is in keeping with Lyme disease.

Initial findings include exposure to the wood tick followed by a rash, fever, cough, and muscle aches. Days to weeks later severe headache or a facial paralysis develops, possibly accompanied by an irregular heart beat.

Months later, knee or ankle arthritis appears, the hands, wrists, and shoulders are spared.

If your arthritis does not have those associations, it is unlikely that you have Lyme arthritis, and testing is not in order. You may hear of a person, otherwise healthy except for arthritis, in whom testing supposedly uncovered Lyme disease. Remember that the unusual case is not the basis for sound medical decisions and does not dictate a change in testing policy.



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