

# Trio to be tried on extortion charges

Three Detroit men will face trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on extortion charges in connection with a Nov. 2 incident involving a 31-year-old Farmington Hills man.

Manuel R. Brown, 30, Kevin N. Clark and Carlos D. Williams, 17, are each charged with one count of extortion. Each waived preliminary examination on the charges before 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington on Nov. 14, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills

Police Department's detective bureau. The three were bound over for trial in circuit court. Trial dates have not yet been set. Williams is free on \$10,000 cash-surety bond. Brown and Clark did not post bond and remain in the Oakland County Jail.

The three men pleaded not guilty at their arraignment Nov. 4 before Magistrate James Brady in 47th District Court. If found guilty of extortion, each man faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

According to a police report, the Farmington Hills man's girlfriend informed authorities Nov. 2 that she was told to meet some men at 11:30 a.m. at a Big Boy restaurant at 27810 Grand River with \$600, which the man supposedly owed, or he would be killed by the callers, who had reportedly kidnapped him.

THE WOMAN told police that her 31-year-old boyfriend called at 10:50 a.m. and said he was in serious trouble and needed

help. Another man told her over the phone that her boyfriend had "run up a bill. We've got to have the money," according to the police report.

Police stationed at the restaurant radioed police, who were with the girlfriend at her home, that a car matching a previous description had just arrived at the Big Boy. Police approached the car and safely removed the Farmington Hills resident. At that time, the other three men in the car were arrested.

On Sept. 12, the same resident was shot in the head and ear, he told police, after he bought some crack cocaine in Pontiac. After he was shot, he reportedly drove to a friend's house in Farmington Hills and was taken for treatment to Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, according to police.

The same resident was reportedly kidnapped Sept. 8 in a separate drug-related incident by two 16-year-olds and a 22-year-old man, all Pontiac residents.

## Nun promoted at Mercy Health Corp.

Mary Corita Held, president of Farmington Hills-based Sisters of Mercy Health Corp., has announced the appointment of Catherine McGroarty as president and chief executive officer of Mercy Hospital, Port Huron.

Sister McGroarty had served as interim chief executive officer at the hospital since July 1990. "Sister McGroarty brings extensive experience to this position," said Michael J. Madden, executive vice president of the Eastern Michigan Region of SMHC. "Her achievements and commitment to the mission and philosophy of Mercy Health Services made her a clear choice for this position."

Prior to assuming the interim role at Mercy, Sister McGroarty served as interim president and chief executive officer with Mercy Health Care Inc., Johnston, Pa. She has extensive hospital administration experience, having held administrative positions in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Guyana.

Sister McGroarty had also earlier served as interim

president and chief executive officer at Mercy Hospital, Port Huron, from July 1985 through May 1986, when she coordinated the completion of a \$17 million building and renovation program.

Sister McGroarty is a Sister of Mercy, Province of Scranton and holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from College Misericordia, Dallas, Pa.; a master's degree in nursing administration from Boston University; and a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Michigan.

She is a nominee of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves on the board of the Blue Water Economic Development Commission and on a number of committees and boards of other Catholic healthcare systems.

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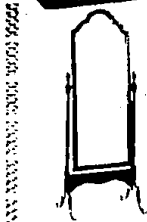
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