

# 4 men ordered to trial in restaurant robbery

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originally set at \$150,000. Caldwell's bond remains the same at \$150,000. Mathis was reduced to \$50,000 or 10 percent. The bonds for Woods and Sykes were reduced to \$5,000 or 10 percent.

All four were transported to Oakland County Jail. Arraignment will be in Oakland County Circuit Court in two weeks.

Conviction of armed robbery carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Conviction of felonious assault carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison. Possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony carries a sentence of two years in prison.

According to Farmington Hills police, three men entered the restaurant near 10 Mile and Grand River just after midnight Dec. 10 brandishing guns. A fourth appar-

ently waited outside with a getaway car.

One man carrying a sawed-off shotgun made verbal threats before shooting into the restaurant's rafters. There were conflicting reports about whether one or more shots were fired, police said.

At the hearing, Manur called Detroit Jefferson as a witness. Sykes lives with her and her son at her apartment, Jefferson said.

JEFFERSON said that she wasn't in the same room when the four men were talking. She said Mathis arrived in the morning and stayed the entire time. Wood and Caldwell arrived at 5 p.m., Jefferson said. They all left just before midnight, she said.

Jefferson heard them say that they were planning to rob the restaurant at 10 Mile and Grand River, which is a half hour from her apartment.

Jefferson said that she saw a long gun which looked like a rifle, a small black gun and a small silver gun, both resembling pistols.

"They took the guns with them," she said. The men returned between 12:30 and 1 a.m., Jefferson said.

"They came in with a plastic bag, money and a briefcase," she said. "They emptied it on the table and on the floor — money envelopes and wallets. They distributed the money equally."

There was also a watch, which Caldwell took, Jefferson said.

The men said they got the money from Mountain Jack's, she said. "All the stuff had Mountain Jack's on it. Rob Wood said he dropped the bullets and did not know where they were."

Mathis, Wood and Caldwell left shortly afterward, Jefferson said.

# Company marks 25 years

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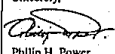
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By 1979, the chain had expanded again with addition of a Canton Township edition. A Lakes Area edition was added in 1989.

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# Cable talk show uses local talent

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Phil Donahue and Regis and Kathy Lee.

"I grew up watching TV," he added. "It's neat to get these topics you can really talk about."

He likes to keep the topics interesting to a general audience, saying "If we don't like it, I don't think other people will either," and researches for his own shows through books, videotapes and personal interviews. He jots questions on index cards, and has plenty in case one doesn't work well during the interview.

He has yet to become tongue-tied during taping, but "I have this fear it's going to happen," he said.

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