

Gun buff won't post bond

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A gun and weapons buff, uses the items seized in war games and as collector's items.

Lang has receipts for most of the items, which he bought from gun shows, flea markets and through Trading Times magazine, the attorney said. A .357-magnum, which also was seized, was bought from a police officer, Posner said.

A short-barrel Uzi, which police say is illegal, has a fake barrel, Posner said. "He's all wrapped up in this Charles Bronson, Chuck Norris stuff. These kids know all of these firearms. He (Lang) knows the law. He knows what's legal and what's not legal."

"If he's violated any laws they are regulatory," Posner continued. "He had no intent to sell them. He uses them for target practice or just to have them."

Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said Lang may face more charges from his department. Possession of unregistered firearms may be among the charges. "Some of those weapons were stolen," Dwyer said. "The charges aren't going to be major though in comparison to the federal charges."

ATF agents are continuing their investigation of the weapons and other devices, such as homemade pipe bombs, electric blasting caps, timing devices and two suspected



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer
This is the house on Briarcrest in the Franklin Knolls subdivision, south of 14 Mile, that Farmington Hills police and agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms raided Feb. 11. Agents seized a cache of firearms and weapons.

silencers, confiscated from Lang's home.

"It's simply under investigation. Then we'll see what we've got," said assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Mitchell, chief of the general crimes unit.

EXPERTS ARE expected to take a look at the weapons and other items, such as several rocket launchers seized in the raid. "They'll tell us what we've got and we'll see if it's illegal," Mitchell said.

A neighbor on Briarcrest told the Observer during the raid that Lang is a "nice guy" who often walks his dog and jogs in the neighborhood.

Posner maintains that Lang is

simply a gun buff and collector who plays war games. But Dwyer remains unconvinced.

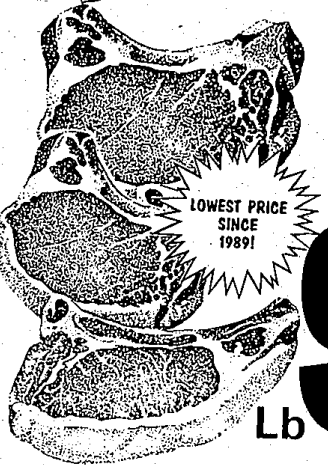
"He's a danger to society. Because of what we learned in the investigation . . . the explosives and the devices . . . there's a potential for harm in neighborhood," Dwyer said. Lang stood mute and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf at his arraignment on the felony charges before Judge Harris Feb. 11. A preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, in 47th District Court. If convicted on the conspiring and receiving charge Lang faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$2,500 fine.

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