

# Trial witness says man was 'shooting to kill'

Continued from Page 1

family members were allowed in the courtroom. At the beginning of the preliminary examination Oct. 25, Judge Fred Harris removed family members of the victims and the accused out of the courtroom because of alleged threats against the Hopkins family.

AS FAMILY members arrived at the courtroom Wednesday morning, uniformed Farmington Hills officers checked everyone with a metal detector to ensure that weapons were not being taken into the courtroom. Farmington Hills detectives and uniformed officers remained in the courtroom.

Oakland County assistant prosecutor Genevieve Mazur asked that family members — on both sides — be allowed to remain in the courtroom. Harris consented.

Closing arguments will be made Dec. 3 by defense attorney Tom McGinnis of Birmingham and Mazur. Judge Fred Harris will then determine whether Hopkins will be bound over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Hopkins remains without bond in the Oakland County Jail. Hopkins stood mute to the charges and not guilty pleas were entered on his behalf at his June arraignment.

"I saw shells pop and I saw fire," Edwards testified, adding he saw

one of the men chasing Preston raise a shotgun to his shoulder and fire. Edwards said he later asked Preston if he was alright. "He was still breathing," Edwards testified.

HOPKINS' BROTHER, Mikel Hopkins, testified in October that Edward Hopkins shot Carter and Preston because they had beaten him a week earlier at a Detroit crack house and returned to the Farmington Hills house to collect a drug debt May 31.

He also testified earlier that the beating occurred after Edward Hopkins put his car up for collateral on the debt and the two Detroit men found out there was a lien on the car's title.

Maurice and Patricia Carter, father and step-mother of Laterric Carter, have expressed concern about the portrayal of their son in media accounts of the incident, based on court testimony.

Patricia Carter and Sandra Carter, Laterric Carter's biological mother, told the Observer they are angry about comments made about Carter by Hopkins' mother shortly after the incident. "We never made any negative comments about her son to the press," Patricia Carter said.

In cross-examination, Mikel Hopkins testified that his girlfriend, Constance Hannah, called to warn he and his brother that Pres-

ton and Carter were on their way to Farmington Hills.

"MY GIRLFRIEND said they grabbed a two-by-four and said that the next time you see your boyfriend and his brother, they're dead," Mikel Hopkins testified Wednesday.

Hannah testified that in her opinion, Carter and Preston were going to hurt the Hopkins brothers. "They wanted me to take them over to Eddie and Mike's moms. I said I wouldn't," said Hannah, who testified that the two men arrived at her Detroit house not long before the shootings.

Hannah also said she didn't call police until about 10:30 p.m. after she was aware of the shootings. "I had my son in the car. I didn't want to be involved. I didn't want my son involved," said Hannah, a witness for the defense.

Farmington Hills detective Brian DeGrande testified about his interview with Edward Hopkins following the shootings. Hopkins told him he borrowed the shotgun for protection.

DeGrande also testified that Hopkins told him he aimed the shotgun at Ricardo Preston but hit Carter. Carter apparently fell injured into Preston who ran out the front door with the Hopkins brothers in pursuit. By the time the Hopkins brothers returned to the house, Carter had crawled out onto the



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Dr. Robert Kurtzman, Oakland County deputy medical examiner, describes a wound on Ricardo Preston's left forearm.

sidewalk, where police found him, according to testimony.

Oakland County deputy medical examiner Dr. Robert Kurtzman, who performed autopsies on Preston and Carter, testified that Carter — who suffered an abdominal gunshot wound — was not shot at close range.

Preston was shot in the back, as well in the back of the left forearm. Kurtzman said that by the size of the wound on Preston's back, he could not determine how many shots were fired.

## Coats for kids in 10th year

The 10th annual campaign in cooperation with Mich Con and the Salvation Army will collect new and like-new children's coats sizes 1-16 through Nov. 29.

They can be dropped off at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road or at the Farmington Hills Library, 33737 West 12 Mile.

Contributions in the form of a check or money order should be made payable to "Coats for Kids" and sent care of WJLB 88, Suite 833, Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, 48226. The campaign is co-sponsored by WXYZ-TV and WJLB radio.

## clarification

On Sept. 26, 1991, an article appeared in The Observer Farmington edition entitled "Police ready for pro-life protesters."

In that article, The Observer reported that a patient died as the result of complications from an abortion performed at Botford Hospital. The same article also reported on a possible protest by Operation Rescue, a pro-life group, at a clinic named the Women's Center. In the article, Dr. Jacob Kalo, a physician

at the Women's Center, was unavailable for comment on the possible protest. Dr. Kalo contacted The Observer and requested we clarify that he was not associated with the Botford Hospital abortion.

Dr. Kalo did not perform the abortion that led to the death of the patient at Botford Hospital. Dr. Kalo had no association with the abortion and we did not intend to make any such suggestion.

### March Tire Co. GOODYEAR

#### FREE!

##### RADIATOR COOLING/HEATING SYSTEM CHECK

GET YOUR CAR READY FOR WINTER!

- Tires
- Belts & Hoses
- Batteries
- Radiator Protection
- Exhaust System
- Electrical System
- Engine Service
- Lights
- Wiper Blade Service

NO PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS  
NO INTEREST FOR 90 DAYS

13.75% AFTER 90 DAYS

**GOODYEAR CERTIFIED AUTO SERVICE**

#### FREE TIRE ROTATION WITH OIL CHANGE, CHASSIS LUBE, OIL FILTER

**\$17.95**

(Hazardous Waste Charge \$1.10)  
Drain oil, refill with up to five quarts major brand motor oil, lubricate chassis and install new oil filter. Most vehicles.

Includes: Preventive Maintenance Check  
Tire pressure  
All fluid levels  
All belts and hoses  
Lights

**March Tire Co.** M-F 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Plymouth**  
767 S. Main  
**455-7800**

**Farmington**  
33014 Grand River  
**477-0870**

**Southfield**  
28481 Telegraph  
**353-0450**

**Canon**  
5757 Sheldon Rd.  
**454-0440**

**Westland**  
36235 W. Warren  
**721-1810**

## G.E.D. CLASSES

STARTING TODAY!

# FREE

### REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS

19990 Beech Daly Redford

## TAKE THE FIRST STEP...

**CALL 592-3376**

**FREE**

**DAVID BROWN**

**LOUNGEWEAR COLLECTION SHOW**

Thursday, November 21  
Noon to 4 p.m.  
Intimate Apparel, Livonia

Meet David Brown, well-known designer of women's robes, hostess and loungewear. See his holiday collection of at-home wear for holiday giving, and for festive wearing during and after the season.

## Jacobson's

## the eyeglass factory

# BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!

BONUS: FREE PAIR EYEGLASSES WITH PURCHASE OF CONTACTS

## EYEGLASSES OR CONTACTS \$49.95 TWO PAIRS ONE LOW PRICE

\*PRICES STARTING AT 2 PAIRS EYEGLASSES OR CONTACTS DAILY WEAR \$59.95. PROFESSIONAL FEES NOT INCLUDED IN EYEWEAR PRICE. EYE EXAMS AVAILABLE BY LICENSED DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY ON PREMISES. SOME FRAME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. NOT GOOD WITH OTHER OFFERS.

**HURRY! OFFER ENDS SOON!**  
GOOD AT THESE STORES ONLY

FARM. HILLS, 28851 ORCHARD LAKE, 553-3920    LIVONIA, 19620 MIDDLEBELT, 477-4574

## WITH EVERYTHING ELSE GOING ON, AT LEAST YOU SHOULD HAVE A GOOD DOCTOR

Is your OB-GYN compassionate, skillful and understanding? Better yet, is there a Pediatrician in the same office that both you and your child feel comfortable with? Still better, what if there was an Internist in the same office...a physician who could collaborate with your OB-GYN on complicated pregnancies, or care for chronic problems or just treat common illnesses.

doctor is obvious. But now you can establish that relationship in our multi-specialty office and ensure excellent continuity of care... from one stage in your life to the next. Its good for your health... and good for your family's health.

Barbara Levine-Blase, D.O. OB-GYN  
A. C. Kowalski, M.D. Pediatrics  
S. P. Kemennu, M.D. Internal Medicine

The importance of establishing a long-term relationship with your

**ST. JOSEPH MERCY MEDICAL CENTER**  
Family healthcare. One to one.

28270 Orchard Lake Rd., north of 12 Mile Rd. • 855-6773