

# Man helps nab robbery suspects

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A 51-year-old Warren man is credited with providing information that helped in the apprehension of two Detroit men charged in the robbery of a Farmington Hills gas station early Wednesday morning.

"He is credited with detecting that something was wrong," said Detective Sgt. Charles Nebus. "He heard a (car) horn and noticed the cashier was gone. He also later checked on the female victim."

The Warren man, as well as several Southfield officers — who apprehended the two suspects in Detroit — are being recommended for citations from the Farmington Hills police department.

Donald L. Cochran, 33, and Michael E. Robinson, 29, face felony charges in connection with the robbery at Old Orchard Shell, 31529 Northwestern Highway. Approximately \$180 and the cashier's purse was reported stolen. The items have been recovered.

Cochran is charged with assault with intent to rob while armed, which carries a minimum penalty of life in prison, as well as one charge of

possession of crack cocaine, less than 25 grams, a four-year felony. He also was charged with fleeing and eluding, a one-year misdemeanor.

Robinson is charged with assault with intent to rob while armed. Pledges were not available. Bond was set for both at \$50,000 cash-surety. A preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Sept. 30.

At about 5:46 a.m., a car occupied by two men pulled into the gas station. The passenger of the car stopped at one of the gas pumps. The driver walked toward the service window and then turned around without a word and walked back to the car.

The passenger entered the building and asked the cashier for two packs of cigarettes. While she rang up the purchase, the man asked for directions to Maple Road. He had his hand in his jacket pocket, which he thrust toward the cashier implying a weapon. The man threatened to harm her if she didn't open the cash register.

The man ordered the cashier to take the cash tray into the bathroom. As they walked toward the bathroom, the man began removing money

from the tray. In the bathroom, he grabbed the remaining rolled coins and ordered the cashier to lay on the floor.

The 51-year-old Warren man, who was outside the station, heard the driver of the getaway car honking the horn as the other man left the station. The Warren man also got the getaway car's license plate number and called police.

Southfield police received the information over the radio. Officers waited near Northwest and Evergreen for the getaway car, which they followed.

"They gave chase onto the Lodge Freeway," Nebus said. A series of minor accidents involving police and non-police vehicles occurred during the chase, he added.

The men were chased to the Six Mile and Southfield area where they got out of their car and fled on foot, with Southfield officers in pursuit, Nebus said.

The driver of the car was apprehended shortly after when he was found trying to break into a house. The passenger who had continued running also was apprehended, Nebus said.

## POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

### MAN CHARGED

A 36-year-old Detroit man, believed to be heavily involved in narcotics trafficking, faces felony charges for narcotics and carrying a concealed weapon after Farmington Hills police stopped him on a traffic violation Sept. 23, according to police.

The man faces one charge of carrying a concealed weapon, a five-year felony; one charge of possession of cocaine, less than 25 grams, a four-year felony; and one charge of concealing or misrepresenting the identification of a motor vehicle with intent to mislead, a four-year felony.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges at his arraignment before 47th District Court Magistrate Marla Parker Sept. 24. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash. A preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Oct. 2.

Farmington Hills police were posted on M-102, near Tux, when they saw a car driven by the suspect traveling at a high rate of speed. When the man was stopped at Grand River and Middlebelt, the officer saw a crack cocaine pipe in the car.

The man was ordered out of the

car when the officer noticed a box of ammunition. The officer noticed that the man had something tucked into the waist of his trousers, which was later discovered to be a .38-caliber revolver. The officer also found two packs of what is believed to be cocaine.

The man is expected to be charged for parole violation. "He has an extensive criminal history. He is believed to be extensively involved in narcotics trafficking," said Detective Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills police.

### THEFTS REPORTED

A printer and monitor valued at \$1,932 were reported stolen from MicroLab, 23976 Freeway Park Drive, July 31.

Two telephones, a brief case, radar detector, programmer for the telephones, and an AM/FM cassette player valued at \$2,700 were reported stolen from a 1989 Chevrolet Cellular One, 31500 Northwestern Highway, Sept. 23.

Twenty cassette tapes valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a 1991 Chevrolet at Strawberry Hill Market, 32506 Middlebelt, Sept. 23.

Portions of a silverware set valued at \$5,000 were reported stolen from a house on Kingwood, Sept. 23.

Bulcups valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a 1992 Ford on Hamilton Boulevard, Sept. 23.

# Homeless man dies in bank shelter

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A 61-year-old man died early Wednesday morning while a guest of Michigan National Bank's one-week homeless program.

"We're still investigating it. But there's no appearance of foul play or unusual circumstances," said Detective Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills police.

John A. Wolf, whose listed ad-

dress was Berkeley, is believed to have died of an apparent heart attack. He had participated in the homeless program, where guests sleep and receive meals at the bank, 27777 Inlander, for a week.

Wolf had stayed at the bank since Sunday. On Wednesday morning he woke about 5 a.m.-5:15 a.m., according to one of the homeless program's volunteers. He had gone to the bathroom several times and then watched television momentarily.

Wolf, according to the police report, had complained of chest pains for several days. He then went back to bed and when volunteers tried to

wake him at 6 a.m., he was unresponsive.

Ariadne Magoulias, MNB public relations director, did not return the Observer's telephone calls. Lillian Schuele, director of the South Oakland Shelter, which sponsors the rotating homeless shelters, was unavailable for comment.

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## Scary stations needed for hike

The fourth annual "Haunted Hike" in Heritage Park is set for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24.

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division, which sponsors the hike for Halloween, is looking for individuals or groups who want to volunteer their time and talents by providing a scary station.

While on the scary hike, participants will travel a quarter-mile trail that meanders through Heritage Park. Along the trail, they will encounter all sorts of scary stations.

The stations are designed and manned by volunteer community groups, such as church or high school groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, and service clubs. These groups have contributed more than 100 volunteers to make the event successful.

If you or your group would like to provide one of the 13 scary stations, contact the recreation division at 473-9570. A proposal form will be mailed to you, which will include information on the event, theme and ideas. Oct. 2 is the deadline to submit ideas.

Groups are paid \$75 a night for participating in the haunted hike. The money can be used for expenses or as a group fund-raiser.

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