

2 Hills men face charges for armed robbery

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Two Farmington Hills men and a Detroit face a Nov. 17 preliminary examination for armed robbery after their arraignment Nov. 6 on charges related to beating and theft in a West Bloomfield home late Thursday.

In that robbery, a 19-year-old West Bloomfield man, his girlfriend and another friend were roughed up, robbed and left

bound and gagged, according to Police Chief Ronald Cronin.

Jewelry, a stereo set and cash, with a total value of about \$4,000, were reportedly taken.

One of the intruders reportedly brandished an automatic weapon, Cronin said. But none of the victims was seriously injured.

Arraigned in 48th District Court were John Bradley and Darke Peric, both 33 and residents of Farmington Hills, and

Kenneth Greene, 29, of Detroit. They pleaded innocent before 48th District Court Judge Edward Avedenka, who scheduled their preliminary examination for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Bond was set at \$160,000 each. The suspects failed to post bond and were remanded to the Oakland County Jail.

"This was not a case of random violence," said Cronin. "We believe the suspects had prior

knowledge. The knew who was at the home and what they wanted."

The robbery occurred about 11:05 p.m. Nov. 6, police said, when the trio forced their way into a home in the 1900 block of Hiller Road, north of Greer.

The 19-year-old and his girlfriend were the only ones home at the time. A third person, with obvious bad timing, stopped by to visit, however, and was also beaten, robbed and tied up.

Cronin said the victims were able to break loose from their bonds shortly after the intruders left. Phone lines had been ripped out, so they called police from a nearby pay telephone.

Cronin said one of the victims was able to give a partial description of the get-away vehicle and a license plate number.

The car was traced to a house

in Farmington Hills, Cronin said, where the suspects were subsequently arrested.

The cash, jewelry and stereo set were recovered, Cronin said. But the automatic weapon was not.

"I commend Farmington Hills police as well as our officers for their work in this case," said the chief. "It was excellent police work."

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