

# Robber faces second charge

A Detroit man, already convicted in one robbery of a Farmington Hills motel in February, was bound over for a similar robbery of the same motel a month earlier.

Jason Wells Washington, 20, will be arraigned March 29 in Oakland County Circuit Court for the Jan. 19 armed robbery of the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake.

He was bound over to Circuit Court Monday from 47th District Court by Judge Maria

Parker. Washington pleaded guilty to armed robbery for the Feb. 10 incident. No sentencing date has been set.

Washington faces up to life in prison for armed robbery and a mandatory two-year sentence for felony firearms. He has no criminal record.

Another Detroit man, 21-year-old Rodney Delterro Lynn, 21, pleaded innocent to the Feb. 10 armed robbery and will stand trial. No date has been set for Lynn's trial.

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

## BREAK-INS

Jewelry valued at \$420 was stolen from the Independence Green Apartments on McKinley in Farmington Hills between March 13-14.

## THEFTS

Two guns and a gold wristband were stolen from a residence on Willow Brook in Farmington Hills between Feb. 24 and March 11. A Rohm .22 caliber gun worth \$160, a \$400 .38 caliber pistol, and a gold wristband worth \$900 were stolen.

An employee of Pictures and More and a downtown Farmington shopper both reported stereos stolen from their autos parked in

the T. J. Maxx parking lot between 5-6 p.m. March 16. A third woman reported a similar attempt about the same time, according to police.

Farmington Hills Police report the theft of \$220 in cash from the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile on March 13.

Two wheel covers worth \$600 were stolen from a 1988 red Olds Regency parked on Berrywood in Farmington Hills between March 12-13.

A men's three-quarter length black leather coat valued at \$1,050 was stolen from the Wing Hong restaurant on 14 Mile in Farmington Hills on March 13.

Jewelry worth \$2,000 was stolen from an apartment at the Woodhull Apartments on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills on Feb. 27.

A wallet with \$500 in cash and two credit cards was stolen at

Clancy's Bar on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills on March 16.

## AUTO THEFTS

A 1991 black Buick Park Avenue valued at \$18,000 was stolen from Bill Cook Buick on Grand River in Farmington Hills on March 12.

A 1992 Chevy Blazer worth \$15,000 was stolen from the Country Lanes on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills on March 12.

A 1988 Chevy Blazer worth \$4,000 was stolen from the parking lot at Loehmann's in the Hunters Square shopping center on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills on March 14. Two coats valued at \$7,600 were in the car at the time of the theft.

## VANDALISM

The windshield of a 1981 Pontiac Grand Prix parked at the Pony

Express Saloon on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills was smashed, causing \$250 in damage.

A 1990 Toyota parked on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills was damaged on the passenger side March 12, causing \$200 in damage.

White paint was poured over two vehicles parked on Ashley in Farmington Hills on March 16, causing \$2,000 in damage to each. A red and black 1987 GMC and a 1992 black Pontiac Sunbird were damaged.

## FIRES

Farmington Hills firefighters had a busy weekend. On Saturday, March 13, firefighters from station 2 put out a fire at a residence on Lochmoor at about 6 p.m. The fire was caused by a faulty heater and was confined to the ground floor. There were no injuries.

# Architects, builders are hired

Botsford General Hospital and Botsford Continuing Health Center have named architects Bowers and Rein Associates and builders Wineman & Komer to the Botsford Commons development team.

Botsford Commons is an older adult living community which will be located on the grounds of Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills.

Plans for Botsford Commons include 86 privately owned homes, 51 apartments and 60 assisted-living units. All are designed with the older, active adult in mind. Building is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Botsford Commons features designs, amenities and service to support older adults as they go through lifestyle changes. Residents of the community pay no entrance fee, purchase their own homes and pay only for services they use.

Scott Bowers, partner in Bowers and Rein Associates, describes Botsford Commons as a distinctive community offering a full continuum of care from independent living to acute care.

"The development concepts for the care of seniors, is a wonderful design opportunity," Bowers said. "It allows us to encompass the changing needs of older adults while maintaining the aesthetics they desire."

## Autos

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tracted towing company and specifies the exact location of the car.

"This is especially popular for families with children," Elder said.

The service alone, without a cellular telephone, costs from \$500 to \$700 with a monthly monitoring fee of \$15. The system can be moved from car to car, and Teletrac will pay the deductible for damage from the theft, such as a broken steering column, ignition or door lock.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer was impressed enough with the system to have it installed in his police cars. But budget constraints forced his department to stop using Teletrac.

"We used this system so that our dispatchers could know exactly where our units were at any time," Dwyer said. "It's the best system out there."

Dwyer said an advantage of Teletrac over other systems is that police know when a car is stolen within minutes and are given the exact location. Otherwise, by the time it's found, a stolen car could have been stripped for parts, he said.

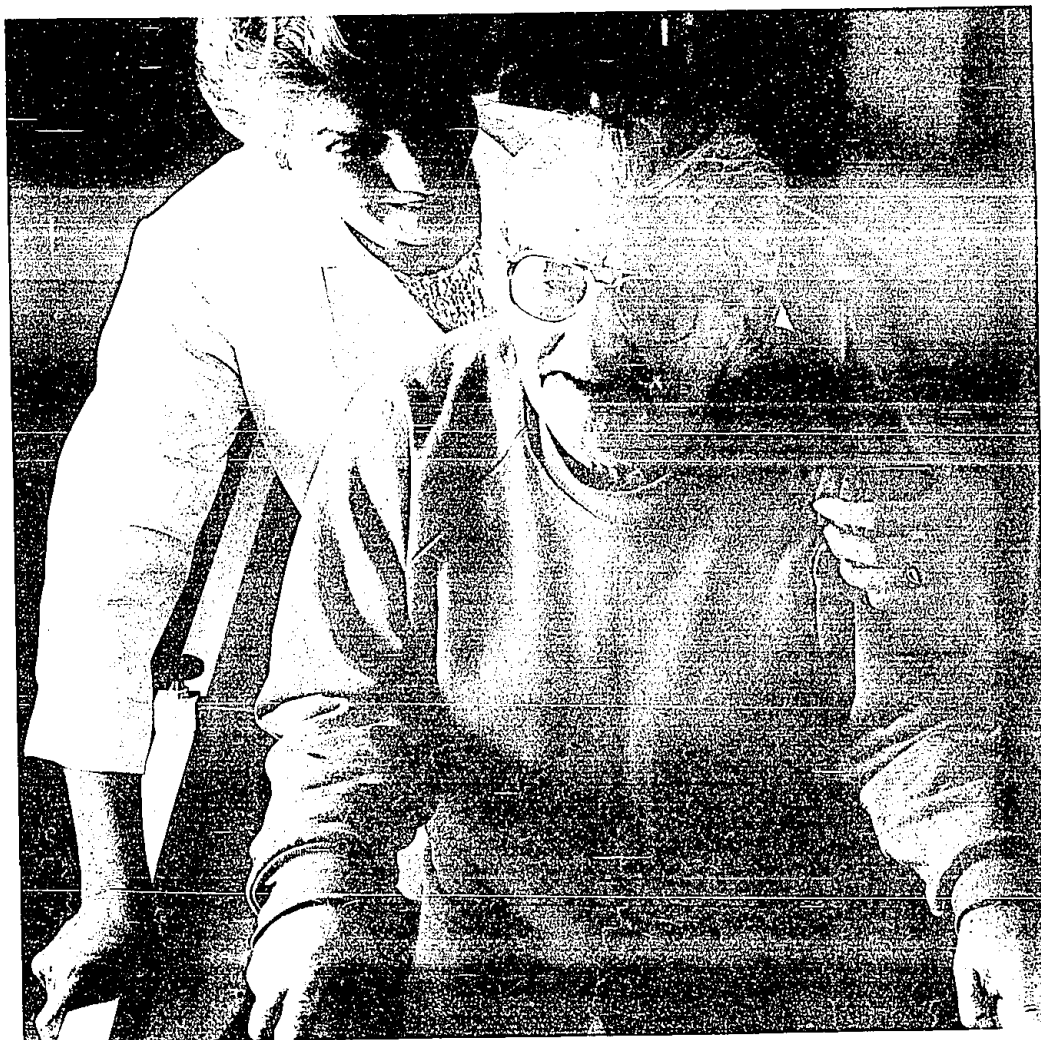
Cordas said new cars and their drivers aren't the only ones at risk.

"Older cars are often stolen and then used to commit another crime," he said.

Teletrac, based in California, employs 40 people at the Farmington Hills center, which serves the entire Detroit area. At least two people staff the center, which includes 26 computers, at all times, said Ed Brauhm, Teletrac's systems engineer. With a special battery system and generator to back it up, the system is "uninterruptable."

"People here have a love affair with the car," he said. "Detroit was the third city to open a center. It was for a reason."

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