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Police bill newspapers for overtime

By BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Newspapers strike has put police agencies in a difficult position, not only in terms of protecting people and property, but economically.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said that after eight weeks of overtime, his department is feeling it.

"Ultimately, it's the taxpayer who pays for this," he said of the strike, which has cost Farmington Hills "thousands of dollars" in police overtime.

For that reason, Farmington Hills is joining the list of departments trying to recover money from the Detroit Newspaper Agency.

"We feel we're being a neutral party in this," Dwyer said. "But we are racking up a lot of overtime. And it also ties up police who could be responding elsewhere."

Dwyer said the department has not had many problems at the

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police chief

Cravet Court distribution center for the newspapers since seven men were arrested for carrying concealed weapons and other charges on Aug. 3.

Since the strike began, 26 people have been arrested for various charges including vandalism, assault, concealed weapons and drug charges related to strike activities. The chief pointed out that union members and non-unionized carriers have been among those arrested.

Farmington Hills also sent a sergeant and another officer to Sterling Heights Sept. 2-3 as part of a reciprocal agreement with

Sterling Heights police.

A Farmington Hills resident who took part in picketing at the Sterling Heights site said rather than spend money on overtime, the police ought to put pressure on the newspapers and unions to settle.

"As both a striking employee and a Farmington Hills taxpayer, I'm concerned that the police are asking for money rather than pushing for negotiations," said Don Eyged, a member of Teamsters local 372.

A Teamster for 23 years, Eyged said the "hotheads" on both sides are not representative of strikers

who are happy the police are on the scene.

"I don't want the police to go away so someone can get seriously hurt or killed," he said. "But this is becoming like a domestic dispute for the police. After they have to come back and back, it gets a little old."

Dwyer said City Attorney John Donohue advised him that it was proper to ask for compensation from the newspapers for police overtime expenses related to the strike.

"The bill is in excess of \$30,000," Dwyer said. "It's up to them to pay or not."

The Detroit Newspapers have already paid Sterling Heights police for overtime.

"We must be impartial and we will be," said Farmington Hills City Manager Bill Costick. "We understand the issues of not taking sides. But I don't see any impropriety of trying to recover money we have to spend to protect their property."

Assault from page 1A

er crouched behind a trailer and then fled.

The girl was forced to have oral sex and had her breasts grabbed during the assault.

Detectives followed several leads, mainly pertaining to the older model vehicle the attacker was said to be driving.

West Bloomfield police arrested Bartok Aug. 19 in connection with an indecent exposure incident at Henry Ford Medical Center. He was also charged with fleeing and eluding and malicious destruction of property after an ensuing police chase.

He was charged in the Farmington assault after he was identified in a police lineup.

"She certainly has been more fearful," the mother said. "She's basically been a trusting person."

Now she has more fears. Her mother added, "She's working through it well."

Bartok's attorney has asked for delays in other preliminary exams, including first-degree CSC charges involving the rape of a 16-

■ 'I told myself, 'it's not her screaming.' Then I ran out there and saw him dragging her between two trailers.'

mother of assault victim

year-old Lyon Township woman.

Attorney Todd Fox asked that Bartok be taken back to Oakland County Jail immediately so his client could take his medication. Bartok is being held on \$3.5 million bond in the Lyon Township case.

Bartok's court-appointed attorney, Elita Escobedo, who wasn't at Friday's hearing, said Thursday his client has a history of psychological problems. He would not elaborate.

"I know he is on suicide watch at the jail and he's on Prozac," Escobedo said.



SHARON LAMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Exam delayed: The preliminary examination for Michael Bartok, 35, was delayed Friday until the results of forensic testing are known. Bartok is charged in the June 15 sexual assault of a 16-year-old Farmington girl.

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