

Hills rapist gets 30-70 year term

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A Farmington Hills man will spend 30-70 years in prison for the sexual assault of two women. Michael Bernard Bartok, 36, was convicted Monday on multiple charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, second-degree criminal sexual conduct, habitual offense, felonious assault, indecent exposure, sexual delinquency, malicious destruction of police property, and fleeing an officer.

He pleaded guilty but mentally ill to assaulting two women, one a 16-year-old Farmington girl in-line skating behind T.J. Maxx in the Downtown Center, the other a 76-year-old Lyon Township woman. The incidents occurred in June and July of 1996.

Judge Denise Langford Morris sentenced Bartok in Oakland County Circuit Court. Besides the 30-70 for the first-degree charges, he received 15-30 years for the second-degree charges and 2-15 for the remaining ones. "It is my hope and belief that



Michael Bernard Bartok

he will serve most if not all of the minimum (30 years)," said prosecuting attorney Deb King.

The indecent exposure charge stemmed from an incident at Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield that August. He fled the scene and was arrested after a police pursuit. The sexual assaults were linked to Bartok soon after.

Bartok's attorney, Elias Escobedo, was unavailable for comment.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

Farmington Hills firefighters made 99 runs for the week of Oct. 14-20 including 54 medical emergencies, nine rescues and seven fires.

FIRE

In Farmington Hills: Firefighters from Station 1 put out an electrical fire behind the service panel on the back of an oven at a unit at the Independence Green Apartments on Madison Court at 9:40 p.m. Oct. 19. There was no damage to the apartment. Damage to contents was \$400.

Firefighters from Station 4 put out a fire in a dishwasher at a house on Briarton at 2:09 p.m. Oct. 20. The fire was confined to the inside of the dishwasher. There was no damage to the house. There was \$600 in damage to the contents.

THEFT

In Farmington: A cellular phone worth \$150 was stolen from Grace Insurance on Grand River between 4:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Oct. 18.

A 1995 Huffy mountain bike was stolen from the Farmer Jack store on Farmington at 2:37 p.m. Oct. 21. Two men were suspected. Police recovered the bike at the apartment of one suspect.

In Farmington Hills: A Clarion CD stereo worth \$609, 25 CDs worth \$276 and a \$50 kicker box were stolen from a green 1992 Ford Ranger Oct. 17-18.

A \$1,000 laser jet printer, \$2,000 Gateway computer, \$400 computer monitor and \$3,628 Cannon fax machine were stolen Oct. 4-7.

A Southfield woman, 26, told police that two Detroit men, 20 and 22, stole \$300 in cash from her at the Bahama Motel on Grand River at 4 a.m. Oct. 19. Police arrested the 20-year-old man. The other man had left with the money.

A \$226 cellular phone was stolen from a car outside of a home on 12 Mile Oct. 18-19. Camping equipment (\$2,000) was stolen from a residence at the Independence Green Apartments on Lincoln Oct. 14-18.

Hubeaps (\$420) were stolen

from a gray and black 1992 Cadillac Fleetwood at Vladimir's on Grand River Oct. 21.

A Smith and Wesson pistol (\$600), \$25 in quarters, five VCR tapes of Disney movies (\$100) and \$50 in change were stolen from a residence on Albion Oct. 21.

DRUGS

In Farmington: Police arrested three Hills men for possession of 7 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and tobacco at Shiawassee and Raphael on Oct. 20.

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Southfield woman, 40, and a Southfield man, 36, in a brown 1985 Pontiac 600 station wagon on Truck at Pink at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 18 for possession of 2.4 grams of marijuana.

Police arrested an Oak Park man, 26, for possession of 4.9 grams of marijuana in a black 1994 Ford Escort at the Kyoto Steak House on Haggerty at 10:05 p.m. Oct. 21. Police also seized a cellular phone, a pager and \$909 in cash.

Police arrested a Northville man, 20, in a black 1996 Ford Ranger pickup at the Kyoto Steak House on Haggerty at 11 p.m. Oct. 21 for possession of 12.5 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Police also seized \$76 in cash.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: A window was smashed of a white 1986 Honda Prelude parked on Carrollton Oct. 18 and 35 CDs worth \$400 and \$500 worth of hockey equipment were stolen.

The passenger door lock was punched (\$300) on an orange 1996 Chevy Monte Carlo parked at Kohl's on Grand River Oct. 19 and a \$300 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen.

The interior door was damaged (\$100) at Sherwin-Williams Paint on Orchard Lake Oct. 20-21 and a safe was damaged (\$500) with a sledge hammer.

Four AM/FM CD/cassette stereos (\$2,200) were stolen from four 1997 Chevy Lumina at Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River Oct. 19-21 after the cars had been broken into causing \$2,500 in damage to the door locks, dashboards and a window.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills: The rear window was smashed

causing \$436 in damage to a 1998 red Ford Mustang parked on Jacksonville Oct. 17.

Four scratches were gouged in the hood of a green 1994 Ford Mustang (\$200) parked at the Muirwood Apartments on Woodridge Oct. 17.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington: A Pontiac man involved in an auto accident was later arrested for driving his 1992 Toyota Paseo on Grand River and Shiawassee on Oct. 19 while drunk. His preliminary blood test showed a blood-alcohol level of .12 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

A Farmington man was arrested for driving his 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit at Farmington and Cloverdale at 1:53 a.m. Oct. 20 while drunk. He had a blood-alcohol level of .11.

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Southfield man, 44, for driving a red 1994 Eagle Vision east on Grand River at Eight Mile at 12:45 a.m. Oct. 19 while drunk. The car hit the curb three times and was weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Police arrested a Farmington man, 29, for driving a yellow 1995 Ford Mustang south on Middlebelt at 3:30 a.m. Oct. 19 while drunk. The car was weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Police arrested a Livonia man, 23, for driving a black 1992 Jeep on Orchard Lake at 11 Mile at 2:30 a.m. Oct. 20 while drunk. The Jeep was tailgating another car. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent.

Police arrested a Southfield man, 49, for driving a black 1995 Lexus on Inkster south of 10 Mile at 4:20 a.m. Oct. 20 while under the influence of drugs. The driver's license had been revoked and a traffic warrant had been issued for the man's arrest.

Police arrested a Hills man, 23, for driving a beige 1992 Ford Escort west on 11 Mile at Orchard Lake at 6:10 a.m. Oct. 20 while drunk. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

Police arrested a Farmington man, 47, for driving a red 1989 Ford Probe east on Nine Mile at Drake at 10:20 p.m. Oct. 21 while drunk. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent.

FORGERY

In Farmington Hills: A Hills man, 50, told police that a man, 35, bought a beige 1989 Ford Probe LX from him with a cashiers check for \$4,000 from Huntington Bank on Oct. 18. The Hills man tried to cash it and was told that it was not good and that the same man had written other checks that were not good.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A \$10,000 aqua green 1993 Dodge Shadow was stolen from D. Dennison's on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile Oct. 19.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In Farmington Hills: A Hills woman, 29, told police that her live-in boyfriend, 29, had hit her after leaving their home alone in their Section 20 apartment at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

FRAUD

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Brighton man, 29, for trying to cash a business check for \$386.51 at the Comerica Bank on 12 Mile at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 21. The man's identification did not match that of the check recipient and the signatures did not match.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills: Deposits of \$4,704 for Steamers a Seafood Grill on 12 Mile were not made for the period of Sept. 9-13.

ROBBERY

In Farmington Hills: A man described as white, 35, 6 feet 2, 170 pounds with black hair, wearing a dark blue poncho with a hood and blue jeans came into Hungry Howie's on Middlebelt at 10:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and asked for change. When the employee opened the drawer, the man grabbed about \$136 from the register. The two struggled before the robber escaped and ran to a blue 1985 Olds parked at Astor and Middlebelt and drove off.

CHILD ABUSE

In Farmington: A Livonia man was arrested after witnesses saw him acting verbally and physically abusive to his young son at the Burger King on Grand River around noon Oct. 19. Police found the man passed out in his home with the son unattended in the front yard.

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