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cutors, Hills police decided to seek a federal indictment. Michigan doesn't have the death penalty. However, a person involved in a murder while trying to steal federally insured money can be prosecuted under federal law.

U.S. prosecutors have to make a case for the death penalty before a U.S. Justice Department Committee.

McKelton's appointed attorney, Ken Murray, could not be reached for comment in his Columbus, Ohio, office Tuesday.

The victim's background as a U.S. serviceman may have played a factor in Reno allowing prosecutors to seek the death penalty, Dwyer said. A U.S. District Attorney Office spokeswoman declined to comment on the specifics on the request in McKelton's case.

The victim's mother said she expressed her views on the case and the death penalty in a written statement to prosecutors.

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Martha Bosley
—Victim's mother

which is taken into consideration by the U.S. attorney general.

"I used several Scriptures showing them where I got my thinking from on the death penalty," Bosley said. "In the last sentence I stated, 'If McKelton is guilty, my son was unarmed and doing his job. He killed someone in cold blood.'"

Bosley's mother is hopeful the threat of a death sentence will finally bring out the truth of what happened to her son Nov. 16, 1996. No money was taken in the attempted robbery, which

leads her to believe the murderer didn't act alone.

"Maybe he'll open up and say who did what. If he didn't do it, maybe he'll say who did it. If he did do it, who were his accomplices?" Bosley asked. "He hasn't talked so far and nobody else has come forward with any information."

"I already know in my heart that McKelton didn't do this by himself. He couldn't have, no way. I really think my son was set up."

Brock from page A1

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Steve Brock
—New city manager

Hobbs' nameplate and slid in his own.

"You were really confident," said Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi.

Said Brock: "I'm just prepared Mister Mayor."

Brock expressed gratitude for the council, staff and community members' support since his expected appointment was announced two weeks ago. He

added he's "humbled" and "overwhelmed" by the gracious outpouring.

The new city manager pledged to maintain Farmington Hills' reputation as a friendly community that will continue providing the first-rate services. He also offered some insight to council members as to his jovial demeanor.

"When you see me smile, it's not because I'm not taking an issue seriously," Brock said. "I'm just trying not to take myself too seriously."

Brock's baptism, though, was not without some deep water. His first meeting as manager had residents railing against the city over recent flooding. Council members also debated, at length, a consent judgment on a development.

The late hour caused the mayor to stumble. "Mister Hobbs... err Mister Brock," Vagnozzi said addressing the new city boss.

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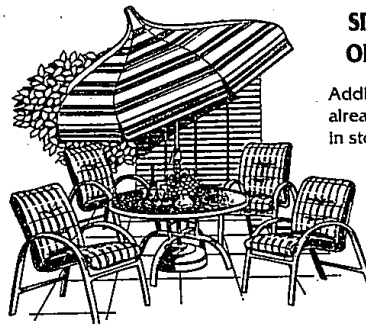
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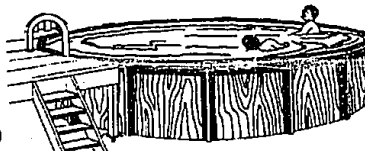
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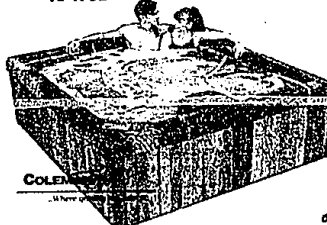
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