

# Police look for answers in weekend motel stabbing

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Farmington Hills police are trying to find out what prompted a Hills man to attack a motel manager and his fiancée early Sunday morning.

The manager at the Park Motel of Farmington shot the intruder who was wielding a carpenter hammer at he and his girlfriend.

The Farmington Hills man, 24, remains in critical condition at Botsford Hospital. He sustained injuries to his liver, right lung and diaphragm from four gun shots to his chest.

Neither the manager or his fiancée knew the attacker, whom police believe came through an adjacent laundry room. Police have been unable to talk to the wounded man.

"It's bizarre," Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said. Around 1:30 a.m., the couple was in the bedroom of the motel office when the man came in and started attacking the manager. He kicked the man off him while the woman ran into another room screaming. The intruder then grabbed her and tore her shirt.

The manager pulled a .357 magnum from under

the mattress and shot the man four times. Police took the gun, which is registered.

"At this stage, it appears to be a justifiable shooting," Dwyer said.

A 7-year-old boy, who was asleep on the couch, awoke during the incident but was unharmed.

Police found the rear door to the apartment laundry room open but no other signs of forced entry.

Police retrieved the hammer between the master bedroom and living room. The manager said the hammer was his and had been on the kitchen counter earlier.

The manager said he heard the bedroom door open and saw the man, who came toward him and grabbed him by the neck. He told the manager to stay there while he started to hit the victim.

During the attack, the manager said the intruder hit him in the jaw and forehead.

The manager fired one shot at the man as he was in the doorway from the living room to the front office.

Police learned the man who was wounded had gone to The Chalet earlier with his parents and later went to The Alibi on Grand River.



**On the job:** New Farmington officer Jeffrey Brow is sworn in by City Clerk Patsy Cantrell earlier this week. Public Safety Director Gary Goss later presented Brow with badge No. 27, which was Goss's former badge when he was a patrolman.

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## Calling Badge 27 New officer is sworn in

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If "Badge Number 27" does Jeffrey Brow as much good as it did Gary Goss, there's no telling how far the newest member of the Farmington Public Safety Department can go in his career.

Goss, director of the department, presented the 23-year-old Brow with the badge following the newcomer's official swearing in ceremony at Farmington City Hall Monday morning.

"It's the same badge Goss received when he was a rookie on the Farmington force more than 20 years ago.

"This badge is probably just as old as you are," said Goss, handing Number 27 over to

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**Gary Goss**  
—Public safety director speaking to new officer

"I'm just going to try to do the best job I can do for the city of Farmington," Brow said later. "This is not the end of the road, it's the beginning, and what I've worked for the past five years."

According to Goss, the new officer was among 125 applicants following the October 1998 retirement of officer Carl Swanderski.

The department now has 22 full-time officers among 29 employees, along with 16 reserves.

"It's fun for me to see the eagerness, the freshness, of a new officer just entering a career," Goss said following the ceremony. "I think he'll be a really great asset for this department."

### CAMPUS PIPELINE

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### Farmington dispatcher hurt in fall

Ron Alweiss, a dispatcher-in-training for the Farmington Public Safety Department, was rushed to Botsford Hospital about 2:15 p.m. Tuesday after falling and injuring his back.

Director Gary Goss said Alweiss tripped on an office chair and hit his back on a file cabinet. He was sent to Botsford as a precaution and was expected to be OK.

Alweiss is a retired officer with the Westland Police Department.

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