

# Admitted imbiber bicycles off sidewalk

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A 51-year-old Farmington bicyclist who admitted imbibing before riding was injured Friday night when he hit a driveway excavation and flipped head-first over his bike's handlebars into the sidewalk on the opposite side.

The man, who told police he downed a pint of vodka before pedaling, suffered facial cuts and dental injuries in the 10:20 p.m. incident. He was taken to Botsford

## Hospital.

Farmington police said the man, who had no headlight on his bike, told them he was riding northbound in the dark on the sidewalk at Kensington Manor Apartments, 83145 N. Manor, and didn't notice the seven-inch drop where the driveway had been excavating.

The excavation was marked by two orange cones, one on each side of the drive, police said.

The man suffered cuts to his forehead, nose and mouth, and damaged his front

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teeth, they said.

No blood-alcohol test was administered and no charges were filed.

# Alleged armed robber to start circuit trial July 19

The oft-delayed Oakland County Circuit Court trial of Kevin Tod Alexander is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 19, before Judge David Breck.

Alexander's trial start has been delayed three times for various reasons, including when he changed his attorney, said a spokesman for Breck.

Alexander, of Farmington, is

charged with a total of 10 counts stemming from his alleged involvement in the April 1998 armed robbery of Showerman's IGA grocery store in South Lyon.

The defendant faces three charges of armed robbery, five counts of felony firearm and two counts of felonious assault. He remains in the Oakland County Jail, with a cash bond of \$1 million — \$100,000 for each count.

## Police

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at the I.H.S. of Farmington care. "He assaulted her after she took his cigarettes and lighter away earlier that day."

"The 25-year-old nurse, who lives in Detroit, said she had taken the items from the man as a safety precaution because he is mentally handicapped. She said she did not know he was allowed to have them."

The man, demanding the items back, put her in a headlock, she said, and grabbed her around the throat after she broke free. The nurse said no one at the facility helped her.

She said she was treated for a neck bruise at a Detroit clinic and wants to press charges.

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