

Arraigned:
James Newton
Ellis, 56, of
Harrison
Township was
arraigned in
47th District
Court Monday
in connection
with the
armed robbery
of a
Farmington
Hills gas
station.
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Robbery from page A1

Hills Officer Tony Gaedke attempted to pull over the station wagon after he saw the vehicle on southbound Halsted near Hill Tech.

The driver appeared to stop, but when an officer approached, he sped off and went west on Grand River. The station wagon veered around a car at the intersection of Grand River and Halsted and drove through a red light.

He went south on Halsted and then east on M-5. At one point, he lost control of the wagon and careened into the median.

When he re-entered the free-

way, he hit a maroon Chevy Caprice, which was an unmarked police car driven by an officer. The station wagon continued along the shoulder, which made police realize the danger to other motorists, Dwyer said.

Police based in the station wagon. The Chevy Caprice got in front of the car while Gaedke rammed the wagon from behind, which ended the chase on M-5 just east of Farmington Road.

Officers found more than \$200 in cash but no gun.

"He was out of control and on a self-destructive path," said Dwyer, who commended the officers' actions during the

chase.

An officer, whose car was rammed by the fleeing driver, was treated for a sore back and neck. The man police arrested was also treated for minor facial cuts, which occurred while being handcuffed.

The man told police he had been through four rehabilitation programs but unable to stop. He also admitted to trying to commit suicide recently by snorting heroin.

"It's another sad case of a person being addicted to crack cocaine who went out and committed violent crimes," Dwyer said. "He's another victim of the drug problem we have today."



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The Jaycees will also be collecting canned goods at the event for the Farmington Neighborhood House. Call 477-5227.

Community concert
The Farmington Community Chorus proudly presents its holiday concert, Once Upon A December at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19 at the Mercy High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills.

Advance tickets may be ordered by mail for \$8 (\$6 if over 65 or a student) by sending your name, address, number of adult tickets, number of senior/student tickets and choice of performance to: Harry/Dixie Dwyer, 30404 Hanley Court, Farmington Hills, 48331. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and make checks payable to Farmington Community Chorus. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

The Friends of the Farmington Community Chorus is also announcing the establishment of the Melissa Garr Scholarship Fund, in honor of the Farmington High School student. Donations to the fund should be payable to the Farmington Community Chorus and sent to the above address. Call 788-5322.

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