

Testing ordered for accused vet clinic armed robber

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The man charged with robbing at knifepoint a Farmington veterinary clinic employee for a vial of animal anesthetic must undergo psychiatric testing before his trial begins in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Gilbert to undergo forensic tests through the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ann Arbor, said court spokeswoman Cindy Brown. He was arraigned by Gilbert on Dec. 3, on one count of armed robbery. The case was forwarded from 47th District Court.

Until the test results return, "his case is on hold," Brown said. Baynes remains jailed, with bond set at \$25,000 cash or surety.

He is charged in the Nov. 6 armed robbery of the Village Animal Clinic, on Grand River in Farmington. According to police reports, a man walked into the clinic, wielding a knife and demanding a vial of Ketamine from a clinic employee.

That employee sustained a small cut on her left hand, but she was not hospitalized.

A judge typically orders forensic examinations whenever there

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—Community health department spokeswoman

is any doubt about the state of mind of a defendant — or something amiss from their criminal history, said GERALYN LASHER, spokeswoman for the state community health department, which oversees the tests.

"If there is question at all about someone's competency to stand trial," Lasher said, "they (judges) want to err on the side

of caution and take that step to have that person evaluated."

Also in police reports about the Village Animal Clinic robbery, Baynes said he had suffered from depression for eight years and received treatment at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital and Common Ground.

The reports said Ketamine is used to make pets unconscious for surgeries. If consumed by humans, it can cause hallucinations, disorientation and paranoia.

Lasher said an "array of tests" usually are done in such cases by psychiatrists and psychologists. After those findings are presented to court, a judge determines whether the defendant is mentally stable enough to go to trial.

Other arraignments

Two other recent 47th District Court cases had arraignments in circuit court:

■ On Dec. 1, Oakland Circuit

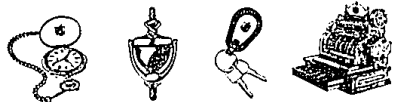
Judge Steven Andrews arraigned defendant William Marshall Ford on one count of assault with intent to murder. A pre-trial hearing date was not yet scheduled.

Ford is held without bond in the county jail for allegedly stabbing Jacob Dillard, 16, on Nov. 7, outside a Nine Mile-Farmington Road gas station.

The victim, a student at Farmington High School, is recovering from the stab wounds to his heart and lungs.

■ Robert Jackson was arraigned Dec. 3 by Oakland Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien, on two counts of armed robbery and one count of first-degree home invasion. He is charged in connection with the Nov. 5 home invasion of an elderly couple.

Jackson's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 1999.



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