

# Incident at Chalet in Hills leads to Redford man's arrest

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Redford police are upset that a Wayne County prosecutor has denied their request for a felonious assault charge against a man who shot up two township patrol cars in a six-hour standoff with police Saturday night.

Gary Quesada was arraigned Monday before Judge Daniel Ryan in 17th District Court in Redford on two counts of mali-

cious destruction of police property and one count of felony firearms possession.

He was returned to the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$4,000 cash bond. His pretrial examination is set for Dec. 22.

"Our officers are not pleased" with the denial of the assault charge, said Inspector Donald Mehall.

He said the prosecutor, whom he would only identify as the

"out-county prosecutor," decided that since the police followed departmental procedure and didn't use their patrol cars as shields, there was no reason to charge Quesada with assault.

But, questioned Mehall angrily, "How does he know where the bullets are going to go?"

No one was injured in the incident, which ended around 6 a.m. Dec. 10 when Quesada surrendered after talking to both his

brother and his wife, who may have played a central role in the incident, according to police reports.

Some 15 officers and Redford SWAT team members were involved, Mehall said.

Both patrol cars were badly damaged when Quesada allegedly shot them up with a long rifle, police said.

Mehall said Quesada fired more than 20 shots - possibly over 30 - during the standoff, with some going through the roof of his house.

The incident began Friday evening at the Chalet of Farmington Hills on Grand River, where Quesada had attended a Christmas party with his wife.

According to Hills police, someone told Quesada his wife was having an affair, which prompted him to punch the victim in the face.

The bartender, who knew Quesada, tried to hold him until police arrived, but Quesada pointed a knife at the barman and told him to move away, Hills police said.

Quesada then left, after first telling people he'd be returning with a gun.

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Instead, Hills police notified Redford authorities of the felonious assault with the knife. Redford police went to Quesada's house and found his green pickup in the house's driveway shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday.

When Quesada looked out and saw the police, he hollered, "Get the f--- off my property."

Told police wanted to talk with him, he responded, "I got plenty of semi-automatic guns and I will use them."

He refused to leave his house and instead continued yelling and screaming at the officer and shooting weapons through his roof, according to the Redford police account.

Patrolman Duane Gregg, department negotiator, spoke with Quesada intermittently by

phone, with Quesada, who seemed intoxicated, telling Gregg he was upset about marital problems.

From time to time, Quesada would hang up the phone on Gregg.

At one point, Quesada, armed with a long rifle, followed up on his threat to shoot out the lights on a police car because he didn't want them shining into his house.

One car's windshield, driver's side window and driver's seat were shot up, police said. Another car's driver's side rear window was shot out.

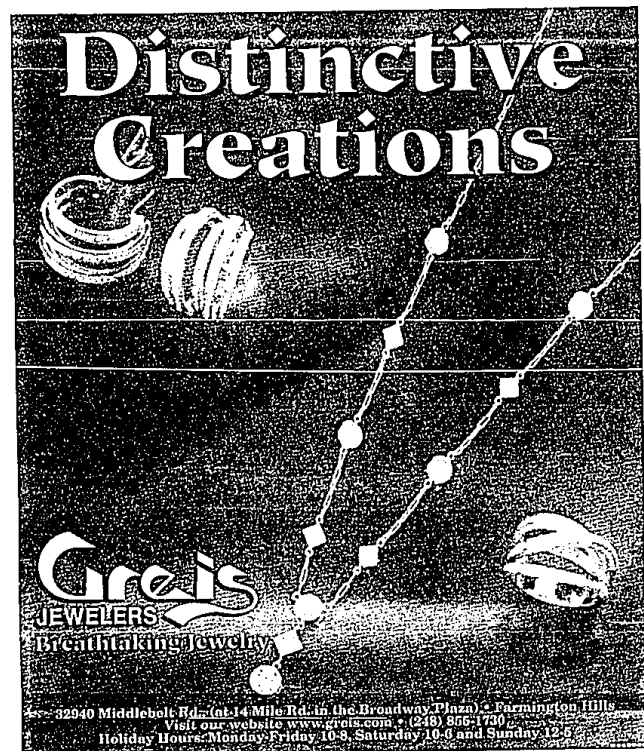
He then told police he had taken 13 Vicodin, a prescription pain-killer, and eight Tylenol 3s, and said he had turned on the gas and was going to blow up the house and kill himself.

Quesada eventually became lethargic, police said, and surrendered to the SWAT team.

He was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment of possible drug overdose.

Mehall complimented officers on their professional handling of the situation.

Staff writer Larry O'Connor contributed to this story.



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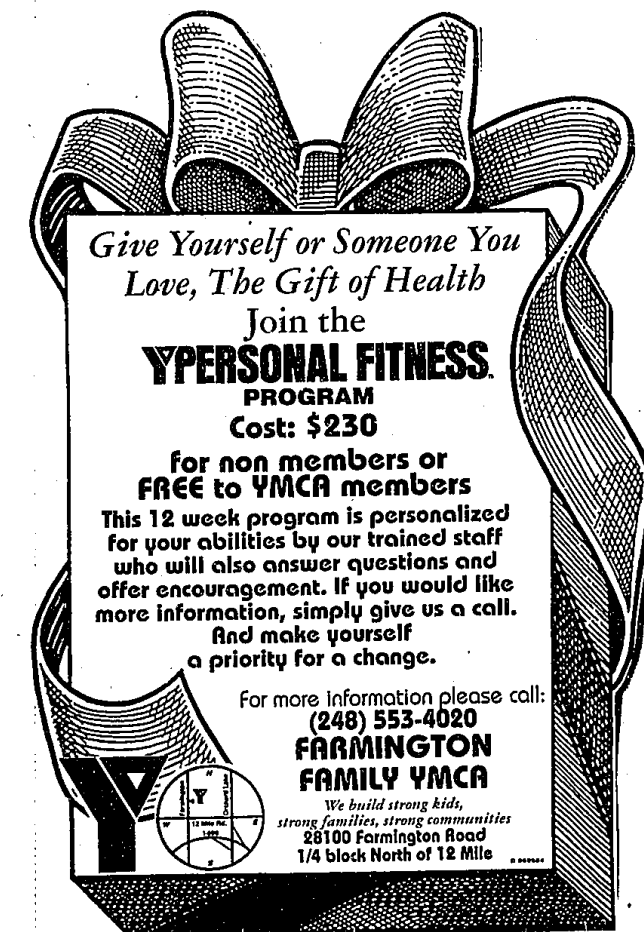
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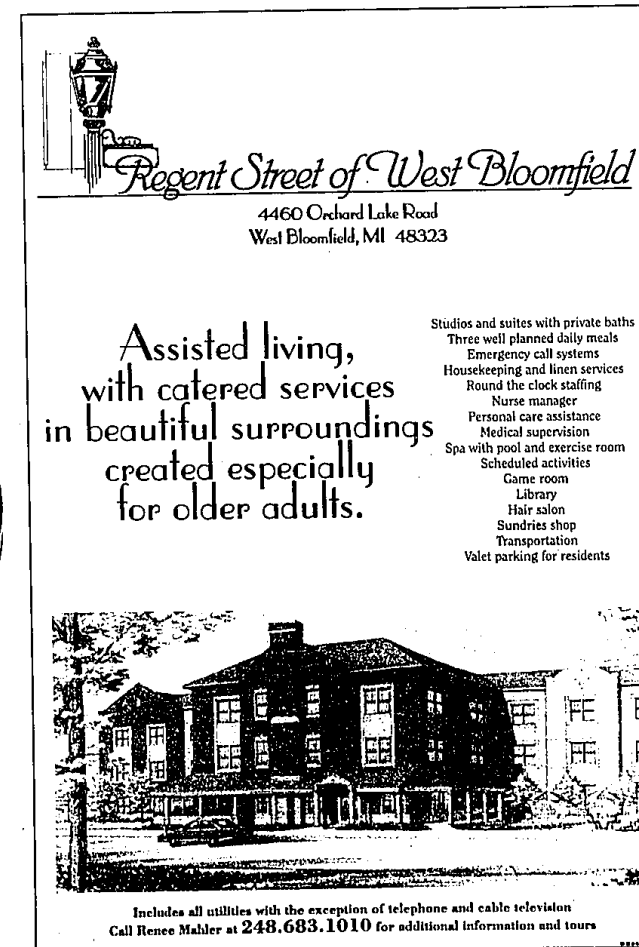
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