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Two weeks ago, police had Howard's stake out after a citizen reported seeing a suspicious vehicle and two men standing at the back of the store. They kept up surveillance for a week, but nothing happened.

"We had to break off the surveillance based on other cases," he said. "We put the uniformed guys on it."

Armed with information from a detective bulletin, Officer Eric Buckberry spotted the suspect vehicle as it pulled into an adjacent business on Wednesday morning, around 9:30.

Dwyer said three police cars saturated the area and watched the vehicle for 15 minutes after it left. Three marked cars followed westbound on Eight Mile to northbound Middlebelt at Grand River, where the police pursuit began.

According to Dwyer, the chase ended just two blocks later, when the suspect's vehicle struck a tree at the dead end on Roosevelt Street. Video tapes from cameras inside the squad cars show the driver throwing a rifle on the ground and then fleeing the scene while the passen-



Weapons: These are the weapons recovered from two men who are expected to be arraigned Thursday.

ger stayed inside, he said.

The passenger threw a handgun into the snow and was taken into custody by Officer Larry Feterolf. Buckberry and Officer Alexander Pruss climbed a barbed wire fence and captured the driver at the Farmington Hills Knights of Columbus Hall.

Criminal background checks on the two suspects showed the driver had numerous arrests for breaking and entering, robbery, weapons crimes and assaults. The passenger is currently on probation for a conviction of intent to commit armed robbery.

"Again we had some extremely

dangerous persons here," Dwyer commented. "We not only prevented the armed robbery, but also potentially serious injury or even death of the people who were working in the store."

The thought of having literally dodged a bullet kept Hensley uneasy Wednesday afternoon. In addition to an assault rifle and handguns, police found ski masks, plastic flex cuffs, police handcuffs, duct tape and a portable phone with a head set in the car.

"They obviously were going to come in here and spend a little

time," Hensley said. "You feel so weird. You feel so thankful, but still so weird."

He had nothing but high praise for Hills police, who he feels went above and beyond the call of duty in this instance.

"This is one time when not only did they do their job, but they prevented a crime," Hensley said.

Both suspects were treated at Botsford Hospital for minor injuries. Dwyer expected they would be arraigned Thursday on charges that hadn't been determined at press time.

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they'll ask the patron to remove it from the screen.

Since the policy was enacted several years ago, Hills Library Executive Director Bev Papai said she has received no complaints.

"We have signs on our adult computers that say that computer use is a privilege, not a right, and if you show graphic depictions of sex or violence, you will be asked to remove them from

the screen," she said.

Papai, who has served on the governing board of the Michigan American Library Association, said the library makes every effort to preserve intellectual freedoms as well. However, the board is equally cognizant of parents who are upset because their children have accidentally accessed a raunchy Web site.

"People presume that of all the public places they can send their

kids, the library is fairly safe," she said. "You don't expect the safety of a child to be assaulted when they should be playing with a Living Book or looking up homework on the Net. I've never had a single complaint from a parent. Not one."

The children's department is also downstairs, so it is physically separated from the adult department upstairs, where the computers are unfiltered.

Papai said the state Library Association had several areas of concern, among them indemnifying library board members against any lawsuits that might arise from filtering. Those were added to Senate Bill 936 before it left the Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. Willis Bullard, who represents the Farmington area.

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"The emphasis is on freshness and quality," she commented. "We like to hang our hat on having a great selection and value pricing, with a strong emphasis on convenience and service."

That's been the company's vision since 1975, when John Busch's father and partner bought stores in Saline and Clinton from the bankrupt Vesco's chain. Over the last quarter century, they've taken over existing stores and built new facilities, with the first all-new building opening at Woodland Plaza in 1990.

Conlin said the move to purchase the Farmington Hills property was predicated on the company's continued expansion, which is also reflected in the recently announced merger with Vic's World Class Markets.

Negotiations began early this month for what Conlin termed a "creative acquisition/merger" of the two businesses, which would leave Busch's with operational control of two markets in Novi and Bloomfield Hills. Both organizations have won national awards for store design, mer-

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chandising and creative advertising.

Customers can expect to experience a bit of whimsy in the Farmington Hills store, with large, food-oriented murals and some interactive features. Busch's checkouts are computerized. The store accepts credit and debit cards.

Along with the boost of redevelopment and improved tax base, Busch's will bring with it employment opportunities. While they'll bring in many key people, the store will hire many key people too, Conlin said. She expects at least 80 positions to be offered at a job fair held closer to the opening date.

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