

Hills teens face robbery charges

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An articulate, well-liked Harrison High School varsity full-back and a friend who graduated from Harrison in June face armed robbery charges after a gas station holdup early Wednesday.

Jason Reed, 17, a senior, had distinguished himself as a panelist on the school multiculturalism committee. "Jason is a very nice intelligent young man, someone I think a lot of kids knew, a very good young man," said principal Rande Horn.

"I was shocked," Horn said, after learning of the armed robbery charge on Friday.

The gas station clerk who handed over about \$90 in cash said both thieves wore black masks. One was described as wearing a blue jersey with white numbers or letters. Police said two youths used a BB gun to commit the crime.

Not guilty pleas were entered on behalf of Reed and Ledarius Anthony Brown, 18, also of Farmington Hills, at an arraignment Aug. 1 before 47th District Judge Frederick Harris. Both are scheduled to return to court Aug. 13 to appear at a preliminary hearing on the charges.

Both are charged with one count of armed robbery. Reed is also charged with driving without a license on his person.



Jason Reed

Ledarius was new to us last year," Horn said. "I knew Jason much better than Ledarius."

According to the incident report, Farmington Hills Police received a call at 2:18 a.m. that an armed robbery had just occurred at a Mobil station at 29509 Orchard Lake Road.

The female clerk said there were two robbers. She described them as black, in their 20s and both 6 feet.

She said the suspect wearing the jersey also wore blue jeans and carried a rifle with a wood stock. She said a second suspect wore a black or blue long-sleeved jersey or jacket with an writing. The clerk told police the thief with the numbered jersey pointed the rifle at her as she was behind a register and a clear barrier. He ordered her to unlock the door, she did, and the second thief entered. He then removed \$50 from a register.

The man told her to open a second register, the incident report continued. When the clerk told them she couldn't open it, she gave them \$40 she was going to place in a safe.

One thief grabbed the woman's handbag, then dropped it when she told him it contained no money, the report continued.

The two thieves left the scene in a 1999 Lincoln, but were soon stopped without incident by police at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads and arrested.

Following their arraignment Wednesday, both were freed on \$25,000 personal bond each, which means they can continue to live at home while facing the charges.

Both were ordered to wear electronic tethers, to follow a 9 p.m. curfew and not to contact each other.

The minimum penalty for armed robbery is two years in jail.

Horn said school officials have yet to determine if Reed can return to school to begin his senior year Aug. 27.

"Certainly we want to review our code of conduct. The last thing we want to do is to add to the tragedy of what's already happened to this young man already," Horn said.

The Observer was unable to reach either suspect or their attorneys for comment.

POLICE CALLS

The following reports were filed this week with the Farmington Hills Police Department:

BB SHOOTERS ARRESTED

Police received a call at 2:10 p.m. July 31 from a Franklin woman, 41, who said her car was struck by a BB.

The woman said she was driving her 1999 Honda Accord at 1:45 p.m. July 30 west on 13 Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road when something struck her passenger side door. She continued driving as she was late for an appointment, and checked the door later to discover the car had been apparently struck with a BB.

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ASSAULT AND BATTERY ALLEGED

A Redford woman, 36, told Farmington Hills Police that a fight with her brother July 31 in Farmington Hills ended with him choking her.

The woman told police she was visiting her mom at her home on 11 Mile Road when the brother complained that he couldn't hear the TV. When the woman told her brother, 40, to get out, he attacked her, according to the report filed with police.

The woman fled, but police were not able to locate the man.

HOME INVASION CHARGED

A man who allegedly followed a 20-year-old Farmington Hills woman to her home July 31, then entered and asked for sex, was later arrested.

The woman told police she was riding her bike home from Livonia Mall when she noticed a man following her on foot. She continued home.

She told police that a few minutes later, the man walked in, sat on a couch and asked her to perform a variety of sex acts

with him. She said "no" and the man left the trailer. Police spotted the man, 28, of Inkster, as he was drinking gin and waiting for a bus. He was charged with home invasion.

CAR, SHOTGUN RECOVERED

A red, 1997 Ford Taurus reported stolen from an IGA lot at 37101 Jefferson was found July 31 by the owner's friend, who spotted it parked on Roosevelt Street in Farmington Hills, according to a police report on the theft.

As the car was confiscated, police found a sawed-off shotgun under the seat.

HANG IN THERE, MINDY

A man on Elm Grove Street in Farmington Hills told police Aug. 1 that he checked on his 13-year-old dog, Mindy, in an outside dog pen, only to find she was bleeding from the top of her head. His son had put the dog in the dog run at 8 p.m. July 31. He discovered the wound at 9 a.m. the next morning.

The man told police he thought he knew who harmed his dog.

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