

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE CITATIONS & AWARDS

■ Assistant Chief Charles Nebus – citation; Sergeant Matthew Koehn, Officers Jon Haupt, James Knittel, Scott Cronin, Robert Tiderington, Jeffrey King, Scott Rzepka and Mark Rash – unit citation; Lydell Ankton, Matthew Boylan, Bonnie Lively and Kelly MacKenzie – civilian citation.

On Oct. 10, 2002, a bank robbery occurred at Bank One, 12 Mile and New Market. The white female robber escaped on foot, followed by Ankton and Boylan who watched her change her clothing and enter a store in the nearby strip mall. They provided this information to patrol officers and investigators who had saturated the area. Salon employees observed the suspect in the salon where she had come to further alter her appearance and alerted officers. Working in concert, officers approached the suspect and arrested her for the robbery. During the interrogation, Assistant Chief Nebus developed a rapport with the suspect that facilitated her confession to this and another such robbery in the

city of Livonia and recovery of the stolen money.

■ Officer Richard Webby – citation; sergeant Robert Burkart, officers Paul Nicholas, officer Randy Mince, Novi Police Department, officers Kevin Cronin and Eric Gruenwald, NET – unit citation.

September, 2002, officer Webby was on information to develop information on a drug distribution operation delivering cocaine to SONIC communities. The joint SONIC/NET investigation resulted in the confiscation of guns, sophisticated packaging equipment, and approximately one million dollars worth of illegal narcotics.

■ Officer Michael Wilson, Novi Police Department – citation; officers Mark Mostek and Mary Harty, detectives Victor Laurin, Michael Warren and officer Randy Mince, Novi Police Department; sergeants Michael Turner, officers Jeff Shade, Timothy Hamilton and Tura Kane West Bloomfield

Township Police Department – unit citation.

On Oct. 23, 2002, SONIC officer Wilson observed a suspicious vehicle, occupied by four subjects, driving slowly through area neighborhoods. Surveillance resulted in the arrest of the four for numerous larcenies and burglaries. Further investigation linked these subjects to more than 300 LPAs and home invasions in Novi, Farmington Hills, and West Bloomfield.

■ Officers Mark Mostek, Paul Nicholas, Scott Cronin and James Knittel, agent Michael Mangano, FBI, sergeant Michael Turner and officer Tura Kane, West Bloomfield Township Police Department; detectives Victor Laurin and Todd Anger, officers Randy Mince and Michael Wilson, Novi Police Department – unit citation.

On Nov. 12, 2002, a bank robbery occurred at Bank One, Grand River and Novi Road. The white female robber escaped on foot. Officers Knittel and Cronin, familiar

with this method of operation from recent Farmington Hills robberies, related pertinent information to Novi investigators. Lland restaurant, aware of the robbery, observed the perpetrator in the restaurant and followed her when she left. Investigation and surveillance resulted in the arrest and confession of the individuals responsible for planning and executing these robberies.

■ Officers Lawrence Fetherolf, Garin Anderson and Michael Platt – unit citation. On May 22, 2001, officer Platt discovered evidence at the scene of a home invasion; processed by officer Anderson. Assisted by officer Fetherolf, these officers were able to locate the escape vehicle nearby and identify two suspects. As a result of DNA analysis of the evidence both suspects have been charged with the home invasion.

■ Officers John Piggott, Gary Lavin, and Hadar Sand – unit citation. On May 27, 2002 officer

Piggott, assisted by officers Lavin and Sand discovered a disturbance in a parking lot at Grand River and Eight Mile, caused by a suicidal man possibly armed with a knife. The subject's wife and infant were also being threatened. Officers were able to remove the family from the scene, calm the man, take him into custody, and transport him for medical treatment.

■ Officer Brian Bastianelli – commendation. On Oct. 12, 2002, officer Bastianelli, off-duty and in his personal vehicle, observed an Ontario Provincial Police constable confront three suspects in a road rage/assault incident. Officer Bastianelli stood by with the constable, to help ensure his safety, until other police personnel arrived on the scene.

■ Officer David Lee – commendation. On Nov. 11, 2002, officer Lee responded from the station to assist in an area search for a retail fraud suspect, escaped on

foot, 11 Mile-Middlebelt Kroger. Approximately 30 minutes later officer Lee located and together with patrol officers, arrested the suspect riding a bicycle stolen in the subdivision.

■ Lihwie Ting and the Konkel family – civilian citation. On April 2, 2002, during a protected barricaded gunman situation at a neighboring house, these concerned citizens assisted police personnel by opening their homes and properties to officers as places for planning, observation, and staging, in preparation for a tactical entry.

■ Matthew Walther – civilian citation. On Nov. 22, 2002, Mr. Walther observed two suspicious subjects in his apartment building. He watched as they left and tampered with a vehicle in the parking lot, then he called 9-1-1. Responding officers found and attempt UPAA and arrested the two subjects involved.

CLARIFICATION

In a Thursday article regarding Kenbrook Elementary students learning to use hand-held

computers, student teacher Christie Snell was misidentified as a student assistant.

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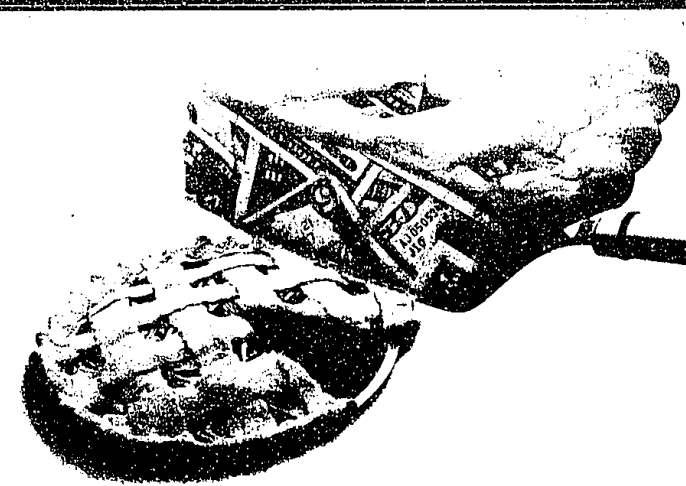
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