

### Make Appeal For Two Months Back Pay

# Jury Clears Deputies of Assault

Wayne County Sheriff Patrolmen Alex Robertson and David Roberts are back to work after being cleared of charges of assaulting a 17-year-old youth by an all-woman jury in Taylor Township.

George Loving, 17, of Taylor Township, had charged the patrolmen of taking him to a desolate area and beating him with their fists for no apparent reason.

The jury met for 15 minutes

and returned a verdict of innocence after hearing five hours of testimony in Taylor Municipal Judge Anthony Nield's court.

Asst. Wayne County Prosecutor John W. Mowatt recommended an assault and battery warrant after the deputies and youth were given a lie detector test by the State Police.

Although the deputies have returned to work, they are

making an appeal to the County Civil Service Commission to receive back pay during the two months suspension between the time the warrant was issued and the trial verdict reached.

Deputy Inspector Richard Novak told The Observer the patrolmen are also appealing misconduct charges brought against them by the Sheriff's

days. A hearing date was set and then adjourned until an unannounced date by the Commission.

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## Man, 21, Cleared In Woman's Death

Inability of witnesses to identify the driver of a car which killed a Redford Township

spouse near her home on Feb. 11 has led to the exoneration of a Plymouth man, charged with fleeing the scene of a fatal injury accident.

Police arrested Joseph P. Handik, 21, at his home, 646 Kellogg St., 35 minutes after the woman, Cleo R. Brandt, 43, was struck at the intersection of Leveine St. and Plymouth Road.

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### Ends Course in Ala.

Pvt. Daniel J. Korbin, 19, whose wife, Judy, lives at 15141 Sunbury, Livonia, has completed an aircraft maintenance course at the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Korbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Korbin, 1820 Floral, was graduated from Clarenceville High School in 1965.

His car license had been obtained by four teenage boys who witnessed the accident and pursued the death vehicle but were unable to keep up the pace and lost sight of it.

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**Meet Your Carrier Boy**

Ken Fortler, 13, has been an Observer Newspaper carrier since the first route was started in Garden City in 1965. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fortler, 29050 Beechwood, Garden City.

Ken's route covers the area of Beechwood and Krauter, from Central to Harrison, north side of Ford Road from Middlebelt to Harrison, east side of Middlebelt from Ford Road to Maplewood.

He is an eighth grader in Cambridge Junior High where his favorite subjects are physical and shop.

In his spare time, Ken enjoys painting. Upon graduation from high school, he intends to become an electrician. Ken has won awards for outstanding performances in wrestling and for science projects.



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