



Farmington Hills police officer Ray Cranston waits before the raid.

## Farmington police arrest shooting suspect Saturday

FARMINGTON HILLS—Armed with shotguns and wearing bulletproof vests, a contingent of police from two cities raided a house in Livonia April 19 and arrested a 23-year-old man for attempted murder.

Marko Lajcaj, 19635 Inkster, Livonia, is being held in Oakland County Jail on \$100,000 bond after his arraignment April 20 before 47th District Court Judge Michael Hand.

Pretrial examination is scheduled for April 25.

Lajcaj was charged with assault with intent to murder in the April 13 shooting of Rick Coleman of Detroit. The shooting took place at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, where Coleman is employed.

Hushed conversation among officers who gathered near the Livonia house at 3

p.m. indicated that the raid was being carried out after police had received a tip from informants.

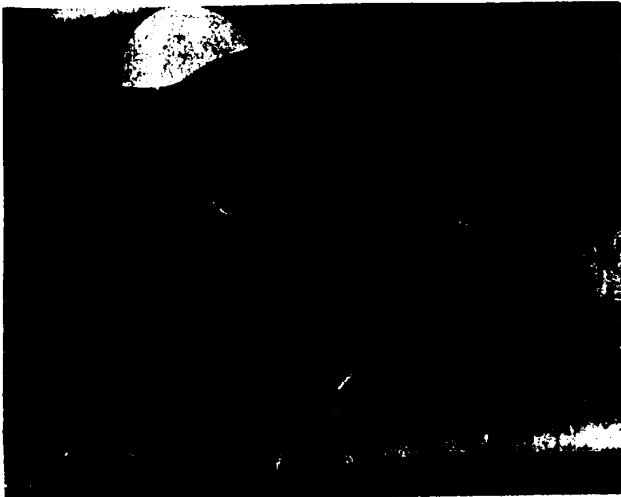
Farmington Hills Police joined officers from Livonia in unmarked cars to carry out the raid.

After staking out the house for three and one-half hours, the officers regrouped at a nearby gas station then moved in a procession of cars to the house.

After surrounding the house, an officer from Farmington Hills and one from Livonia kicked in the front door.

Police said that Lajcaj tried to get out through a rear window but four officers with shotguns were there to make the arrest.

Lajcaj cut his arm when he broke out the window. He was treated at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.



Mark Lajcaj of Livonia being taken into custody by police.



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