

Wade Gregg to stand trial as murder suspect

Wade Gregg, 22, of Farmington Hills will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for first-degree murder in connection with the early February stabbing death of a Livonia woman.

He faces a May 5 arraignment in circuit court on charges of first-degree murder, felony murder, two counts of assault with intent to commit murder and one count of assault with intent to commit rape. The sentence for murder is life imprisonment.

Gregg was bound over to circuit court on Tuesday by 16th District Judge James Mies. He remains in Wayne County jail without bond.

WHETHER GREGG is competent to stand trial in the stabbing and strangulation death of Juanita Waluzak, 45, of Livonia has been left to a circuit court judge to decide.

Results of a psychiatric examination, ordered by Mies in February, have not been admitted as evidence in the case. Defense Attorney David Lawson would not comment on the exam, conducted at the state Forensic Center in Ypsilanti. Mies deferred a hearing on the competency question to circuit court.

Lawson argued on Tuesday that Gregg should be charged with second-degree murder, because, he said, the

prosecution had not proven premeditation or forethought, required in obtaining a conviction for first-degree murder.

"This was not a cool and contemplated assassination, you might say," Lawson said.

But Mies, citing the February preliminary examination testimony of prosecution witnesses — including Mrs. Waluzak's daughters, Sandra Ann and Chris Tina — said the evidence was "clear and convincing" that Gregg "knew what he was accomplishing."

Again citing the preliminary exam

testimony, Mies said during the early morning hours of Feb. 8 in the Waluzak home, Gregg, unarmed, first allegedly attacked Sandra Ann in her bedroom; went to the kitchen and got a butcher knife and fork; then allegedly stabbed Craig Schmidt, 22, Chris Tina Waluzak's boy friend, in her bedroom; looked for Sandra Ann, who had fled to her mother's bedroom; then allegedly stabbed Mrs. Waluzak, who was in the living room and then threatened Sandra Ann with the knife.

Mies said Gregg had "a sufficient length of time to think."

SANDRA ANN had testified that her mother introduced her to Gregg in the family kitchen at about 3 a.m. on Feb. 8.

According to the medical examiner's testimony, Mrs. Waluzak had been beaten, strangled and stabbed 12 times in the neck. The alcohol content of her blood at the time of autopsy was 21 percent.

The felony-murder charge, which Mies described as an "alternate count," alleges that during the killing, there was an attempt to commit first-degree

criminal sexual conduct. Mrs. Waluzak's autopsy, however, found no evidence of sexual relations or rape. To convict a defendant of felony murder, the prosecution must only prove that a felony crime was being committed when the victim died.

Gregg is also charged with the alleged attempted rape of Sandra Ann. Lawson cited testimony that Gregg was fully clothed when he allegedly assaulted the 20-year-old woman. She had testified that Gregg had forcibly removed her underwear.

Symphony plans schedule

The West Bloomfield Symphony Board of Directors and Women's Association have a number of programs planned for the next few months.

The women's association, the fund-raising arm of the symphony, has scheduled an art auction for Saturday, May 2 at the Southfield Gallery Art Center on 12 Mile two blocks west of Southfield Road.

The event will start with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 7:30 p.m., with the auction getting underway at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for advanced sales and \$3.50 at the door. Chairperson of the evening is Jil-la Mohladi.

Association President Virginia Templeton said she hopes to net at least \$2,000 from the auction for the symphony.

On Tuesday, May 19, the board will host a \$25 per person fund-raiser at the Oakland Hills Country Club featuring music by a Detroit Symphony Orchestra quartet.

Board President Milton Abramson said he expects to collect \$5-6,000 for orchestra offers.

Another in the series of the women's group's musicales, featuring members of the WBSO, is scheduled for sometime in June at the home of Isabel Forster.

THE WOMEN'S association's last project of the year will be a July 17 affair at the Edsel Ford Home in St. Clair Shores starting at 7:30 p.m. with a tour of the grounds and children's home.

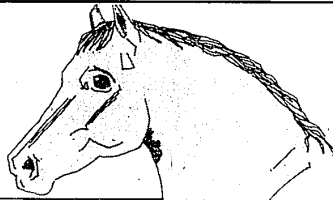
At 8:30 p.m., 10-year-old harpist-pianist Kirsten Agresta will entertain.

Kirsten has been featured on CBS's "Kids World," The Junior Hall of Fame segments in 1978 and 1979, and has received four superior ratings from the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs for her piano solo, concerto and harp and compositions for harp.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

For ticket information, contact Templeton at 682-1731 or Mary Hoppel at 335-4691.

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