

# Detroit man suspected in Hills robberies

FBI agents say a Detroit man is a suspect in two Farmington Hills robberies.

The Comerica Bank branch at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads was hit by holdups on March 26 and April 22.

The suspect is Peter Joseph Carter, 30, of Detroit.

Besides being a suspect in the Farmington Hills robberies, Carter was arraigned in U.S. District Court June 10 on two counts of armed bank robbery,

stemming from two holdups of a Comerica Bank branch in Detroit earlier in the year.

He was held without bond after his arraignment.

Carter was apprehended by FBI agents on June 8.

"They received a tip, followed the tip up, and were able to apprehend the suspect," said Lt. Ernie Miller, who heads the detective division for the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"They received an anonymous tip that he was the person they were looking for."

CARTER WAS arrested at approximately 8:15 p.m. June 8 at his Detroit home, said John Anthony, a special agent with the FBI's Detroit office.

"He was arrested at his residence at 6115 Florida."

Two other individuals, both Detroit

residents, were also apprehended by FBI agents. Edward Turowski, 22, and Tamara Becker, 22, were arraigned on charges of aiding and abetting in the commission of a felony.

"We did execute a federal search warrant at that address," Anthony said.

The search uncovered clothing stained with red dye, which was soaking in a bathtub.

Bureau agents believe the dye may be from an earlier robbery in which

dye was used on the money. Banks used red dye during robberies to aid police in finding stolen money.

All three are being held in federal custody in lieu of bond, the FBI's Anthony said.

"They're in a federal correctional facility" at Milan, he said.

The two counts of armed robbery stemmed from holdups of a Comerica Bank branch in Detroit.

In addition to the two Detroit hold-

ups, bureau agents are investigating connections with a total of six other robberies in Farmington Hills, Dearborn, Birmingham and Bloomfield Township.

No weapon was observed during any of the eight robberies, Anthony said. However, Anthony said, the suspect did indicate that he had a weapon.

"Therefore, we're treating them as armed robberies," the FBI agent said.

# Patterson stumps for part-time legislature

By Teri Benas  
Staff writer

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson delivered a "stinging indictment" against the state Legislature last week in Livonia, accusing it of "simply not understanding private enterprise."

Patterson called for a part-time legislature which he said would open up opportunities for working business men

and women to take part in creating a climate good for business.

"Most of them have never worked in private enterprise," said Patterson, blaming the "imbalance" on the inordinate number of lawyers making up the ranks of state legislators.

Patterson — a lawyer who himself has run for state office, including governor as a GOP candidate in 1982 and attorney general in 1980 — urged chamber members to take part in a petition drive to place a part-time legislature question on the state ballot.

Nationwide, the majority of states have part-time legislatures with the exception of five states, Michigan being one of them, he told the audience of more than 200 persons.

AMONG the benefits of a part-time legislature, Patterson cited the reduced cost of running the government as well as having lawmakers routinely return

to private life and "live under the laws (they) passed."

The drive is being spearheaded by state representatives Victor Krause, R-Rockford, and Thomas Power, R-Traveler City. They need 375,000 signatures by a June 1986 deadline.

Patterson remarks were made last Wednesday at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's annual patriotic luncheon at Schoolcraft College. It was a fundraiser for Greenmead, Livonia's historical village.

Patterson presented a dire outline of forces working on today's business environment, including the single-business tax, workers' compensation and state government spending, which he attributed to the "exodus" of such companies as Stroh's and Clark Equipment.

"Is it any wonder Michigan is ranked least desirable by Alexander Grant," he said, referring to the Chicago-based accounting firm that recently released its findings of the state of business in America.

owners since buying a restaurant eight years ago.

Although Patterson was asked to keep his remarks to business issues, he did respond to several questions on last week's state Senate vote, defeating an amendment to reinstate capital punishment here. Patterson has been a long-

# Grad parties are successful

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the ninth annual party to the delight of party organizers.

"It was great. This was the most tickets we've ever sold," Carey said.

One of the more popular events at the party was a slide presentation featuring photos of the seniors taken throughout their high school years.

"It was really a rewarding experience," Carey said of the party.

"Having these parties has helped take the pressure off of parents who feel they should give their seniors graduation parties."

Farmington and Farmington Hills police officials also think the parties are a good idea.

There were no reports of traffic fatalities or drunk driving arrests involv-

ing juveniles during the time of the parties, according to police officials from both cities.

"None of the accidents we've had have been related to graduation parties," said Lt. Norman Kilmer of the Hills police.

"It was a very quiet three days," said Frank Lauchoff, director of Farmington's Department of Public Safety.

"As far as graduation activities and us (the police department) becoming involved in them, there wasn't any and that's very unusual for us," Lauchoff added.

Organizers from all three high schools reported no problems in or out of the parties and all are planning to have the parties again for the Class of 1986.

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# Hills student earns master's degree

Kathleen Mae Ryan of Farmington Hills has received a master of science degree in health service administration from the University of Detroit.

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She is employed by Providence Hospital in Southfield as assistant director of nursing.

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