Doctor: Bailey was insane

At time of Brighton teen's slaying

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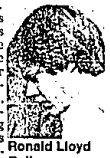
A Southfield psychiatrist has determined that murder suspect Ronald Lloyd Bailey was legally insane at the time 13-year-old Shawn Moore of Brighton was abducted and killed last Aug. 31.



Ronald Lloyd Bailey

Dr. Joel Dryer's opinion contrasts sharply with the findings of the state Center for Forensic Psychiatry near Ypsilanti, which issued a report July 7 saying that Bailey was neither ill nor insane at the time of the abduction. Bailey is accused of the kidnap-slaying of Moore and faces a Sept. 3 trial in Livingston Circuit Court.

Dryer, of Innervisions Clinic, was asked by Bailey's two attorneys, Raymond Cassar and Charles Murphy, to independently evaluate Bailey.

It is expected that Dryer's report, delivered to the Livingston court Thursday, will help support an insanity defense for Bailey, 27, of Livonia.

Cassar said of the report: "I cannot comment on whether I was pleased with the report. I was pleased that he finished it a month before trial date starts."

Although he just issued the report, Dryer had met with Bailey since March, Cassar said.

"Ron has a very good rapport with Dr. Dryer, and that makes me feel good — it worked out very well," Cassar said.

DRYER IS STILL working on two other reports regarding Bailey's mental condition at the time 14-year-old Kenneth Myers of Ferndale was kidnapped and killed in July 1984, and at the time of the kidnap and sexual assault of a 15-year-old Redford Township boy in June 1984.

Bailey faces an Oct. 6 trial in Wayne County Circuit Court in the slaying of Myers, and a subsequent trial in Wayne County in the third case.

Cassar said he expects jury selection for the Moore case to take at least a week. If a fair and impartial jury could not be found in Livingston County, Cassar would renew his motion for a change of venue, he said.

The Oct. 6 trial in Wayne County might be delayed because of the Moore trial, Cassar said.

"I don't know if we will be able to begin because of the obvious overlap. I don't think we will be finished with the Shawn Moore case by Oct. 6."

A pretrial status conference has been set Aug. 15 in Livingston County in the Moore case.

Parking prohibited on portion of Power

Parking will be prohibited on the west side of Power, between Grand River and Shiawassee, following Farmington City Council action July 21.

Previously, parking was banned only on the east side.

The stricter ban follows relocation of the lighted basement diamond in Shiawassee Park. Relocation was accompanied by a new parking lot. Since that lot opened, no one has parked on Power during recent night baseball games, City Manager Robert Deadman said.

Cars parked on Power obstruct the vision of drivers exiting the parking lot off Power, a heavily traveled road during peak hours, Deadman said.

"Because of this, no parking has been allowed on the road north of Shiawassee," he said. "We believe it would be in the best interest of motorists and pedestrian safety if parking is prohibited on both sides of Power, between Grand River and Shiawassee."

The new parking restriction takes effect as soon as new no-parking signs are posted.

Officers may issue warnings for a week or two to acclimate park-goers to the change in parking policy. After that period, tickets will be issued at the officers' discretion, Department of Public Safety Director Frank Lauhoff said.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Fun in the sun

It was dry but hot at Kids Day in the Park July 15, part of the week-long Farmington Founders Festival. Richard Paul (above) of Farmington Hills and his 1½-year-old son, Steven, took a few moments to try out the swings in Farmington's Shiawassee Park during the afternoon, which was dedicated to kids of all ages. Activities included a pet show, a Moonwalk, Big Wheel races, a magician and face painting. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter also was on hand, giving children a closeup look at what's inside.

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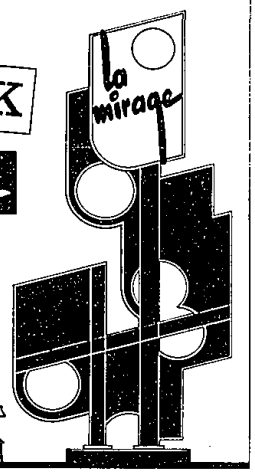

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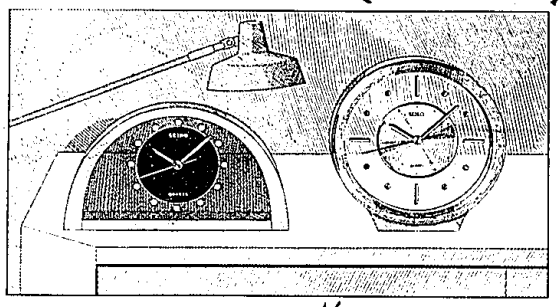

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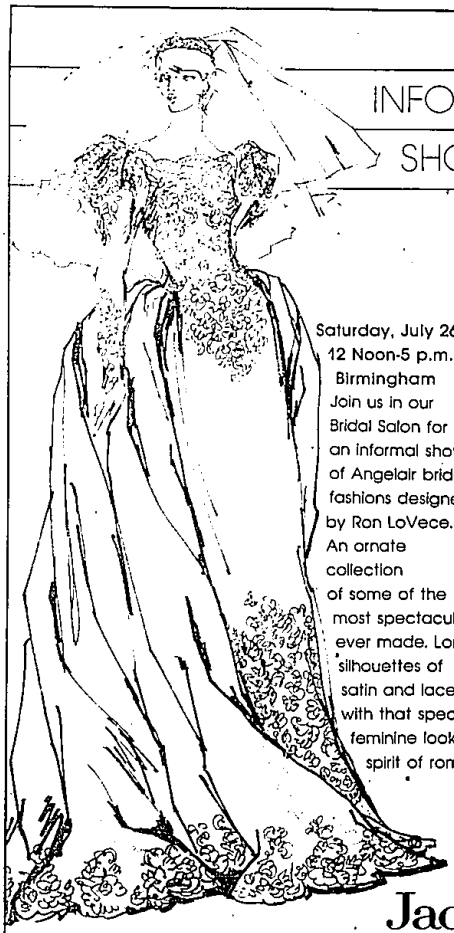

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