

Man's death results in a felony conviction

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A Redford Township man was convicted Wednesday of involuntary manslaughter in the May death of a Farmington Hills man outside the Double OO Pub, 25044 Grand River, Redford Township.

Sayers' attorney, Marvin Blake, said Sayers waived his right to a jury trial because of his belief that once the judge heard the facts in the case "he would see Sayers had not intended to inflict great bodily harm or to kill Link."

Blake called the incident a "terrible tragedy, one of those freaky accidents that happen from time to time."

Georgy A. Link, 30, formerly of Westland, died from a skull fracture that resulted in a blood clot after scuffling with Sayers on May 23 outside the pub.

Douglas Sayers, 32, an iron worker, was found guilty in Wayne Circuit Court by Judge Paul S. Terenes Wednesday after a three-day bench trial.

A Farmington Hills man was sentenced to prison and probation and ordered to pay restitution after he pleaded guilty to mail fraud and fraudulent use of a Social Security account number.

On Oct. 23, U.S. District Judge Ralph Freeman sentenced Fred

SAYERS AND another man, Michael Brock, were charged with second-degree murder in the case. Brock, who had met Sayers for the first time on the evening of the incident, was acquitted of all charges earlier this month.

Sayers said he struck Link one

time and that Link fell to the ground. Sayers then left the scene of the incident. He surrendered to Redford police a week later.

Blake said Link fell after the single blow. "Unfortunately, it was a hard fall, and he hit his head on a cement parking curb."

Blake said Sayers' description of the incident is corroborated by the medical examiners' report. Oakland County Medical Examiner Bill G. Brooks performed the autopsy on Link. He testified there were no bruises or other physical evidence to suggest Link had been beaten.

Sayers, who has no previous criminal record, is free on bail until sentencing by Terenes on Dec. 9.

The minimum penalty for involuntary manslaughter is probation or imprisonment of not more than 10 years. The maximum penalty is 15 years in jail.

Prison awaits in mail fraud scheme

Robert Prediger, 43, to four years in prison for mail fraud and a consecutive term of five years' probation for fraudulent use of a Social Security account number.

Freeman also ordered Prediger to pay \$78,676 in restitution to the state

of Michigan and the federal government.

Prediger pleaded guilty July 24. He must turn himself in to the U.S. marshal Nov. 10 to begin serving his sentence. A U.S. District Court spokeswoman said.

From August 1980 to September 1982, Prediger schemed to defraud the Michigan Employment Security Commission through fraudulently ob-

tained unemployment benefits, U.S. Attorney Roy Hayes said.

Prediger set up phony businesses, opened unemployment insurance accounts for those businesses and applied for unemployment benefits in the name of phony employees of those businesses. He also falsely verified the employment history and salaries of those employees, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheldon Light said.

Prediger used a network of false identities, post office boxes, false businesses and bank accounts in false names in an effort to avoid detection, said Light, who prosecuted the case.

U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agents headed the investigation.

Suspected cocaine seized

Two men face felony charges after Farmington Hills police raided a house on 11 Mile Oct. 30 and seized a quantity of suspected cocaine with a street value exceeding \$50,000. Police also seized \$4,000 in cash.

Arraigned Friday before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, the homeowner, Jerry Lindon Thompson, 36, stood mute to one count of delivery of a controlled substance. Conviction could bring a pen-

alty of up to 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

A visitor, David Phillips, 30, of Livonia, stood mute to one count of possession of a controlled substance over 50 grams. Conviction could bring a penalty of 10 to 20 years in prison or life probation.

Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. Bond was set at \$5,000 for each pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Officers executed a search war-

rant signed by Hand. The seized substance field-tested positive as cocaine. "We're awaiting final confirmation from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Northville," said Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The raid culminated a four-week investigation. "We received information developed through investigation that possibly narcotics trafficking was going on there," Murphy said.



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Statement of Resources and Liabilities	
Thousands of dollars	
Assets	Liabilities
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	Deposits
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	in domestic offices
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Securities	Interest-bearing
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	in foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs
Loans and lease financing receivables	Noninterest-bearing
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	Interest-bearing
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs
LESS: Accrued transfer risk reserve	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases
Assets held in trading accounts	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits
Other real estate owned	Other liabilities
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	Total liabilities
Customer liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	Limited-life preferred stock
Intangible assets	
Other assets	
Total assets	
Equity Capital	
Perpetual preferred stock	
Common stock	
Surplus	
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