

# Sentenced

Detroit residents will spend lives in prison

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Two Detroit residents will spend their lives in prison for the 1987 robbery-slaying of a Farmington Hills chauffeur.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper sentenced the two Tuesday in the death of Edward S. Chapman of Detroit on Feb. 28, 1987 in the parking lot at Hunter's Ridge Apartments.

Chapman was a chauffeur and handyman for an elderly resident of the exclusive Farmington Hills apartment complex on 14 Mile, just west of Orchard Lake Road. He died of a gunshot wound to the head, the Oakland County Medical Examiner ruled.

Following a 7-day trial, Jemal Edward Tipton, 17, and Nellie McInnis, 46, were convicted in October.

A third defendant, Anthony Jerome Parks, 24, was released after Cooper dismissed a first-degree felony murder charge and acquitted the Detroit resident of armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Parks had a bench trial. Parks is Tipton's half-brother. Tipton was sentenced on three convictions: life in prison without parole for first-degree felony murder; life in prison for conspiracy to commit armed robbery; and two years in prison for possessing a firearm in the commission of a felony.

MCINNIS WAS sentenced to 20-47 years in prison for conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Cooper vacated the sentence when she ordered McInnis to spend her life in prison for conviction on a habitual offender charge.

With some of the judge's comments made about her rehabilitation, it's doubtful she'll be paroled," said detective Patrick Monti of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

McInnis was previously convicted for mail fraud, a federal charge, for operating a prescription mill operation; and for transporting illegal drugs across state lines, Monti said.

McInnis, Tipton and Parks were arrested shortly after Chapman's shooting at 11:09 a.m. Feb. 28. But McInnis was released a day later on order of the county prosecutor. After she eluded police for more than two weeks, the Michigan State Police criminal investigation section's fugitive team arrested her at a friend's house in Detroit in late March.

When police arrived at Hunter's Ridge the day of the shooting, they found Chapman lying on the grass outside an apartment on Hunters Drive. He was on his way to his employer's apartment when he was killed, police said.

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police, fire and court cases filed during the past week.

### SUSPECTS NABBED

Three western Wayne County men face felony charges in connection with the break-in of a car parked at Livonia Towing, 24701 Hathaway, Nov. 5.

Arraigned Nov. 6 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the three men — two from Novi, one from Livonia — each stood mute to one count of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle with damage. Innocent pleas were entered. Personal bond was set at \$1,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

The three were arrested at 4 p.m. Nov. 5 after suspicious activity was reported in the towing yard. They face up to five years in prison if convicted, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### WEAPONS SEIZED

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man faces a felony charge in connection with the discovery of two weapons in a car Nov. 6.

Arraigned Nov. 7 before Magistrate James Brady of Farmington, the man stood mute to two counts of carrying a concealed weapon in a

motor vehicle. An innocent plea was entered. Personal bond was set at \$1,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

The defendant faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

Officers found a police nightstick and a .38-caliber semiautomatic pistol in a car following a traffic stop on Orchard Lake Road, near Bond, at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 6, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### HOUSE FIRE

No one was hurt when a 34-year-old man fell asleep and his lit cigarette caused his mattress to smolder in a house on Rockwell Nov. 9.

Damage from the midnight fire was estimated at \$200. It was limited to the upstairs bedroom, according to the Farmington Hills fire and police reports.

### TICKETS ISSUED

A 55-year-old Perry's Crossing man was ticketed for burning leaves. In violation of city ordinance, Nov. 7, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Three 17-year-olds — two from Grosse Pointe Farms, one from Grosse Pointe Park — were ticketed for having beer and vodka in a motor vehicle following a traffic stop on Northwestern Highway, near 14 Mile, Nov. 7, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

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A 22-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for furnishing beer to three 18-year-olds outside the 7-Eleven, 22323 Middlebelt, Nov. 8, according to a Farmington Hills police report. The three girls — one from Farmington, one from Farmington Hills and one from Northville — were ticketed for possessing alcohol.

### BUSINESS BREAK-IN

Two generators valued at \$3,100 were taken from Farmington Cycle World, 34600 Eight Mile, but were found outside a smashed front window at 5:30 a.m. Nov. 9.

Officers responding to an alarm also found a handgun and a knife on the ground below the window, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### THEFTS REPORTED

Golf clubs, fishing equipment and other items valued at \$800 were reported stolen from an apartment on Buchanan Court between Oct. 20 and Nov. 6.

A construction trailer valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a construction site on Commerce Drive between Oct. 30 and Nov. 2.

Jewelry valued at \$850 was reported stolen from a house on Hugo Nov. 4-5.

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