

Court date set for suspect who shot himself

The 21-year-old Farmington Hills man who shot himself in a standoff with police at a Ferndale motel Dec. 17 faces a January court date.

David Scott Klueger faces a preliminary exam Jan. 13 before Judge Daniel Sawicki of the 44th District Court, Royal Oak.

Klueger, discharged Sunday from William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, shot himself in the stomach to end an eight-hour standoff with police Dec. 17 at the Motorama Motel, Eight Mile and Woodward.

Free on bond at the time of the shooting, Klueger is awaiting sentencing on three felony counts in Farmington Hills. He faces four more felony charges in connection with incidents that led to his latest arrest.

Accompanied by his girlfriend, Michelle Elise Friberg, 20, of Detroit, Klueger barricaded himself in their room at the Motorama Motel Dec. 17.

Negotiations that police hoped would lead to a peaceful surrender began at 8 a.m. and continued until Klueger became despondent and shot himself at 3 p.m. with a pistol. Police do not know why Klueger shot himself, Ferndale Sgt. Don Johnson said.

THE LATEST charges brought against Klueger are unarmed robbery, armed robbery, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and use of a firearm while committing a felony.

On Dec. 27, Sawicki ordered Friberg to stand trial in connection with the unarmed robbery. She is being

held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash/surety bond pending arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The unarmed robbery involved the theft of a purse containing about \$2 from a 76-year-old woman at 7:20 p.m. Dec. 16 in the parking lot at Barton Towers, a Royal Oak senior citizens apartment complex at 333 N. Troy.

Police allege Friberg, who has no police record, drove the getaway car, Royal Oak detective Richard Babcock said.

KLUEGER'S OTHER charges stem from the theft of a purse containing about \$80 at gunpoint from a 42-year-old Royal Oak woman arriving for work at Meijer Thriftway Acres, Coolidge Highway and 14 Mile, Royal Oak, at 4:55 a.m. Dec. 17. The thief was driving a stolen car.

Judge Sawicki set cash/surety bond for Klueger at \$50,000.

On Nov. 29, Klueger pleaded guilty to one count of breaking and entering of an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny, one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and one count of carrying a concealed weapon in connection with his arrest Sept. 23 in Farmington Hills.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn is scheduled to sentence Klueger on these felony counts Jan. 10. On Dec. 1, Klueger posted \$10,000 cash bond pending sentencing — 10 percent of the \$10,000 cash/surety bond that Kuhn had set at arraignment Oct. 18.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

• DEATH PROBED

A 45-year-old man from Farmington Hills died shortly after running on Detroit's Belle Isle on New Year's Eve.

The cause of Marga Stiya's death won't be known until toxicology tests are completed, said a Wayne County Medical Examiner's spokesman.

A friend called Detroit's EMS about 6:05 p.m. Saturday from the Elms Brothers Big Boy Restaurant on East Jefferson and East Grand Boulevard to report that Stiya had been running on Belle Isle and wasn't feeling well.

Stiya died at Samaritan Health Center in Detroit shortly before 6:30. Stiya was not entered in the 19th annual Little Caesar's Pizza New Year's Eve Family Fun Run, which drew 2,500 walkers and runners between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on Belle Isle, said race director James Becci.

The medical examiner listed Stiya's address as the Village Green of Farmington Condominiums on Eight Mile and Grand River.

No information about her family or about funeral arrangements were available Tuesday.

• QUIET NEW YEAR'S

Both Farmington Hills and Farmington police reported a quiet New Year's.

Around midnight Jan. 1 in Farmington Hills, shots were reported in the areas of Westmoreland, Heartstone and Tuck. Fireworks were reported in the areas of Willson Court and Elmcor.

But there were no alcohol-related accidents between 6 p.m. Dec. 31 and 6 a.m. Jan. 1. In fact, there were only six reported accidents during this period in Farmington Hills, none involving serious injury, said Sgt. Ray Cranston, Farmington Hills police department traffic section supervisor.

In Farmington, one incident of an

uninvited guest at a New Year's Eve party on Drake Road ended in the arrest of a 16-year-old Farmington teen after he put his fist through a pantry door. Resilius was made, and charges were not filed.

Another Farmington incident was reported Jan. 1, when a desk was thrown through a window of a house on Smithfield, causing about \$75 in damage.

• SUSPICIOUS ACTION

Farmington Hills police are investigating an incident in which an elderly man driving a pickup on Duncauld at 12:15 p.m. Monday waved as he passed three children playing in a yard, then turned his truck around and headed back toward them.

When their mother confronted him in the road, he said he wanted to give the children some toys. He then showed her some hand puppets. When she said the children weren't interested in them, he drove off.

The man was described as 65 to 70 with a Polish accent. He was wearing a brown stocking cap, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• ARSON PROBED

No arrests have been made in connection with a fire that investigators believe was deliberately set in an unoccupied house at 28470 13 Mile, just east of Northwestern Highway, Dec. 28.

There was a strong odor of fuel outside the home, and five empty kerosene cans were found outside of it," said Farmington Hills police detective Brian DeGrande.

Police saw smoke coming out of the windows of the two-story house after responding to a panic alarm at 1:39 p.m. Dec. 28. Although the house sustained extensive heat and smoke damage, there was no major structural damage, DeGrande said.

Fire investigators estimated damage to the house and its contents at \$150,000.

• DRUGS FOUND

Two incidents involving drugs and violation of the public health code

were reported in Farmington during the past week.

The first, which occurred Dec. 29, involved a 17-year-old Detroit man who was ticketed during a traffic stop on Grand River at Drake for possessing marijuana.

The second occurred Jan. 2 when a 24-year-old Farmington Hills woman was stopped for speeding on Grand River at Mooney. She was arrested after police determined she was driving with a suspended license. Drug residue, which tested positive for cocaine, was found in her possession, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report. Criminal warrants are being sought.

• PURSE SNATCH TRY

A 77-year-old Farmington Hills woman was not hurt when a teen tried to steal her purse in the parking lot of Krueger's, 37205 Grand River, at the intersection of Halsted, last week.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report the incident occurred Dec. 31 shortly before 1 p.m., as the woman was putting groceries in the trunk of her car. She felt someone pushing on her back and pulling on her purse, which was under her arm. She screamed and the young man left in a car with several others. No weapon was seen.

• TICKETS ISSUED

A 20-year-old Livonia man was ticketed for possessing marijuana and driving with a suspended license. A radar detector valued at \$100 was found in his car during a traffic stop at Middlebelt and 11 Mile Dec. 30.

• DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$1,800 during an early-morning break-in Jan. 3 at Computerland, 34435 Grand River, in Farmington. According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, nothing was reported stolen during the incident.

• THEFTS REPORTED

Jewelry valued at \$3,781 was reported stolen from a house on Apple-

wood Lane between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30.

A propane heater valued at \$700 was reported stolen from a house under construction on Elrwood between Oct. 28 and Jan. 3.

A color TV, a VCR and stereo equipment valued at \$1,520 were reported stolen from a house on the 28800 block of Gull between Dec. 23 and Jan. 1.

A 14-foot-high Colorado blue spruce tree valued at \$75 was reported stolen from a yard on Rhombuswood between Dec. 23 and Jan. 2.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked in the east lot of Nor-Com, 33708 Grand River, Farmington, Dec. 29. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150.

A deer hunting bow and 24 hunting arrows valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a house on Randall Dec. 29-30.

A TV, two wristwatches and eight rechargeable batteries valued at \$1,351 were reported stolen from a house on Sky Drive Dec. 30.

A 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo valued at \$18,500 was reported stolen from the parking lot of Factory Official, 20800 Chesley, Farmington, Dec. 30.

A radar detector valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Smithfield in Farmington Dec. 30. Damage of \$75 was reported in the incident.

A 24-foot fiberglass boat, complete with a 330 horsepower engine and a 30-foot trailer, was reported stolen from along North Industrial Drive Dec. 29-31. It was valued at \$39,000.

Jewelry valued at \$2,500 was reported stolen from Mulrwood Apartments between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Three water faucets and a bathroom sink valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Downs Court between Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

A 1987 Pontiac Trans-Am valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from Woodmont Trailer Court Jan. 1-2. Forty cartons of cigarettes valued at \$440 were reported stolen from Wine Tasters, 30340 Nine Mile, Jan. 4.

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