

7 arrested at Sunday peace rally

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staff writer

Seven people, including four juveniles and two men police believe are members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were arrested in downtown Farmington Sunday afternoon.

The arrests came during a march and rally for racial harmony sponsored by Love Force United, a group led by Farmington resident Derwin Success.

An estimated 400 people converged on the lawn at city hall for the late-afternoon rally that followed the 1.5-mile march. Police estimate more than half were there for counter-demonstrations and other purposes.

There were no injuries or reported incidents of property damage.

"Overall, it went really well," despite some "tense moments," said Farmington public safety director Frank Lauff, who headed the law enforcement effort, which included

car and foot patrols of the entire city.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies confiscated one gun from a man in the rally crowd; he carried a concealed weapons permit and was released soon after.

A TOTAL of 115 law enforcement officers aided in the crowd control effort, according to Lauff, including 23 from Farmington, 15 from Farmington Hills, 24 Michigan State Police troopers and more than 50 Oakland County Sheriff's deputies, including 15 on horseback.

The entire day is expected to cost Farmington taxpayers between \$5,000 to \$7,000 in overtime and training; with all the departments included, the cost is estimated to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000, Lauff said.

The four juveniles were arrested on concealed weapons charges for carrying knives and blackjacks and were later released to their parents, Lauff said.

ARRESTED AND jailed on disorderly conduct charges were Joseph Sprader, 30, of Farmington Hills, and Charles Dorn, 25, of Pinkney, who police believe are members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Lauff said. The two became embroiled in an argument with people from anti-racist groups during the rally, just a few feet away from the rally stage. Both were held briefly in the Farmington lock-up and released.

A female member of the International Committee Against Racism, or InCAR, was also arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after she allegedly attacked an unidentified man sitting on a monument on Grand River. The victim, who witnesses identified as being with Sprader and Dorn, disappeared and could not be interviewed by police. InCAR officials identified the arrested woman as Dana Ross of Detroit. Officials at the Oakland County Jail say she is Marian Dumar. She was being held without bond in the county jail Sunday night.

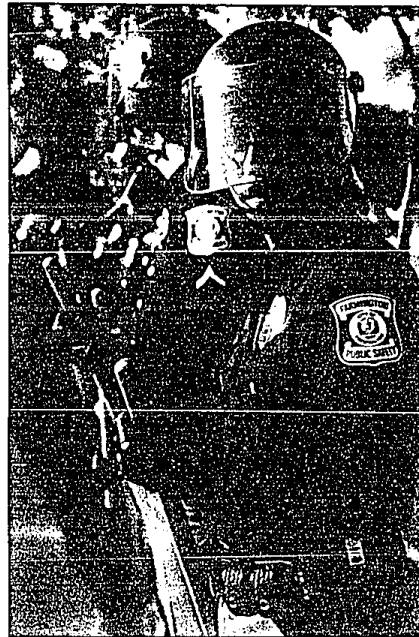
Disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor but said he does not believe the events will give the city a bad name.

FARMINGTON CITY manager Robert Deadman said he was pleased at the law enforcement effort, which he said was carried out "with restraint."

"There were no reported injuries. There were no reported property damage incidents," Deadman said. "There were a few assaults, and they dealt with them effectively and efficiently."

"They acted with restraint. They did what they had to and only when they had to."

The city also videotaped Sunday's events, which lasted from about 3 p.m., when the march started on Mooney Street and traveled west on Grand River to the steps of city hall for the rally, which ended at about 5:30 p.m.



RANDY BORGSTAFF photographer

Farmington public safety officers lined Liberty Street, forming a police barrier against possible trouble Sunday. The march and rally for racial harmony in the city ran from 3-5:30 p.m.

'We need all the state': Success

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Police have logged two related property-damage complaints since 1987.

Residents had many opinions about Success and the rally.

"I live here, and I think he should be able to live here too," said Geoffrey Allen of Farmington Hills.

Cheryl Karpinski of Warren

walked in the march and was at the front lines of the rally. "As I was walking here, there were people on the sidewalk calling me a 'nigger lover,'" she said. "And they're right. I am a lover of all people."

Farmington resident Douglas Aikens lives just blocks from city hall — the site of the rally — and was vi-

depecting the march and rally. He was concerned with costs. "I feel if an organization wants to march, they should put up the money to pay for the extra police protection," he said. "Why should the taxpayers pay extra?"

He predicted the march would do "more harm than good" for racial

harmony but said he does not believe the events will give the city a bad name.

FARMINGTON HIGH teacher Jerry Young, one of the speakers at the rally, called Success a "special guy." He met Derwin and Dianna Success 34 years ago while taking graduate classes, and has invited him to speak to his international relations class. Young was asked to postpone the invitation until after Sunday's event, and expects Success to speak to the class this week.

"He has a real message for people in the community," he said. "He's sincere and he believes in what he says."

Young spoke Sunday because "somebody has to speak for the community," he said.

The 48-year teaching veteran has taken students to the Soviet Union and France, and is interested in exposing his students to a variety of cultures. "Where do I need to take my next group of students? To Spain, Great Britain, or across the street to meet the family of Derwin Success?" he asked during his speech. "I want brotherhood to be an important value consistently taught. We have only one world, one country and one community."

Robert Rice, a Michigan State University student and Grand Rapids resident, came across state by bus with other college students to participate. "It's going to bring some of the ideals to everyday people," he said. "This is going to bring some consciousness to the community."

"Reist Hate" said a block letter sign above Todd Duren's head. "We all feel strongly about the issue of racial harmony," said Duren, a graduate student at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills who visited Farmington Sunday with friends.

Atlanta activist Williams referred to those in the rear of the crowd who were not participating in the rally. "A lot of the nuts are coming to make problems for you," he said. "What kind of a world are we turning over to our kids?"

"I came here because I think it's right to come here."

City has aided the oppressed: mayor

Farmington served as a harbor for the oppressed even as the community was being formed, the city's mayor said Sunday.

Some members of the Quaker community left New York state and settled in Farmington during the community's early days, to "escape oppression," said Mayor Richard Tupper, and "within the community's historical district is the remainder of the Underground Railroad used to hide escaped slaves and to move them to safety."

"The community's history and performance certainly indicate an understanding and tolerance to change."

Tupper spoke during an early afternoon press conference, before a scheduled peace march and rally, at which time he spoke from a prepared statement on behalf of city officials.

He said the city was ready to

stand behind everyone's right to peacefully demonstrate, despite some misrepresentations to the community by Sunday's march and rally leader, Derwin Success, a Farmington resident. Success had represented himself as having a doctoral degree and as a minister; he later said he is a doctoral program applicant and was "ordained by God."

"He represented himself to the community and to the city council as having these credentials, which he does not possess," Tupper said. "This type of behavior has diminished his local support as the community now questions the credibility of the individual, his motives and his proposed programs."

"It matters not whether we agree or disagree with the motives of those who sponsor the walk or those who wish to demonstrate today. The right to peacefully walk on the sidewalks of Farmington shall be assured."

He also said the city officials "prayed for the patience and understanding of the residents."



Mayor Tupper



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

"This flag represents freedom. They (International Committee Against Racism) are crying for something they already have," said Paul

Brady, 22, of Farmington Hills. He added that he believes in racial harmony but not in Communism.

Anti-racists call neo-Nazi pullout 'small victory'

By Susan Buck
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Anti-Nazi groups assembled en masse for "a storm which blew into Farmington," joining with the Love Force United Progressive March of 1989, led by Farmington resident Derwin Success Sunday afternoon.

The S.S. Action Group, an American neo-Nazi organization that had planned to protest the peace march at a fixed location on Grand River, east of Power, canceled its plans Friday.

S.S. Action Group founder John Moriarty, who calls himself John Reich, told Gary Goss, Farmington deputy public safety director, that he received telephone threats, one involving firearms.

"He said that it was unfair to bring that upon the community," Goss said Friday. "I told him it was a good decision. InCAR (the International Committee Against Racism) will probably call this a victory."

In a separate interview Wednesday, Moriarty, 35, of Detroit, said that from Oct. 6-11, he and family members received a total of 17 harassment calls.

InCAR and other factions assembled in the parking lot at Mooney and Grand River Sunday and followed the peace march for 1.5 miles along the north sidewalk of Grand River, west to the city hall on Liberty.

"It's a small victory, but there's still a lot to do," said Detroit's Lar-

ry Goldbetter, a spokesman and 20-year InCAR member.

JOSEPH SPRADER, 30, of Farmington Hills, and Charles Dorn, 25, a

Pinkney resident, were ticketed on misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges and released on \$75 bond, according to preliminary police reports. Frank Lauff, public safety

director, identified them as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members.

InCAR, which announced its plan to "physically smash" the neo-Nazis two weeks ago, brought about 20

members, many from Detroit. By day's end, Detroit's Marian Dumar, also known as Dana Ross, 28, an InCAR member, was arrested by the Michigan State Police on disorderly

conduct charges, according to Sgt. Larry Bohnsack of the Northville state police post. She was being held in the Oakland County Jail Sunday night, Deputy James Willard said.

Upon Ross' arrest, InCAR members took up a bail collection on the grounds of Farmington City Hall that netted \$150, half of what was needed, said Goldbetter.

Detroit residents Shawn Stewart, 17, and Audrey Davis, 31, arrested on misdemeanor trespassing charges Wednesday in Farmington High School, were also on hand to demonstrate. "Youth make up a large population in Farmington and we don't want them to be racist," said Stewart, the youth leader.

INCAR'S IDEOLOGICAL thrust is militant mass movement.

"The bosses' media have squealed like pigs about the violence of InCAR, without mentioning one word about the violence of racism," said a recent flyer. "Sure the Nazis are bad," they say. "But that damned InCAR is worse! They want to fight the Nazis! We plead, guilty as charged!"

"The murder of Vincent Chin was racist violence. The infant mortality rate for black babies in Detroit, the highest in the industrialized world, is racist violence. Massive unemployment, the plague of drugs, police terror and homelessness are all aspects of racist violence. You cannot wish them away. You must be bold and fight back!"



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A peace march supporter (left) spars with a man wearing a Knights of the Ku Klux Klan T-shirt during the rally on the grounds of the Farmington City Hall Sunday afternoon.