

Confrontation ends in shooting

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cousin, Tara Turner, 22, were leaving the Gateway complex after removing items from her apartment. As they reached the gatehouse, Vassel had stopped on his way home to tell the guard not to allow Turner future entry into the complex. Dunlap and Vassel talked, after which witnesses reported seeing Vassel take the shotgun from his trunk and aim it at Dunlap.

One witness in his car at the scene told police he saw Vassel point the shotgun toward Dunlap, then advance toward the officer. Using his badge and with his service revolver drawn and aimed at the ground, Dunlap identified himself as an officer and told Vassel to drop his gun. When he did not comply, Dunlap, in what police say was an act of self-defense, raised his automatic weapon and fired one shot.

Wounded, Vassel dropped the gun and left the complex, ending up in the back yard of a house at 12 Mile and David Street, where he was found and arrested by Farmington Hills police. He told police his shotgun was not loaded.

The pump shotgun was found on the ground near the gatehouse; the off-duty officer's gun was found on the gatehouse counter. Chief William Dwyer said Farmington Hills police consider the officer's actions justified. "I understand it (the shotgun) was not loaded — there was nothing in the chamber," said Dwyer. "But he (Vassel) still threatened him (Dunlap)."

LT. MURPHY said the incident Tuesday was the first of this kind that he could recall at Gateway Apartments, southwest of 12 Mile and Middlebelt.

Birmingham-based Continental

Security mans the guardhouse at Gateway Apartments during weekday nights and for 24-hour periods on weekends, according to dispatch supervisor James Anderson. Continental guards do not carry weapons, he said.

The 24-year-old guard working Tuesday night acted quickly by calling police, and "trying to calm" ev-

erone at the scene, Anderson said. "He (the guard) said it really didn't bother him. It was part of the job."

Anderson said incidents such as Tuesday's are "not a common thing."

Hills man faces felony charges

A 27-year-old Farmington Hills man was charged Wednesday with two felonies that could land him up to six years in prison, if convicted.

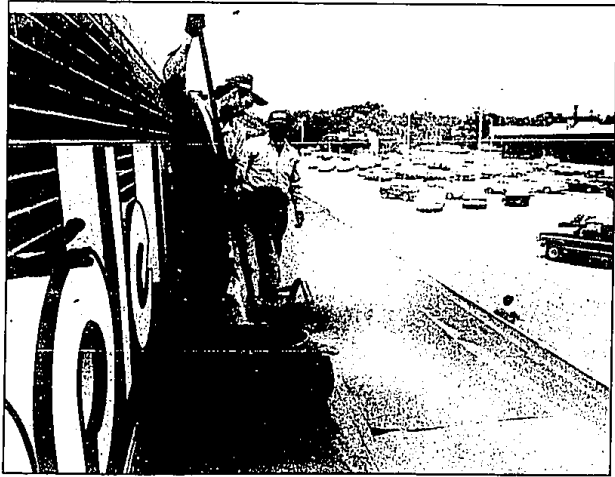
Miguel Vassel was arraigned at bedside at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, on one count of felonious assault and one count of using a firearm while committing a felony. Conviction of the first carries up to four years in prison; conviction of the second, a mandatory two-year prison term.

Charges stem from a Tuesday incident in which a man toting a shotgun approached an off-duty Detroit

police officer at the Gateway Apartments guardhouse. Police believe the officer, helping a cousin move from the unit she shared with Vassel, shot at Vassel in self-defense.

Vassel was arraigned by District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington. He stood mute and an innocent plea was entered on his behalf. Bond was set at \$10,000 cash or surety. A preliminary exam was set for June 8 in 47th District Court in Farmington.

Vassel requested a court-appointed attorney. Farmington Hills Police Lt. Richard Murphy said.



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Roof work

Workers Kevin Genereaux (left) and Dan Werber of G.A. Frisch of Troy lay tar on the overhang roof of the Downtown Farmington Center during improvement work at the shopping complex May 24.

Summer teen center slated

Farmington Youth Assistance will operate a Summer Teen Activities Center at Larkshire School this summer.

The center will be open June 19 through Aug. 3. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 3-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, special trips are planned to Bobo Island and Kensington Park. Any 12-16 year old who is a resident of Farmington or Farmington Hills may attend.

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PLANNED COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

DATE: JUNE 21, 1990
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed text amendment of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Section 34-552. A summary of said amendment is as follows:

- Revise Section 34-553 (a)(1) c. to read as follows:
Evergreen trees shall not be less than eight (8) feet in height. When planted in informal groupings, they shall not be spaced more than twenty (20) feet on centers within the grouping. When planted in rows, they shall be spaced not more than twelve (12) on centers.
- Revise Section 34-553 (a)(1) g. to read as follows:
Large deciduous trees shall not be less than three (3) inches in caliper. When placed in informal groupings, they shall not be planted more than thirty (30) feet on centers.
- Revise Section 34-553 (b)(2) to read as follows:
Such trees shall be of the large deciduous type, not less than three (3) inches in caliper.

Any person who is interested in this amendment is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussion. Complete Zoning Chapter and Text are available for purchase and/or inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Department.

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