

# Dad weeps as killing is described

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A surprised Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Gary Wilson had Price reread a statement she made to Detroit homicide police after the incident. But Price insisted she had felt pressured (by police) when she made the earlier statement.

"What's your fear, ma'am," Judge Bradford asked.

Price said police told her they believed she knew something about the killing and warned her that she might spend the night in jail if she didn't tell.

"I believe he (Carter) did it, OK. But I wish I could say I saw his face," Price responded, insisting she was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol while testifying.

In a statement read by a Detroit homicide sergeant, Carter said he didn't intend to kill Moore. "I said I

**'We feel my client's reputation was impugned because of this charge.'**

— Brian Herschfus  
teacher's attorney

was going to take his money and his truck," Carter apparently said in the statement.

Details of the police investigation were not revealed in testimony Friday.

ACCORDING TO both Carter and Williams' statements, the two men saw Moore in his truck from the motel lobby where they were standing. They decided they would rob him and approached the truck.

Both were armed, Carter with a .32-caliber derringer and Williams

with 22-caliber six-shot.

Carter apparently ordered Moore out of the truck. Moore, who at first locked the doors, obliged. The men then ordered Moore to take off his pants, which they searched for money. "Where's your money at? Moore was asked. "He said he didn't have any," Carter replied in his statement.

Carter and Williams then told Moore to take a walk, which he did. But he returned to the truck and tried to stop the pair from taking his truck. A scuffle followed when

Moore tried to pull Williams out of the driver's seat. Williams' gun went off. Carter then shot Moore, according to the statements.

"When we left the guy, he was bleeding. He started to drive the truck," Williams said in his statement.

In her third description of the events, Price testified that she believes she saw the taller of the two men shoot a pistol. "I saw the gunshot — the flame that came from the pistol."

Attorneys Edison and Myzell-Sowell, who represented Williams, questioned Price's latest version of events. But Price assured them she was telling the truth.

"I'm taking my time now," Price said, adding she was frightened. "I got to thinking scared for my health."

# Charges anger teacher's lawyer

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THE INCIDENT reportedly occurred in a section of Hines Park off Northville Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, according to police.

A previous news report which said the incident occurred in 1990 was not correct.

Scheer faces a preliminary examination Thursday, Feb. 6, on the indecent exposure charge in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Preliminary examinations are held in criminal cases to determine if there is enough evidence for that person to stand trial.

Charges were filed after a 24-year-old Plymouth woman told Northville Township police she was painting a watercolor portrait in the park and saw a man standing across the river fondling himself.

Scheer told police he had stopped at Builder's Square in Plymouth and was on his way to Northville Lumber taking a short cut through Hines Park when he had to stop and relieve himself.

AS HE did so, he looked up and saw the woman. He stopped as he was driving away from the area and apologized to the woman, who wrote down his license number and reported the incident to police.

Herschfus concurred with Scheer's statement to police, saying "that is our defense."

As school resumed in Farmington last week after winter break, Scheer was "off work with pay," Zurvallec said, pending an investigation required under state tenure laws. District officials have already met with Scheer and are proceeding with an investigation.

The incident was brought to the district's attention only when officials were contacted by a Northville News reporter.

"It's a difficult situation for him and for the district," Zurvallec added.

She stressed that the criminal charges and district's investigation are separate.

AFTER COMPLETING the investigation, school administrators will decide whether any disciplinary action should be taken. That would be referred to the board of education, where Scheer would be entitled to a hearing.

The investigation could take several weeks to complete, she added. Under the law, the district is required to either keep an employee at work or suspended him or her with full pay, pending the district's internal investigation.

Herschfus said the incident and subsequent charges have devastated his client, who has lived in the Farmington community for more than 20 years. He said he does not believe charges would have been filed if Scheer were not a teacher.

# Con games keyed to irresistible offers

By Kim Kemske  
special writer

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Kim Kemske is a crime prevention technician with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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