

Acquitted teen faces 3rd trial

(AP) — A Detroit teenager was acquitted in the videotaped beating of a Farmington Hills woman, but she had little time to celebrate as her third trial on an unarmed robbery charge began.

A Detroit Recorder's Court jury deliberated about two hours Wednesday before finding Cassandra Rutherford innocent of participating in the June 28 beating of Joanne Was, 43, at the Freedom Festival fireworks display in downtown Detroit.

The prosecution just didn't do their job and that was it," jury foreman Robert Goldstein said. Rutherford, 18, would say only that she felt good about the verdict.

Immediately after the verdict was read, Rutherford went on trial on an unarmed robbery charge in the alleged theft of two gold necklaces from Elaine Small, 45, of Dearborn Heights.

A jury was seated and attorneys gave opening statements, said a secretary in Judge Vera Massey-Jones' chambers.

Earlier this month, Rutherford was acquitted of armed robbery of Lisa Rusin, 25, of Royal Oak.

Both incidents also occurred during the fireworks show.

RUTHERFORD was the only one of a half-dozen women charged in the attacks to stand trial. The others, including her twin sister Cassandra, pleaded no contest.

The attacks were captured by a citizen carrying a hidden video camera at the fireworks display. It received national attention and escalated racial tensions in Detroit, the nation's sixth-largest metropolitan area and one of its most segregated.

Was, Small and Rusin are white. Rutherford and the other suspects are black.

Was' attorney, Larry Bennett, said she was "disappointed but not surprised" by Wednesday's verdict.

Bennett held a news conference later Wednesday but reminded reporters he is representing Was in a \$5 million lawsuit against the city that is pending in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

"I'm very anxious to talk about what happened and very anxious to give our reaction," he said, "but I think it suits the long-term goal of pre-

ing in the civil lawsuit to reserve comment at this time."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY Cornelius Plitts said in his closing arguments Tuesday that the case was brought because of greed and racism. He said his client was not identified clearly on the video and was provoked the attack.

"The jury of 10 blacks and two whites heard testimony over seven days and began deliberating Tuesday afternoon. They went home Tuesday night, returned Wednesday and reached a verdict soon after.

During the trial, Massey-Jones saw an Associated Press reporter taking notes in the courtroom and ordered the reporter's notebook confiscated and the reporter ejected. The judge said note-taking on the composition of the jury would jeopardize Rutherford's rights to a fair trial and invade the privacy of the jurors.

The Michigan Court of Appeals later ordered the notes returned to the reporter. However, an attorney who went to the court to retrieve the notes was told the notes had been destroyed.



That you, Abe?

"An Evening with Abraham Lincoln," a 90-minute one-man show performed by Jack Bradford, will be featured as part of a Lenten series at the First Methodist Church of Farmington, at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8. A 5:30 p.m. potluck dinner will precede the performance. Bradford of Royal Oak has been performing as the Great emancipator for the past nine years. The public is invited to attend. The church is at 33112 Grand River, east of Farmington Road.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

- Farmington City Council**
council chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, March 2
 - Downtown Development Authority**
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty
8 a.m. Tuesday, March 3
- Tonight the council will consider amending the engineering contract or the city's sewer improvement project, applying to the Recreation Fund, and proposed amendments to cemetery rules and regula-
- This is the annual meeting of the DDA board, when officers will be elected, an annual report given, and budget amendments made for 1992 and budget requests approved for

1993. Also on the agenda is a presentation by Mayor William Hertsock, resignation and appointment of board members, discussion of resolution on the proposed rezoning of Mulwood Square Shopping Center, and other general business including a report from the executive director.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Center
32500 Shawawasee
Tuesday, March 3
8 p.m. — policy/operations committee

RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1992, on Wednesday, March 4, 1992, at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of the Authority, 3215 E. State Street, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Authority.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of act 145, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session).

LENORA K. JADUN, P.E.
General Manager

Public March 2, 1992

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336
(313) 474-6115

ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, City of Farmington Hills, at the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, until 10:00 a.m. local time, March 18, 1992. Bids will then be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time:

BID NO. 91-92-176 POLICE CAR CONVERSIONS
BID NO. 91-92-183 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department on or after WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1992. All offers submitted are to be clearly marked for the specific item. The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, in waive any informalities, and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
City Clerk

Public March 2, 1992

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

DATE: MARCH 19, 1992
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

ITEM: Zoning Text Amendment 7, 1992

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 Sections 34-2, 34-33; 34-33; 34-35; 34-35; 34-35; 34-35; 34-41.2. A summary of said amendment is as follows:

- Amend definition of fast food/drive-in restaurants and redefine carry out restaurant; review districts and amend uses permitted within.

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.

DALE A. COUNTREGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
City of Farmington Hills

Zoning Text Amendment
Phone: 473-9565
Public March 2, 1992

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

DATE: MARCH 19, 1992
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ITEM: Rezoning Request 1-1-92

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

Rezoned from B-1, Local Business District classification to B-3, General Business District classification.

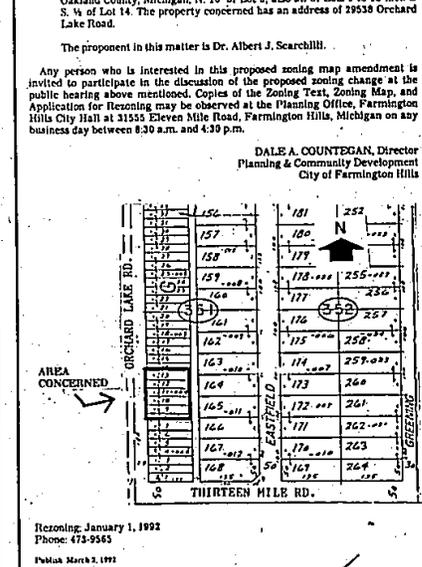
23-02-351-004
TIN, R9E, Section 2, Glen Oaks Subdivision, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, N. 10' of Lot 8, also all of Lots 9 to 13 and E. & W. of Lot 14. The property concerned has an address of 29538 Orchard Lake Road.

The proponent in this matter is Dr. Albert J. Searchilli.

Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be observed at the Planning Office, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTREGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
City of Farmington Hills

Phone: 473-9565
Public March 2, 1992



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for bridge replacement until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 11, 1992 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shawawasee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Beverly Hausman at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany the bid. Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shawawasee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (313) 489-3316.

CATHLEEN M. WEBB, Secretary
Board of Education

Public February 27 and March 3, 1992

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for plumbing repairs until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 11, 1992 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shawawasee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Beverly Hausman at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

It is strongly recommended that bidders attend a prebid meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 1992 at 3:00 P.M. in the mediated classroom at Farmington High School, 32800 Shawawasee, Farmington, Michigan.

A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany the bid. Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shawawasee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (313) 489-3316. Questions should be referred to Mr. Bill McCarthy at telephone (313) 555-1140.

CATHLEEN M. WEBB, Secretary
Board of Education

Public February 27 and March 3, 1992

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OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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ITEM: Rezoning Request 8-11-91

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

Rezoned from RC-2, Multiple-Family Residential District and P-1, Vehicular Parking District to B-2, Community Business District, also from B-2, Community Business District to RC-2, Multiple-Family Residential District:

Section 20, 41N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan:

Pt. of 23-20-476-002 Commonly known as 35820 Grand River Avenue
Pt. of 23-20-476-006 Commonly known as 24101 - 24149 Drake Road
Pt. of 23-20-476-007 Containing 1.685 Acres. All of the parcels concerned are located north of Grand River, west of Drake Road.

The proponent in this matter is the Bestak Company, who seeks this rezoning for a retail business development.

Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be observed at the Planning Office, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Public March 2, 1992

