

# Brother, sister, and friend/face robbery charges

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A Redford Township brother and sister, along with a family friend, have been charged in connection with a half-dozen robberies at local tanning salons and other businesses along major thoroughfares in four communities.

"It's the first time in my 29 years here that I've seen a brother-sister combination," said Livonia Police detective Sgt. Jesse Bartlett.

Bartlett credited Livonia's special operations team and cooper-

ation from police in Redford, Farmington and Farmington Hills for the April 30 arrests.

Bartlett said Tuesday that motive was unclear, although one of the women told victims in the Farmington area robberies that she needed money for baby food, according to police reports.

Michael William Goodhue was charged Saturday in three Livonia cases.

Goodhue, 25, stood mute during an arraignment in Wayne County's out-county court and a not-guilty plea was entered for him on

two counts of armed robbery and one count of assault with intent to commit armed robbery.

Judge William J. Sutherland set a \$100,000 cash bond.

Donna Michelle Goodhue, 22, and Sandra Louie Hoing, 30, also of Redford, were charged with one count each of armed robbery.

Both stood mute as a not-guilty plea was entered and bond was set at \$50,000 or 10 percent by Sutherland.

Preliminary examinations for all three defendants were set for 9 a.m. Tuesday in 16th District

Court.

If convicted, they face maximum life prison sentences.

Police said a man and a female accomplice robbed the Tan Faster salon, 16140 Middlebelt, April 21 and the Tubby's Sub Shop, 16368 Middlebelt, April 26.

The gunman, described by witnesses as unusually calm and polite, escaped with a total of \$624.

But in an April 23 attempted robbery at the West Finkel Bakery on Five Mile at Middlebelt, a gunman fled without cash after a clerk became flustered, couldn't

open the register and another employee entered the room, police said.

Both women were arrested Thursday shortly after an armed robbery at Sun Skin Tanning Center on Grand River in Farmington. A woman in a black satin jacket entered the tanning salon shortly before 9 p.m.

She demanded the night receipts and revealed a pistol, saying she needed food for her baby. Separate warrants are being sought for the pair by the Farmington Public Safety Department.

An armed robbery also took place April 28 at Fast Tanner on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. A woman claiming she needed money for baby food showed a pistol, taking \$172 in

Warrants are expected in that robbery as well.

Bartlett said the women worked alternate robberies, usually coming in before the gunman to check out the targeted locations.

"That's why we got different descriptions. Some witnesses said the woman was heavy; some said she was thin."

Livonia officers monitored a radio broadcast regarding the incident and spotted a Mustang with women matching the description.

Livonia Police followed the vehicle onto eastbound I-96 and requested Detroit Police make the arrest at Hamilton and Elmhurst.

Police found cash, a BB gun and a telephone receiver believed to have been taken from the tanning salon during a search of the car and one woman's purse.

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