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Looking for clues: Gil Kohls (right) and Chuck Hubbard, detectives with the Hills police, look for clues at the murder scene.



Search is on: Hills officer Pat Sidge runs a metal detector over the ground in search of anything that will help police solve the murder of Thomas Gilmore.

Murder from page 1A

ing. A window was pushed in with a shovel and a \$30 circular saw was stolen from the roofing company's warehouse. Detective Tim Swanson said someone had also tried to pry open an inside office door.

"It's very possible that he (Gilmore) was there long enough that he could have been there during the break-in," Swanson said.

The break-in took place sometime between Tuesday evening and early Wednesday morning, police said.

Chuck Nebus, a detective sergeant with the Hills police, said Gilmore apparently had been beaten to death with a hammer. There were several head wounds and police discovered the shaft of a hammer on the property. Gilmore's wallet had been stolen and his pockets had been turned inside out, but his watch had not been removed, Nebus said.

"Someone took the time to hide the body," Nebus said.

No one had seen Gilmore since

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insurance agency owner

Tuesday evening, Nebus said.

Gilmore was married but was living alone in Garden City. Police said there were no family problems. His wife, Shirley, is living in the care of a son in Dearborn because of health problems. Gilmore is survived by his wife and three grown children.

Swanson said sometimes roofing companies have expensive equipment at their warehouses, but Sullivan's equipment was out on a job at the time of the break-in.

Dick Quiton, whose insurance

agency is in the same building, said he was shocked by both the break-in and the murder.

"I've been here for five years and nobody has had any problems," Quiton said. "Tom was a real nice man. We'd sometimes talk about sports or he would come to our office and have coffee. He did work late. I'd sometimes come by the office in the evening and he would be there."

Pinkleton said Gilmore had been a good tenant and a good businessman.

"I had used him in my con-

struction business many times," Pinkleton said. "He always did a good job."

The case is the first confirmed murder of 1993 in Farmington Hills, Nebus said. There were six murders in Farmington Hills in 1991 but no confirmed murders in 1992, he said.

Hills police are still investigating a July 1992 death of a Farmington Hills woman that could have resulted from a beating and the January 1993 death of a Farmington Hills man in connection with an arson of his house.



Dick Quiton



Det. Tim Swanson

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males forced their way through the unlocked front door.

The homeowner, police said, struggled with one intruder briefly before the second pulled out a semiautomatic silver-plated pistol.

The victim was pushed face down to the couch and later had a pillowcase placed over his head. His hands were bound before he was led to the basement and tied to a metal post.

The robbers made off with a TV, stereo equipment, jewelry, \$16 in cash and an automatic teller card.

During the robbery, the victim was told to reveal the personal identification number for the ATM card or they would return to shoot him. They also asked if he had a vehicle and where the keys were.

After 10 minutes, the victim heard the car back out of the ga-

rage. He untied himself and ran to a neighbor's house, where he called the police.

The victim had moved to the area only recently.

"He's been there about a month," Wiggins said. "He's pretty much shaken up."

About 30 minutes later, Redford police spotted a red 1989 Ford Probe near Beech Daly and Grand River.

Two black males jumped out of the car at Olympia and Clarita, near Beech Daly and Seven Mile, and fled on foot. Tracking dogs were brought in, but the search was called off at 1:30 a.m.

Police from Farmington Hills and Livonia helped in the search.

One robber is described as a black male with light brown skin, 5-feet-9 and weighing 170 pounds. The second assailant is said to be a black male with dark skin, sporting a crew cut, 5-feet-9 in



Suspect: Artist's drawing shows man wanted by Farmington police.

height and weighing 175 pounds.

The armed robbery is the second in Farmington this year. A tanning salon was held up. An arrest was made in that case.

However, Wednesday's was the first one in a residential area.

Festival bedrace benefits MDA

It's good for the community, it's good exercise and it's for a good cause. It's the annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival Bedrace for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

The event, which is entering its fifth year on the festival docket, supports the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) local research and patient service programs.

The chamber of commerce would like to encourage all groups and businesses to get involved and participate in the Saturday, July 17, race, which takes place just before the festival parade at 9:30 a.m.

Last year's race winner, the Farmington Hills Fire Depart-

ment, has been participating at the event for years and goes all out to help insure its efforts are successful.

According to Bob Rebtzy, assistant to the Fire Chief and one of the coordinators of the race effort, Dennis Hughes, the overall race coordinator even holds trophies for the bedrace.

"We hold 100-yard dash races and those with the best times represent the Fire Department in the bedrace," Rebtzy said. "We have a lot of fun participating in the event. We're even going to redo our bed a little bit this year. It will be outfitted with flashing red lights, air horns and electronic sirens."

According to Rebtzy, the Fire Department participates in dozens of events for charitable

causes throughout the year. "If there's anything that generates money to help a worthy cause, the firefighters are always willing to help," he commented. "It was heartwarming when last year's MDA poster child presented the fire fighters with a trophy for our fundraising efforts."

All that's necessary to participate in the race is a team of five people to participate in the actual race and as many as needed to help build a bed or modify an existing bed. A \$1.50 entry fee for each bed is a donation to the MDA.

Those interested in participating in this year's bedrace need to get in gear and submit their entry by July 2. The event is limited to 15 entries.