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decision has still been delayed, Kelly said.

However, a three-day trial beginning April 3 before a three-judge panel, made up of federal judges should settle the issue.

Faxon, who was first elected as a state representative in 1964 for the 16th District, said this will be his third time through the 11th-hour reappointment dramas.

"Detroit lost so many people in the last census that it had to change," he said. "But everyone

knew this after the '90 census and yet they've waited until the last minute."

The boundaries of a district can have a lot to do with the chances of a candidate of a particular party, Faxon said. That, says Kelly, accounts for why the legislature hasn't done its job.

"You had the House controlled by one party and the Senate by another," he said. "So no one could have the boundaries the

way they wanted."

Because of the lack of action by the Legislature, legal costs for deciding the boundaries and a decision on what those boundaries are, rather than by representative government.

"The Legislature couldn't come to terms with this," Kelly said. "There was a clear, logical way to do this. The only thing that all this adds is billable hours for some attorneys."

Decision pending on felony gambling charges against 3

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Oakland County prosecutors haven't decided on whether to prosecute three men on felony gambling charges in connection with a raid by Farmington Hills police Jan. 12.

Misdemeanor charges have been filed against 21 men who were arrested at about 2 a.m. that morning for loitering in a place of illegal operation. They each could be jailed for up to 90 days and receive a \$500 fine.

All 21 men pleaded not guilty at their arraignments Jan. 31. One of the defendants made an obscene gesture at a TV cameraman during the proceedings in magistrate Dennis Phene's courtroom, and at least one of the men needed an interpreter.

Hills police confiscated about \$65,000 in cash, gambling paraphernalia, a small amount of narcotics, and a pistol during the raid. It took place at a residence at 31879 Kingswood Square in the Hunter's Ridge complex. Police said the residence was being used

strictly as a gambling operation. Three of the men had been charged and convicted previously for gambling offenses: Imdad Samouns, also known as "Skinny Eddie," 40, of West Bloomfield; Sam Dickow, 47, of Farmington Hills; and Terry Salem, 48, of Las Vegas, Nev.

Others charged with misdemeanor gambling are: Krikor Karkorian, 48, of Oak Park; Michael Talarico, 43, of San Diego, Calif.; Marco Ibrahim Garmo, 36, of Farmington Hills; Mousid Georges Janbo, 32, of Royal Oak; Tariq Toma Zetouna, 38, of Detroit; Saad K. Attisha, 32, of Oak

Park; Yagoub Gorgyis, 40, of Oak Park; Najib I. Bashi, 37 of West Bloomfield; Latif Hanna Butrus, 44, of Detroit; John Toma Kinaya, 28, of Sterling Heights; Najah Toma Zetouna, 30, of Warren; Khalid Aziz Zorr, 31, of Detroit; Aram Yasso, 34, of Troy; George Hamo Dabish, 42, of Southfield; Isam Badry Kilano, 31, of Southfield; Faleh Poma Zetouna, 32, of Detroit; Amer Jamil Sharrak, 30, of Detroit; and Morice S. Sheyeta, 44, of Sterling Heights.

City attorney Steve Meads said the preliminary examinations have not been set in the misdemeanor cases.

Police say Ponke house had horrors

By LARRY O'CONNOR
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According to Oxford police, Raymond Ponke was turning his residence into a house of horrors.

Not only did he spend 10 hours smashing the interior of his Oxford home with a sledgehammer, Oxford police officer Brian Russell testified they later found neckties, torn strips of cloth and a cut extension cord near the bed frame and a knife underneath.

Raymond Ponke, 40, is awaiting trial on a first-degree murder charge in the beating death of his wife, Jackie Ponke, Jan. 8 in a Farmington dental office.

Russell said police made the discovery Jan. 14 when removing belongings of the Ponkes' 9-year-old daughter, Ashley, Russell testified Wednesday at Raymond Ponke's preliminary examination in 47th District Court, which ended with Ponke being bound over for trial. Circuit court arraignment is scheduled Feb. 17.

"There was a lot of speculation on what those items were for," said Russell, who was called to the stand by Ponke's attorney, Timothy Ash. "It looked like someone was going to be tied up to the bed."

Oakland County assistant prosecutor Robert Hedges said Russell's testimony, along with other statements from family and friends, proves Ponke plotted to kill his wife.

Russell also testified he had been to the house Dec. 30 when Jackie Ponke wanted to remove her belongings. He said walls and fixtures in nearly every room were destroyed.

"It was very shocking," Russell said. "I was told it was tore up, but I had no idea it was tore up that bad. . . . The house was completely demolished."

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

FRAUD
A Keego Harbor man, 62, deposited \$25,000 toward the purchase of real estate with a Hunting Woods man at his office on Independence in Farmington Hills on Nov. 16. The deal fell through, but the deposit has not been returned.

A man received \$99.99 after he returned a Honeywell thermostat at Damman's Hardware in Farmington Feb. 2. The store received a memo shortly after alerting them of similar incidents where a person was returning thermostats using the same receipt. Incidents were reported at Damman stores in Royal Oak, Dearborn, Novi and Livonia.

THEFT
Items worth \$950 were stolen from an unlocked blue 1988 Ford van parked at a construction site on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Feb. 1.

A \$315 Panasonic VCR was stolen from the Farmington Community School on Shilwassee in Farmington Hills Jan. 17-21.

A \$2,707.75 Gateway 2000 computer was stolen from Engineering Services Group on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Feb. 1-2.

A Fujitsu cellular phone (\$160) and a Motorola cellular phone (\$150) were stolen from Lease Acceptance Corp. on Northwestern in Farmington Hills between June 1, 1993, and Feb. 3.

A passenger window of a black 1993 Toyota Camry parked at the Muirwood Apartments in Farmington Hills Feb. 3-4 was smashed causing more than \$100 in damage and resulting in the theft of a car phone worth more than \$100.

BREAK-INS
A door was forced open at the Village Green Apartments on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills Feb. 1 causing \$100 in damage to the door frame and the theft of a \$150 Toshiba VCR, a \$150 Nintendo

video game system and a \$200 RCA color TV.

Items in a storage area in the basement laundry room of the Angle Apartments on Shilwassee in Farmington Hills were stolen between Jan. 28 and Feb. 3 after a metal heap on the gate had been broken. The items, worth between \$800 and \$1,000, included hockey gear, skis and in-line skates.

The driver's window was broken on a 1992 Cadillac parked at Professional Accountancy on Grand River in Farmington Hills Feb. 3 causing \$250 in damage, and an Artec car phone (\$250) and an AM/FM cassette stereo were stolen.

The driver's window of a green 1993 Pontiac Grand Am parked at the Muirwood Apartments on Verdant in Farmington Hills was broken Feb. 3-4 causing more than \$100 in damage, and a car phone worth more than \$100 was

stolen.

AUTO THEFT
A \$36,000 blue 1994 Lincoln Towncar was stolen from the Farmington Cooperative Apartments on Gill in Farmington Hills Feb. 1-2. The rear side window had been broken, leaving glass in the carport, and an extra set of keys left in the ash tray probably had been used, the owner reported.

BAD CHECK
A check for \$644.68 to pay for building supplies at Fendt Builders Supply on Gill in Farmington Hills Oct. 28, 1993, came back with insufficient funds.

VANDALISM
A 6-by-2-foot double pane window was smashed at Standard Federal Savings on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Feb. 3, causing \$200 in damage.

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