

Canton man to stand trial in rape of Hills boy

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A 23-year-old Canton man will stand trial on six felony counts in connection with the rape of a 13-year-old Farmington Hills boy.

Judge James Garber of the 35th District Court bound Jarrett L. Nychick over for trial after a preliminary examination on the charges Friday afternoon. Garber reduced one of the six counts — originally all were first-degree criminal sexual conduct — to second-degree.

Garber continued Nychick's \$50,000 or 10 percent bond. Arraignment is expected to be scheduled for Sept. 6.

The 13-year-old boy was the only witness who testified Friday. He was a 12-year-old resident of St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills when the incidents reportedly occurred. He has since been adopted.

Nychick, according to the boy, was a volunteer at the center who spent time with him several times a month beginning in January 1994. The boy testified that Nychick would take him to his Canton home where they would play with a computer and in one instance wrestled together on the bed before Nychick began touching the boy. Nychick also took the boy roller skating and took

eat on other occasions.

"If you have oral or anal sex I'll get you whatever you want," the boy testified that Nychick told him. On one occasion, Nychick apparently took him to Meijer and bought him some racing car models.

Defense attorney Ben Gonak questioned the boy on how he remembered which dates he went to Nychick's house. The boy replied, "Nychick's calendar on which both wrote in the dates when Nychick would pick him up on Saturdays for a visit."

"He said, 'I want to do anal sex with you,'" the boy testified. Nychick told him, "I said no."

When Gonak began to ask the boy if he consented, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Herman Peisold reminded the court that consent is not the issue because the boy is a minor.

The boy also testified that after the first sexual encounter he told a male St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher center staff member what happened. The staff member, the boy said,

told him he didn't have to go with Nychick for the next visit. But the boy testified when he was questioned why he didn't mention it again to the center's staff.

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POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

■ THEFTS

An AM/FM cassette stereo and speakers worth \$300 were stolen from a blue 1992 Dodge Shadow parked at the Arboretum Office complex on 12 Miles in Farmington Hills Aug. 16.

Twenty blank checks were stolen from MGM Personnel Resources on Northwestern in Farmington Hills in March. The theft was discovered in April, when Ol' Kast had notified the company that the checks had been cashed for about \$13,000.

A Dyno-GT BMX style bike (\$200) was stolen from a residence at the West River condos on Grand River in Farmington Hills Aug. 16.

Sixty-seven Motorola flip phones (\$25.00) were stolen from Cellular One on Indoplex in Farmington Hills July 1-29.

A Mount Carmel High School Class of '89 ring with an inscription of Samuel P. Tocco (\$250) was stolen from a blue 1992 Ford parked at the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills Aug. 17.

A rock was used to break windows (200) at Button Orchard Storage on 12 Miles in Farmington Hills Aug. 14-16.

A doorbell was smashed (\$200) at the Country Glen condos on 14 Miles in Farmington Hills Aug. 16.

The front windows were broken out at a residence on Utley in Farmington Hills Aug. 16; one in the garage and one in the house (\$400).

The right rear bumper of a red 1991 Geo Prism was damaged (\$300) while parked at Pet Supplies Plus on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Aug. 17.

Green paint was used to spray gang graffiti on the south wall of Color Tile on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills causing \$200 in damage Aug. 17-18.

The driver's side mirror of a silver 1993 Buick Regal parked on Bannockburn in Farmington Hills was knocked off (\$300) Aug. 17-18.

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Coffee or pop was poured on the hood, top and trunk on a 1986 Olds Cutlass parked on Drakabre Aug. 18, causing \$200 damage.

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Aug. 16.

A Brooks leather jacket was stolen from a 1969 Ford truck parked in Kensington Manor in Farmington Aug. 16.

■ AUTO THEFTS

A red 1994 GMC Jimmy was stolen from the Arboretum Office complex on 12 Miles in Farmington Hills Aug. 16.

The driver's side window was smashed (\$200) in an attempt to steal a red 1993 Plymouth Voyager parked at the Hill Off Card Shop on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Aug. 17.

■ VANDALISM

A window was smashed out causing \$300 in damage at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Rehabilitation on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Aug. 16.

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"In Wixom, they did it before property was \$300,000 an acre," Bates said.

No money for land

The city does not have the kind of money needed to buy large areas of land, Bates said.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1988 put cities trying to rezone or restrict growth on the defensive. In 1991, Wixom voters passed a 1-mill tax for 10 years. The city has already used the money to buy up "pencil farms" or bowling alley-sized lots, protect wetlands and even draw in developers to the downtown area.

Wixom City Manager Mike Dorman said the city was able to buy up 12 acres of prime downtown property, use 2.5 acres for a new post office and designate an other 8 acres for retail.

"The post office is a traffic generator," Dorman said.

The program allows the city to encourage economic development, buy old lots and add parks if it desires. Although land used for parks must be maintained by the city and does not provide tax revenue, other land that is sold, brings in both sale money and

punched causing \$300 in damage. A shed was pried open behind the Missionary Baptist Church on Shilawassee in Farmington Hills and a \$250 Craftsman lawn mower was stolen Aug. 8-16.

The door and frame of an apartment at the Mulberry Apartments on Conifer in Farmington Hills were shattered (\$250) and a Sony VCR was stolen (\$250) Aug. 18.

■ ASSAULTS

A Troy man, 38, told Farmington Hills police that an intruder man, 19, pointed a pistol at him during a traffic altercation at 7 a.m. Aug. 17 at the northbound exit ramp from I-696 to Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills. The intruder man and a passenger from Detroit, also 19, were driving a red 1986 Ford Tempo and cut him off on the ramp. The Troy man honked his horn. The Ford stopped and the driver's side cut with a black pistol, pointed it at the Troy man and said, "What's your problem? Calm down. I just have to go to work," the Troy man reported.

An 18-year-old Wixom woman was punched in the face by a man outside the Arbor Drugs store on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Aug. 17. The woman was closing the store at 10 p.m. when a man, described as white, 25-30, 170 pounds, with short brown hair and pony tail, wearing a white T-shirt and jeans, came up to her and asked her if she was closing. When she said yes, he flipped her off and swore at her. He went away but returned with a female passenger in an old, dark car and confronted her again and punched her in the face.

■ DRUNKEN DRIVING

A Westland man, 20, was arrested after Farmington Hills police noticed him driving a gray 1985 Plymouth Reliant erratically while turning into the Comfort Inn on 12 Miles in Farmington Hills at 11:50 p.m. Aug. 17. The man had a blood alcohol level of 17 percent.

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■ BAD CHECK

A \$265.16 check written to Farmington Bike Shop on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington was returned with insufficient funds Aug. 16.

■ POSTURE

"It works like a deed restriction," Manigold said.

Closer to home, with a land acquisition program, Hills residents could add parks and possibly get out of what has become a nasty issue, the proposed Timbercrest development at Middlebelt and 12 Miles.

The proposed 92-acre development that would be mostly residential, has run afoul of many residents in the area and accounted for several contentious planning commission and city council sessions.

Sharon Stain, who chairs the citizens group leading opposition to the project, said she likes the idea of a land acquisition program. But how the city manages such a fund could be key.

"I would have a problem encouraging residents to support this until I was sure that the city would be going to represent the majority of residents," Stain said.

Even with the good will of the residents, there is a downside, Dorman said.

"The community philosophically has to wrestle with the city being into the real estate development business," he said. "There are allegations, innuendo — it takes courage for the city council to do this."

taxes, Dorman said.

"It has become a revolving fund that will last beyond the life of the millage," he said.

Peninsula Township voters passed a 1.25-mill tax for land acquisition for 15 years.

What a township did

The township, better known as the Old Mission Peninsula north of Traverse City, has unusual characteristics that not only make it attractive for developers but also for farmers.

"With the combined climatic effects of East and West Bay of the Grand Traverse Bay, it is perfect for growing. It's not just because our farmers are so productive, it's that only 1 percent of the land in the United States has these climatic characteristics," said Peninsula Township Supervisor Bob Manigold.

That adds up to prime farm land for cherries and wineries grapes grown in the area, he said. The peninsula also has 60 miles of scenic shoreline that developers would love to have.

But with the new program, that allows farmers to sign on voluntarily, the township would either buy or have a say in that land use after it was sold.

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