

Koga trial pushed back to September

The trial of a Japanese woman accused of drowning her month-old baby has been pushed back again. The trial, scheduled for Sept. 22, is now scheduled for Sept. 3 before Judge Jessica Cooper in Oakland Circuit Court.

The defendant, Tsunami Koga, 35, faces a mandatory life sentence without parole if convicted of the first-degree premeditated murder and felony-murder charges.

"We are picking a jury Sept. 3," said Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton. "In any case of this kind, there are a lot of delays."

Walton said he could not talk about specifics of the case because of a gag order. There had been reports of a possible plea bargain to a lesser charge such as manslaughter. "Sometimes there are leaks



Tsunami Koga

that have nothing to do with the prosecutor of defense," he said. "People talk in the hall (outside the court room)."

Koga remains on a tether at her Farmington Hills residence.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS
Farmington Hills firefighters made 75 runs for the week of July 22-28 including 40 medical emergencies (63 percent) and five fires.

DRUGS
In Farmington Hills: Hills police arrested a Hills man, 23, for possession of 5 grams of marijuana and for hosting a house party at which several teenagers were consuming alcohol at 3:45 a.m. July 28 at the Muirwood Apartments on Vordant.

Hills police arrested a Hills man, 18, for possession of two partial marijuana cigarettes in a blue 1983 Buick LeSabre at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake at 9:10 p.m. July 26.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
In Farmington Hills: A Hills woman, 22, told police that her boy friend, 28, struck

her in the face, arms and legs during an argument at their Section 20 apartment at 8:30 a.m. July 26.

Hills police arrested a Hills man, 39, for slapping her and pulling her by the hair. The man fled in a red Isuzu and was arrested at 10:40 p.m. July 27.

Hills police arrested a Hills woman, 62, for hitting her granddaughter, 9, at a Grand River residence at 8 p.m. July 28.

Hills police arrested a Hills man, 26, for hitting his girl friend, 26, at Cape Code Way residence July 28.

BREAKINS
In Farmington Hills: Two Epson laptop computers worth \$4,258.10 were stolen from Omron Automotive on Northwestern after the front door had been damaged.

The passenger window was smashed (\$150) on a red 1996 Ford Explorer parked at the Uptown Deli on Orchard Lake July 27 and a \$150 cellular phone was stolen. A display window was broken

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

(\$250) at the Grand River Mini Mart on Grand River at 6:40 a.m. July 28 and a cigarette rack was pulled out. An alarm sounded and the culprit fled without taking anything.

THEFT
In Farmington Hills: A \$200 cellular phone was stolen from a gray 1992 Ford E250 van parked at Summer Cleaners on Middlebelt July 25.

A \$445 Toro snow blower was stolen from a garage on Millbrook July 25-26.

Building supplies (\$1,100) were stolen from a construction site on Freedom July 26-27.

An \$9,000 diamond wedding ring, a \$6,000 cocktail ring and a \$2,500 man's wedding ring were stolen from a residence on Gloucester Circle July 27-28.

A \$25 gym bag, First of American ATM card, \$16 flashlight, \$270 hand held navigational tool for boats, \$30 compass and \$20

manual were stolen from a 1987 Chrysler on Tredwell July 28-29. A \$300 pearl necklace and a \$150 abalone necklace were stolen from a residence at the Botsford Commons on Archwood July 29.

A \$1,500 Movado wrist watch, a \$50 man's wallet and a Union Planners Visa card were stolen from a residence at the Muirwood Apartments on Vordant.

A man's shorts with a wallet containing \$220, a Visa and Mastercard were stolen from the Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile between midnight and 2 a.m. July 30 from a locker room.

In Farmington: A \$150 Sony "boombox" and \$300 worth of compact discs were stolen from a 1986 Honda parked on Annwood July 28.

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