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Guilty plea may be withdrawn

A man who had pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a brutal Farmington Hills case requested a new attorney before sentencing. His former attorney agrees that could mean he'll change his plea.

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man who had pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of two Farmington Hills women may be considering withdrawing his plea. Wednesday afternoon's scheduled sentencing of George Tyrone Davis, 24, before Judge Barry Howard in Oakland County Circuit Court has

been rescheduled to 3:30 p.m. July 9. The sentencing would have closed the book on Farmington Hills' "most heinous crime."

But Davis' family requested a substitution of counsel, hiring Norman Robinson in place of Jose Fanego, who had been court-appointed.

Davis, 24, pleaded guilty of second-degree murder before Judge Howard in April, just prior to his

first-degree murder trial for the death of two Farmington Hills women in December of 1995.

Davis and Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce, 24, were both charged with the murder and arson that police Chief Bill Dwyer called the worst crime in the city's history.

Cayce was found guilty after a jury deliberated for about an hour in December of 1996 and was sentenced to mandatory life in prison. Davis decided to plead to the lesser charge of second-degree rather than face mandatory life if convicted of first-degree murder, Fanego said at the time.

Davis could be sentenced to anywhere from 12 years to life for second-degree murder if he does not withdraw his plea.

Fanego, who had represented Davis since he was charged in January of 1996, said he was not sure why the request for substitution of counsel was filed.

"I don't know exactly," he said. "But that tells me that George's family hired another attorney. Nobody has told me what the reason is."

Fanego said the change at this

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Touch ups



After-dinner wear: Students at North Farmington High School's senior prom Wednesday crowd the restroom mirror after dinner. From left, they are Olivia Kashat, Melissa Moss and Courtney Batherson. For more shots of the event, please see Page A2.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMUELL

Progress encourages victim's mom

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
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The mother of a man murdered during a bungled ATM robbery in Farmington Hills last fall is encouraged by recent developments in the case.

"There were times when I got my hopes up," said Martha Bosley, whose son Dwayne, 25, was killed at 2:50 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Comerica Bank on Northwestern. "But when you don't hear anything positive, it gets you down."

Bosley, a former Marine who was working as a technician for Guardian Alarm, was shot and the killer escaped.

In December of 1996, after little movement on the case, Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer announced an increase in the amount of the reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible from \$15,000 to \$47,500 with the bank contributing \$12,500, the FBI paying \$5,000 and Guardian paying \$30,000.

Police had match shells from shots

fired during some jewelry store robberies with the murder weapon and found the weapon on May 18 near Walnut Lake and Inkster in West Bloomfield where two suspects in the robbery of Tapper's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry.

Police knew of the link of a weapon to the robberies and the murder for weeks, Dwyer said.

And so did Martha Bosley.

"Yes, they have been very good at keeping in touch with me and telling me how the case is going," she said, adding the Hills Detective Dave Lee and FBI Special Agent Scott Wilson have been helpful and receptive to any information.

"Even my daughter (Brigitte) sensed that nothing was going on," Bosley said. "You would hear a song and reminisce about Dwayne. You kind of have your doubts (about whether they'll catch the killer). But this sparks you back up."

Bosley said she has had difficulty understanding why someone would commit such a crime.

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Candidates hit their themes one last time

BY TODD WICES
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If voters aren't familiar with the candidates for the June 9 School Board election by now, they probably never will be.

Board hopefuls Mark Clovey and Frank Reid went before the cable TV cameras Thursday night at Farmington City Hall for their third public forum in two weeks, this one sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees.

Clovey, Reid and incumbent Bob-

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bie Feldman are running for the two seats currently held by Feldman and board president David York, who chose not to run for reelection.

Feldman had a prior commitment and could not attend the Thursday event, held only one night after a forum sponsored by the Farmington PTA Council.

The forums were similar in content and issues covered, with most

candidates stressing and re-stressing their key issues. Some even recycled favorite phrases and remarks, hoping to drive their points home with only about a week left before the election.

"The issues facing the district that I have chosen to focus on are leverage points," said Clovey, referring to his key issues of board/faculty accountability and alternative funding.

He also stressed the importance of keeping meetings open, especially in

dealings with the superintendent, and proposed the creation of a position in the superintendent's office dedicated solely to seeking alternate funding sources like corporations.

Reid stuck with his emphasis on his long-term residency in the Farmington community.

"It's important to live in and understand the community you hope to represent," he said. "It's important that I have first established my link to the greater community at

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5 charged in golf course case plead guilty

Five teenagers accused of vandalizing the San Marino Golf Course in Farmington Hills in early April pleaded guilty in Oakland Circuit Court Tuesday.

William Zima, 17, Michael Paul Tomey, 18, Robert John III, 16, and Stephen John Munro, 19, all of Farmington Hills, and Ryan Nicholas Hubbard, 19, of Livonia were charged with causing about \$50,000 in damage to the city-owned course north of 11 Mile and east of Halsted.

A truck, golf carts, a shed, sprinkling system and the course itself were damaged on two consecutive nights beginning April 2.

Farmington Hills police say at least nine people were involved in the incident that started with a drinking party at a house near the course.

The five were originally charged with one count of conspiracy to commit malicious destruction of property over \$100, and two counts of malicious destruction of property over \$100, which are all four-year felonies. They were also charged with illegal entry, a 90-day misdemeanor.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Shawn Ryan dropped the conspiracy charge.

The city is seeking restitution for the damage and lost income at the course. The five pleaded guilty before Judge Nancy Grant, who will pronounce the sentence at 1:30 p.m. July 1. They are all free on bond.

Better than reruns

There's still time to check out the candidates for Farmington Board of Education.

A candidates forum hosted by the Farmington PTA Council on Wednesday, May 28, will be replayed on the school district's cable TV10 at 3 p.m. Monday, June 2, and 5 p.m. Thursday, June 5.

Moderated by Frank Benesh, the forum features statements and questions/answers from Mark Clovey, Bobbie Feldman and Frank Reid, who are vying for two seats on the school board. Voters will make their decision on the race June 9.

Forgot the apple pie

The Farmer Jack store on Farmington Road at

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Nine Mile was the site of a sports presentation Friday.

Denise Gannon of Livonia was presented the first prize in a Farmer Jack Supermarkets and Chevrolet contest: a bright red 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible to lease for two years.

Gannon won the Mother's Day contest called "Mom, Apple Pie and Chevrolet."

Overeating explored

Everybody's guilty of taking one too many trips back to the desert table now and then. But some take more trips than others, which

is why Botaford's Health Development Network will sponsor a talk in June entitled "Why We Eat Too Much."

What makes some overindulge compulsively? Is it a case of being overpowered by aromas and tastes, or does it defy control? Eating disorders expert Amy Pershing will discuss ways to get control of your appetite and your waistline.

The program takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at Botaford's HDN site, at 39750 Grand River in Novi. The cost is \$5, and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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