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the operation over to a woman.

"We have an antiques mall that went through some bad times and there were some misunderstandings," said Rodrick Fracassi, Sivy's attorney.

He said Sivy turned over the business on the assumption it would be operated in a professional manner and now his client is being made "a scapegoat."

Charges have not been filed against the woman who took over operation of the antiques store in April, Farmington police said.

"As best as we can determine, she tried to pick up the pieces and get things together," said Gary Goss, Farmington Public Safety director.

Sivy turned himself into Farmington police Wednesday morning. He was conducting business in Georgia and Tennessee when charges were brought against him.

Sivy is free on \$25,000 cash surety and \$25,000 personal bond.

Farmington police Detective Scott Herrmann argued for a higher bond, saying Sivy was a risk to flee. He cited a lien the U.S. Department of Treasury has against Sivy's property and the fact the

defendant has contact with a woman whom he joined down South. That relationship has ended, Sivy's attorney said.

Sivy's attorney argued that he was conducting business in Tennessee and Georgia to support his family. Sivy's wife and mother were in court during the arraignment.

The antique dealer doesn't have property or proceeds from Hickory Hill, Fracassi added.

"He is a man of limited means," Fracassi said to Judge Harris. "Setting a sizable bond would only compound these matters."

A few smaller antique items were returned by the woman who operated the store, Herrmann said. The whereabouts of large items such as furniture is unknown.

The four felony counts include two for embezzlement by an agent or trustee for more than \$100 and two others for embezzlement of jointly held property over \$100.

Sivy was also arraigned on two misdemeanor counts for failing to file with the county as an assumed business.



Court bound: Farmington police Detective Scott Herrmann leads Donald Sivy, left, to the patrol car en route to an arraignment at 47th District Court.

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Observer to offer classifieds on Web

On Monday, June 16, HomeTown Communications Network Inc. (formerly Suburban Communications Corp.) will launch AdVillage. The Internet Classified Marketplace, the first Web site where people can place a classified ad directly on the World Wide Web.

The project is a joint effort of the Livonia-based corporation's Observer & Eccentric and HomeTown Newspapers divisions and of Observer & Eccentric Online and HomeTown Online.

The address (URL) of the new Web site is <http://www.advillage.com>.

"AdVillage links the classified advertising sections of your local Observer newspaper with want ads from around the country, delivering both through Internet technology," said Philip Power, owner and chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc.

"AdVillage is an entirely new advertising service in Michigan that enables people to put their ads for cars, jobs and homes directly on the Web.

"It is the first online medium linking buyers and sellers in your hometown to the millions of people in the global village," said Power.

The AdVillage site contains

thousands of classified ads that can be accessed via an easy-to-use search engine. Other features of the AdVillage site include: personal ads, a conference center called The Coffee House, live chat, news and information, a demographic survey and more.

Classified ads on the AdVillage site will be available to millions of people with Internet access throughout the world. All classifications, including real estate, recruitment, merchandise and automotive, can be found on AdVillage.

"AdVillage is the first comprehensive stand-alone Internet Classified site anywhere," said Steve Pope, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, one of the companies that created AdVillage.

"AdVillage was developed for the rapidly growing audience of Internet users that do not perceive newspapers as a viable information source," added Pope.

AdVillage is currently targeted at 18- to 49-year-olds and represents an inexpensive opportunity to market goods and services to a worldwide public, said Pope.

A classified ad on AdVillage costs \$25 for a 28-day run. Call 1 (800) 679-SELL (7355).

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education he can. He knows what is best for me, as a young adult, and acts accordingly. He's taught me some of life's lessons including how to roll with the punches.

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Joey wrote: "I think my dad is the best dad because he works really hard so my brother, sister and I can have food and clothing every day. Every summer we always go on at least one vaca-

tion. Last year we went to Tennessee, Disney World and to our cottage in Pinckney.

Sometimes he will take me to special dinners and events. Once he took me to a fishing contest, even though I did not catch a single fish I still had fun. That is why I think my dad is the best."

Jill Alspach, 11, nominated her dad, Jim, because not only does he explain hard division, "but when I am sick he really cares. He asks me if I need or want anything."

Another bonus: "He takes me to Silver Dairy and we have long talks."

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