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For residents, the loss in \$2.2 million in revenue could mean either a tax increase or a cut in city services, city officials said. Gov. John Engler is expected to sign the bill. City officials are willing to eliminating the personal property tax, but only if another source of revenue replaces it.

During a recent study session, Hills council members plotted strategy on how to fight the bill. Plans suggested include getting state Sen. Willis Bullard to set up a meeting with Engler and enlisting other cities in the battle.

Taxes are just one factor in

Compuware's decision on where to move, company spokesman Chris Norris said.

Farmington Hills and Detroit are two of five to six sites under consideration, Norris said. He declined to name the others.

The company is weighing the cost of a new facility, including real estate and construction as well as local taxes, Norris said.

Last year, Compuware paid the city of Farmington Hills \$223,279 in personal property taxes in addition to \$464,927 in real property taxes.

"Nothing is a done deal," Norris said. "We'll probably

announced it sometime this fall. "It's nothing more than speculation. Detroit is one of six sites under consideration for the company's new headquarters."

Reportedly, the company is eyeing the Campus Martius site in Detroit, but building costs are projected to be higher in downtown than in the suburbs.

Compuware's headquarters has outgrown its facility on Northwestern Highway where it has operated since 1987. The company has 1,500 employees at the Farmington Hills facility and another 1,600 at client sites in the Detroit area.

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upon conviction carries a sentence of up to two years in prison and/or a \$500 fine and license suspension for one year; Darrell Holland Carter, 20, of Lathrup Village; and Kedar Abdullur York, 21, of Detroit.

Pleas of not guilty were entered and the men were held on \$500,000 corporate surety bonds. The preliminary examination is set for 8:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 14, in 47th District Court.

The armed robbery began about 6:25 a.m. at the Nile and Grand River restaurant when three men entered wearing bandannas on their faces. They announced a hold-up to employees and five customers; and displayed a weapon inside a duffel bag.

Employees and customers were bound with duct tape and ordered into the women's bathroom where they were ordered to lay on the floor and stay there for 10 minutes.

No one was reported injured during the incident.

"To be involved in something like this is probably the most serious thing that any of them will have to be involved in and I'm sure some of them saw their lives flashing in front of their eyes," Swanson said.

The men fled in a Volkswagen Jetta and were heading toward eastbound I-696 to southbound



Defendants: Darrell Holland Carter, his attorney Gerald Evelyn, defendant Kedar Abdullur York and his attorney Mark Ross, defendant Vernon Jemael Adams reading over the counts.

U.S. 10, driving on the shoulder of the road to avoid heavy traffic, and finally exited on Evergreen where Southfield and Farmington Hills police stopped the car.

Police recovered money from the car and on the suspects. Later, they also recovered a gun; bandannas and gloves.

Police customarily recommend people cooperate with armed thieves during robberies.

"They were armed and it's certainly not worth getting harmed over," Swanson said. "We encourage people who see something suspicious to contact us."

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