Stabbing

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No way: *Keith Hicks, brother of the victim, Mikhail Ellis, said he felt the defense attorney was "grabbing at straws" during a preliminary examination Friday.*

"It was bizarre. Everything happened so fast."

The victim's brother, Keith Hicks, who attended Friday's hearing, said the defense attorney is "grasping at straws.

"I couldn't see Mikhail hitting anyone. He wasn't like that," Hicks said.

Prosecutors believe it's a smoke screen similar to Summerville's claim to police that the victim gave him HIV, which led to the murder.

"He knew he had HIV for a year and he still lived with the victim," said Bilkovic.

His boss testified Summerville worked the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift at Wabasto Sun Roof Co. in Livonia but he left without permission between 2:30-2:45 a.m. May 3. He didn't return, said Craig Wardlaw.

Summerville's sister testified Wednesday her brother had car problems. His boss said Summerville had also been late for work that night and had problems with tardiness.

An Oakland County Medical Examiner report said Ellis had 28 stab wounds in the chest and 14 in the back, which punctured both his lungs and heart. His heart had been punctured 10 times. He also had several cuts on his face and head.

It's unknown whether the stab wounds came before or after Ellis died due to the decomposition of the body, Dr. Ruben Otiz said.

"Any of them," Otiz said could have been fatal.

Two witnesses didn't show for the preliminary exam, which would've recounted Summerville's actions when he returned to Ellis' apartment May 5.

Ellis' credit card had a transaction at Best Western Hotel in Dayton, Ohio, May 9. Summerville was arrested in Minneapolis May 14, driving Ellis' green Jeep Cherokee.

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RSM, president, Sisters of Mercy, Detroit Regional Community. "We look forward to continuing our shared mission of service to the residents of Livonia and western Wayne County through this partnership."

Beaumont tie to end

St. Mary, which has been affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital since 1992, will end its business relationship by the end of the year. Hospital officials say while the overall affiliation will end, that doesn't mean St. Mary won't utilize specialized services available through Beaumont as it currently does with the Karmanos Cancer Center, the University of Michigan Hospital and Henry Ford Health Systems.

"Our relationship with Beaumont has enabled us to continue to expand and offer improved services to the residents of western Wayne County," said Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, SMH.

"As St. Mary Hospital focuses on uniting with a Catholic health system and continues providing medical and health services that meet the needs of our community, mutual decision will be made as to the transition of the affiliation with Beaumont."

According to Mike Killian, director of marketing and public relations for Beaumont Hospital, both the institutions and patients have profited from their six-year partnership.

"Our affiliation has always been about the patient getting the best care possible," said Killian. "We see this move as a management issue and we understand and respect their decision."

Throughout the next year, the sponsoring congregations and organizational leaders will work on defining the details of the relationship.

More planning

"This isn't something that comes about in a short amount of time," said Stephen Shivinsky spokesman for Mercy Health Systems. "It has taken some time for everyone to get comfortable with the relationship."

Shivinsky went on to say the arrangement is still in the planning stages and will take some time before all the necessary elements of the union are in place over time. Health Services will be able to improve St. Mary Hospital's quality and level of service through our expertise and insight," said Shivinsky. "SMH and MHS expect to realize valuable learning experiences from the support of a larger Catholic Health care system, including economies of scale and sharing of best practices across the delivery system."

St. Mary Hospital is a 304-bed Catholic acute care community hospital located in Livonia. "The Felician Sisters, with a mission based on responding to the needs of the times to ensure continued access to high quality, personalized care for the communities served by St. Mary Hospital, have chosen a Catholic health partner with complementary missions and shared expectations," said Sister Renetta.

The Livonia Province of the Felician Sisters is one of 12 provinces of the congregation that totals approximately 2,600 members worldwide (seven provinces in the U.S.).

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TALKING CAN BE AS GOOD AS TESTING

We are accustomed, as doctors and patients, to using test results as a basis for making diagnoses and starting treatment. However, we should not forget that a role remains for you and your doctor to discuss a motor, and on that basis initiate therapy.

An illustration is the condition, osteoporosis. If you are a postmenopausal woman, it is not a necessity that you obtain a bone density test to determine if you at risk for a future fracture. Often you can determine the need for osteoporosis therapy by your answers to the following questions:

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The information your doctor obtains from those inquiries may allow him to decide that in your case treatment of osteoporosis is important.

The same exchange works when a question arises if you have rheumatoid or lupus arthritis. Determining if you have the arthritis, can come from your answers to questions such as how stiff you are in the morning and how soon are you able to grip a comb or lift a glass.

Technology advances rapidly. Still it remains far behind experience as a measure of the true condition of your joints.

Toys

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contraption, known simply as "Game Central Junior," is set up in such a way that someone can toss the ball through a basketball hoop and watch it get sent back via a ball-return chute. Players can also play ski ball and even baseball, Melanie explained.

"I think it'd be cool to use if you traveled with it," said Melanie, adding that "it closes up somehow."

By this time, Bryan and Zack moved over to try their hand at a racing toy, called the "Brain Shift."

Nearby was Jessica Manzille, 8. She was having a go at "Chicco," a portable math game, one that gives the term "hands-on learning" new meaning.

"You have to press the same number that's on the screen and it shoots a colored ball that you have to catch and put in the right bin," Jessica said.

According to toy testing overseer Alie Dizbrow of Farmington Family YMCA, it was surprising that more kids weren't playing with a computer game. But she didn't seem surprised at all that two electronic versions of tic-tac-toe were being ignored.

"They can go home and play tic-tac-toe with a piece of paper and a pencil," Dizbrow said. "I guess they're bored with it."

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Brushing after meals is certainly a good idea; however, while food debris plays a contributing role in creating tooth decay, plaque is the real villain. This sticky bacterial film coats teeth and generates destructive acids, particularly when the bacteria are digesting food particles. the main goal of brushing, therefore, is to prevent plaque buildup which, in turn, will prevent food from increasing acid production. Because it takes 16 to 24 hours for significant accumulations of plaque to build up on teeth, careful brushing twice daily, and flossing once a day, will effectively keep plaque under control. the best regimen consists of brushing and flossing before going to bed, and then brushing again first thing in the morning.

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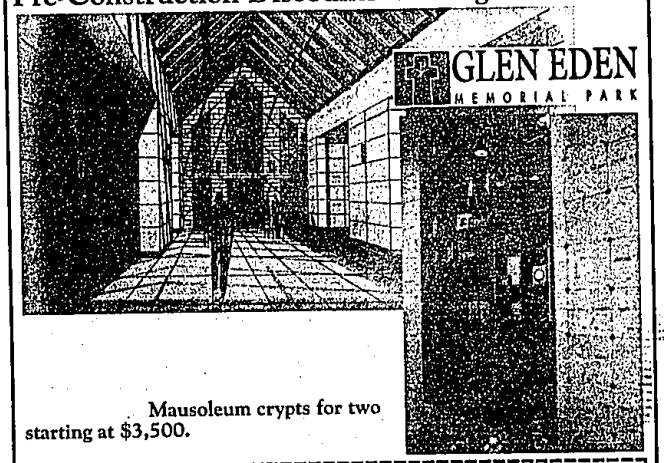

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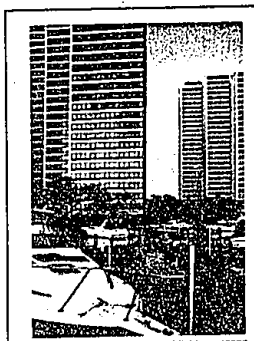

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