

Charges

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charged with third-degree vulnerable adult abuse, which is a two-year misdemeanor. Foundren has been released on \$1,000 personal bond. Her preliminary exam is 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 9, in 47th District Court.

A second woman, described as a vocational trainer, is expected to surrender to police today.

"It appears through our investigation we did that they may have falsified some records and listed these as self-inflicted injuries," Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus said.

Hills police worked with state Adult Protective Services, Oakland Community Mental Health and Michigan State Police during the five-month investigation, which was impeded by the victim's inability to speak.

Hills detective Pam Rathgeb

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families with Green Cards, schooling, housing and jobs.

"It was basically resetting up someone's whole life," said Fuqua, who previously served as South Oakland Y director in Royal Oak. "You never look at the news the same. The world becomes a lot more real to you."

His Y social work included two years in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, where he started a recreation program for kids, who dealt with boredom by stealing fruit from town vendors. He got them involved in arts, crafts and playing sports.

Fuqua's "Peace Corps-type" mission took him away from home at 27, but added wisdom beyond those years.

"I was quite an idealistic young man," he said about working for Y's international service. "It sounded romantic, interesting and certainly different."

"I think one of the things you learn from being on your own, being totally cutoff, is your inner resourcefulness."

When he returned to his refugee resettlement program, faces changed. Instead of helping people from Indochina refugees from Ethiopia, Sudan, Afghanistan arrived along with those escaping communism in Eastern Europe.

He ran what essentially was a halfway house for those immigrants, who tried to assimilate into American life.

Such experiences gave him insight to what the YMCA is about. He became attracted to the organization's nurturing ways and helping and molding of people and families.

Fuqua folded those philosophies into his daily tasks as an administrator. He worked as a director of the Fairborn, Ohio, YMCA for five years. He oversaw renovation of the branch's building.

His idealism ran up against the realism of a sagging economy. The Dayton area had been hit particularly hard during an early 1990s recession.

"It was a wonderful community," he said, "but everyone was cautious and afraid of what was going to happen next."

Three years ago South Oakland Family Y's executive director, the branch built a wellness center, upgraded its pool and developed a master plan. The Royal Oak branch has 3,000 memberships.

Farmington's Y offers even bigger challenges.

Fuqua is assessing where the branch is headed. The facility's addition is three years old. "We have to examine how the building is being used and if we're getting the maximum out of it," he said.

He also welcomed in nine new board members and is busy getting to know people in the community. He and his wife of 13 years live in Detroit's Boston-Edison area with three dogs and two cats.

Along with former director Kevin Bush, Fuqua attended a prayer breakfast at Faith Convenient Church March 28. He's not daunted by replacing the longtime director, who is now with Metropolitan Detroit YMCA.

"I'm not sure anyone could actually replace someone like Kevin," Fuqua said. "I wouldn't say it was trepidation (succeeding Bush). I'd say it was more of respect. Kevin Bush was well-respected in the community."

and MSP investigators obtained confessions from both workers, who have since been fired, Nebus said. "Both appear to be remorseful," he said.

The victim has to be restrained on occasion, but authorities believe the workers "for exceeded what was reasonable and appropriate," Nebus said.

The adult foster care home has been licensed through Macomb Oakland Regional Center since 1983. The operator was cooperative and responsive to the abuse charges, Nebus said. The operator could not be reached for comment.

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