

City police close case on apparent drug deal

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Farmington police said a Livonia man, 27, and the 21-year-old Detroit man to whom he reportedly owed a drug debt, traveled together Monday afternoon to downtown Farmington to get the money.

The apparent deal, said Farmington Public Safety Cmdr. Daniel Dellar, was for the debtor to meet his father and receive the money to pay off the debt.

Around 5:30 p.m. Monday, a rented 1987 Ford T-Bird was parked in the west end of the municipal parking lot located southeast of Farmington City Hall. Both men drove to the area together, Dellar said.

But the Livonia man "came in to the (public safety) desk and said someone was out in the parking lot with a gun," Dellar said. "We went out there and checked it out and he didn't have a gun."

No drugs were found during the ensuing police search, Dellar said.

For all intents and purposes, the case is closed.

"But the only thing we're still looking into is ... what transpired before they both rolled up here," Dellar said Tuesday. "We have two different stories, depending on whom you ask."

One eyewitness said she saw police officers restrain someone on the surface of the parking lot, but Dellar said that was not accurate.

"Nobody got held down," Dellar said.



Score: Matt O'Brien of Farmington attempts to sink a putt on the practice green at the San Marino golf course.

Council postpones talks on project

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At the request of a colleague, Farmington Hills City Council tabled discussion on proposals to develop the Eleven Pines site and San Marino property.

Councilman Jerry Ellis, who couldn't attend Monday's meeting, asked that the matter wait until Aug. 9. Council agreed to table it, though developers attended the meeting.

"Mr. Ellis has been very involved in this process," said Mayor Aldo Vagnoni in asking the matter be delayed.

At Monday's meeting, city council was expected to consider a recommendation that staff continue talks with Bestak, Crosswinds, CED/Selective and The PM Group.

In September, nine developers submitted proposals to develop the Eleven Pines site, which includes the expansion of San Marino from nine to 18 holes.

Eight developers presented their ideas on how to develop the property at meeting before city council and the Parks and Recreation commission June 7.

Then, staff from the City Manager's Office, Finance, Planning and Community Development and Special Services departments examined proposals and narrowed the field.

City staff said at least \$7 million is needed to complete the project. Of 14 proposals, six reflected cash and development costs of \$7 million.

Some developers submitted more than one proposal.

In considering proposals, city staff looked at the numbers. The review team didn't consider development types, density or aesthetics, according to a city manager report.



Putt: Mathew Cummings of Farmington practices putting for the Junior Golf league at the San Marino Golf Course.

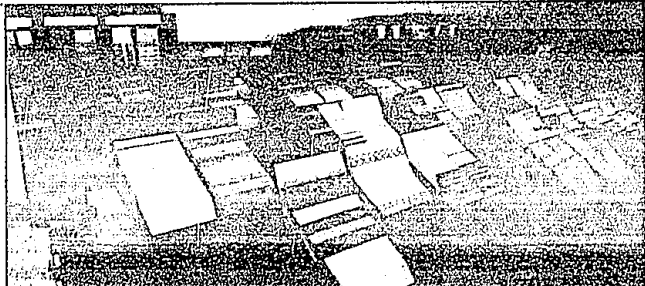
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDAS

- Farmington Hills Planning Commission**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22  
City hall, 31555 11 Mile  
Public hearing meeting (Broadcast on cable TV-Channel 8)  
■ Rezoning request: South of 12 Mile, west of Inkster (Duke's Forestbrook Hills No. 1, Duke's Forestbrook Hills, and Peblebrook Estates subdivisions), from RA-2, single-family residential to RA-1, RA-1B, RA-1A, single-family residential. The Farmington Hills Planning Commission is the proponent.  
■ Special approval: North side of 12 Mile, east of Greening, Lots 92 and 93 of Supervisor's Muer Estates No. 1. This request is for a funeral home, OS-2, planned office service district. The proponent is William LaKritz, DWEL.
- L.L.C. The owner is South Hampton Builders.**  
■ Planning commission study session  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29  
Lower level conference room of city hall  
1. Review of Master Plan regarding residential densities and corresponding zoning district designations.  
■ West Franklin Estates subdivision  
2. Proposed historic district: Gould House, 29915 Gladstone.  
3. Proposed historic district: Archibald-Jones House, 29921 Ardmore.

Farmington area students nab scholarships for OCC

Oakland Community College's Scholarship Committee has announced the names of the 72 students who will receive scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,300 for the fall semester. The average grade point of the group is 3.7 on a 4-point scale. Recipients are:

Auburn Hills — Cynthia Hayes, Dipti Patel and Godfrey Ramos.  
Bloomfield Hills — Vahideh Abghari.  
Bloomfield Township — Yuna Pachkevitch.  
Clarkston — Russell LeClair II, Danielle Cleury and Zakhar Malkovski.  
Farmington — Elaine Chang.  
Farmington Hills — Dalida Donny, David Joseph, Jacquelyn Posta and Dana Shaver.  
Rochester Hills — Catharina Losicki, Jennifer McWilliams, Barbara Solverson, Nancy Thorpe and Neeraj Walia.  
Southfield — Mona Hanna, Thamer Shina and Rhonda Moore.  
Troy — Shi-hun Zhang, Shahin Armin and Bryan Hargreaves.  
Walled Lake — Beckie Archambault.  
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