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two knew each other, but Shtyllaky could have seen the girl at the YMCA previously. He told police he was at the facility for a volleyball league.

Hills police started working immediately with other departments after the girl and her mother talked with them.

"We put out a broadest to all area departments," Dwyer said.

Shtyllaky was apprehended without incident when he exited the Clinton Township apartment he shares with his brother.

The incident reportedly began at about 6 p.m. Sunday when the girl arrived at the YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road to work out. A police report stated that the girl had noticed Shtyllaky staring at her repeatedly while she worked out.

When she left through the facility's south entrance about 7 p.m., Shtyllaky was standing in front of his vehicle, which was facing Farmington Road with both doors open.

At that point he reportedly grabbed her by her left wrist and pulled her toward his vehicle, saying "come over here," police said. He repeated this twice and she broke free both times.

She got on her bicycle and began to ride west through the lot towards Farmington Road, turning north on the sidewalk. Shtyllaky continued shouting "come over here,"



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Escorted: Farmington Hills
Detective Rose Mackie escorts defendant Artor Shtyllaky into the courtroom.

while driving parallel to her, police said.

She continued riding north and Shtyllaky headed east on Tulipwood, and attempted to block her path with his car. She swerved around him and continued up the sidewalk.

She continued riding home and last saw him heading east on Tulipwood, according

to police.

Dwyer said the incident was an isolated one and that YMCA visitors don't need to fear for their safety.

"We want to assure people that the YMCA is a family environment," Dwyer said. "It's an extremely safe place to take your children."

Jim Fuqua, executive director of the Hills YMCA, said they have begun evaluating the facility's safety and are very concerned about what happened.

"We really are concerned about it," Fuqua said. "We really are taking a look at our policies and practices to see if there's anything that can be tightened up."

But, "I believe it was an isolated incident," he added.

Fuqua said the main parking lot is very well-lit and is wide open. Inside the building, Y staff are available all over to assist members.

Some ways the Y has already taken some steps toward making the building safer by eliminating day passes and by restricting guest passes, he added.

"It helps us keep better track of who's in the building," Fuqua said.

Shtyllaky was at the Y legitimately, Fuqua said, confirming what he reportedly told police.

"He was part of a volleyball team," he said.

Store owned by Hills man robbed

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A Canton Township man allegedly tried robbing a party store Thursday afternoon in Redford Township but was chased away by a clerk. He then allegedly robbed a nearby flower shop before being arrested by local police.

The suspect, 31, was in custody in the township jail pending approval of charges by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, Redford police Inspector Donald Mehall said.

There were no injuries in either incident, he said.

The man initially went into the Frosty Mug party store, 26802 Seven Mile east of Inkster Road, implying he had a weapon and demanding money, Mehall said. The clerk, a 39-year-old Southfield man, grabbed a miniature hockey stick and chased the suspect out of the store, Mehall said.

The employee does not speak English and called the store owner to report the incident, Mehall said. Before the police were called, the bandit walked into the Floral Cents flower shop, 27349 Seven Mile at Inkster Road, less than a quarter of a mile from the Frosty

Mug, Mehall said.

The flower shop owner told police the man put his hand under his shirt and demanded money shortly before 4 p.m.

He spun a cash register around, forced open a cash drawer and took about \$200, Mehall said. The suspect then ordered the shop owner into a back room before leaving, Mehall said.

The flower shop owner, a 44-year-old Farmington Hills man, saw the robber drive away in a dark-colored minivan that headed south on Inkster Road, then east on Clarita just south of Inkster, Mehall said.

The shop owner called police to report the robbery, providing a description of the man and his van, Mehall said. A Redford officer spotted a blue minivan at Seven Mile and Grand River, less than two miles from the flower shop, Mehall said.

The driver matched the description of the suspect and the officer stopped him within a short distance on Grand River, west of Telegraph, Mehall said. The officer saw a large amount of money on the floor near the driver's feet and arrested him without incident, Mehall said.

The money was recovered but no weapon was found, he said.

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