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investigated for domestic violence," Dwyer said. "This guy was a lock-alike."

With paperwork in hand, the detective asked the suspect if he was the prisoner scheduled for release. Simply put, Dwyer explained, the man lied.

"It was an error," he said. "We'll probably have to do some corrective measures and changes in procedures."

The second suspect remains in custody at the Wayne County Jail, where he's been held since his capture following the New Year's Day robbery in Southgate.

"These are two very violent criminals," Dwyer said. "We did an excellent job of apprehending them and SONIC did an excellent job of arresting them without incident."

The escaped suspect was released from prison last summer after serving time for arms-2 robbery. The second man had been acquitted of premeditated murder in 1991, but convicted on a felony weapons charge, Dwyer said.

According to police, the suspects grow increasingly violent during the three-day robbery spree.

A report filed with the Hills Police Department indicated two men walked into the Red Roof Inn at 10 Mile and Grand River late Friday night, inquiring about a room. When the clerk went behind the front desk through a locked door, one of the men grabbed her hair and forced her to let him in.

He brandished a handgun, ordered the clerk and two other employees to the floor, and held a gun to the head of one of the victims, according to police.

Another victim was pistol-whipped to the head. The suspects fled with more than \$1,500 in cash. The following day, Dwyer said, someone was shot during the course of the Southgate armed robbery.

"It goes to show we're as much at risk as any other community when it comes to this type of violent act," Dwyer commented. "Unfortunately, it's a violent society we live and work in today, and we're not immune to the violence, even though we live in a safe community."

Despite an uptick last year in the number of armed robberies, Hills police still dealt with only about 20 incidents, Dwyer said. Officers take a certain amount of satisfaction in being able to make arrests that solve a case. However, the department is just as proud of its role in deterrence. Officer Bonnie Unruh recently received state honors for her work in crime prevention, and the department has garnered state and national attention for successful community policing programs, which involve working with businesses and homeowners.

"We try to be as proactive as possible," Dwyer said.

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Protocol is addressed in the policy, he said. "What happens if you have to evacuate a building? Where do you have to go? What happens if an armed intruder enters the classroom?"

Maxfield said the policy is so specific that it delves into how staff members at each building would be assigned to grab a "crisis duffel bag" during building evacuations.

"It (the duffel bag) would include first-aid equipment, a parents (notification) list, that kind of thing," said Maxfield.

Meanwhile, Maxfield said the director of Safe & Drug Free Schools, Estralee Michaelson, "and her committee have a few more pieces to button up."

One of those questions to answer is whether staff members must wear name tags. That is the subject of an upcoming employee survey.

Board President Priscilla Brouillette, following the unanimous second reading and adoption, called it "an important policy. We can all feel confident that we have a carefully reviewed security plan."

According to the policy, guidelines "will include general building and transportation security issues and will establish protocols for responding to critical incidents" both districtwide and building-by-building. The guidelines will be reviewed every three years.

Besides Michaelson and her committee, input from the Farmington Hills Police Department, Farmington Public Safety Department and high school police liaisons helped craft the district's plan - in the works long before the Columbine tragedy.

# RECREATION NEWS

## DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads can treat their daughters to an evening of fun on Feb. 4 or 5 at the Coctick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$16 per couple and \$8 for each additional daughter. The fee includes flowers, refreshments, picture and dancing. Pre-registration is required. Limited 500 per evening.

## BUNCHES

Register now as a single or as partners for an evening of playing Euchre from 7-10 p.m. Fri-

day, Jan. 14 at the Heritage Park Visitor Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$8 per person. Pre-registration is required and refreshments are provided. Call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 473-9570.

## SWIM LESSONS

Lessons from parent/tot to adults are available beginning the week of Jan. 3 through Feb. 12 at the Coctick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The pool temperature is 86 degrees,

which provides a comfortable setting during the lesson. The session will run for six classes. A \$30 pre-registration fee is required at the Recreation Office.

## CHILI OPEN

The 10th Annual Chili Open will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at San Marino Golf Course in Farmington Hills. The fee is \$15 and includes lunch and awards. Pre-register as an individual or a foursome.

## DOWNHILL SKIING

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is offering a complete downhill ski program for all participants, 6th grade through high school, each Friday night starting Jan. 7 to Mt. Brighton. A bus will leave the designated pick-up location at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Fee includes lift ticket, ski lessons, and bus transportation. Ski rental is not included and will be collected on the bus. Pre-registration is

required.

## WINTER STAFF

The Recreation Division is in search of Youth Basketball Referees, Sled Hill Supervisors, Cross Country Ski Center Attendants and Special Events Assistants. If you are interested please call the Recreation Division at 473-9570 or stop by the city of Farmington Hills, Department of Special Services for an application.



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