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"Our responsibility is criminal charges, which we will present to the prosecutor." Nebus said. "They could range from child abuse to assault. These are all charges that could result based on the totality of the circumstances."

No charges have been filed yet against either adult. The man was in California when investigators took the 17-year-old into protective custody Friday; he is expected to return soon.

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Hills Chief Bill Dwyer said the girl comes from Cameroon, West Africa, where slavery is not uncommon. According to "Anti-Slavery," a human rights organization established in the

19th century, reports of trafficking children throughout West Africa have increased over the past two years.

Nabus said the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working through a special task force, has also gotten involved in the case.

"The seventeen year old is not a citizen, and it has not been verified as to the parents' citizenship," he said. "Unfortunately... it's not ungusul for some of these children to be brought form Africa and not treated in the typical standards of other children in this country." country."

Dwyer noted stark differences between the way the couple's children and the teenager were treated. The younger children had televi-cion sets and computers in their well-kept bedrooms

their well-kept bedrooms upstairs, while the girls basement living quarters were unkempt and devoid of those kinds of amenities.

He said the girl had been very fortheoming with police, had a 7th grade education before being brought to the U.S. and spoke English fluently.

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"She's a pretty intelligent
young lady," Dwyer commented.

Hills Police hope to wrap up their investigation into criminal charges by the end of next

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decision could be reversed, now or in the future, would be if enrollment dropped dramatically enough to jeopardize educational

enough to jeopardize educational programming.

The policy committee also reviewed changes to state law about echools of choics. The board, for the first time, could have opted to permit students from adjacent out-of-county dis-tricte (guch as Livonia) to enroll.

# FARMINGTON

# Candidates must file by April 10

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Farmi.g-ten Public Schools Board of Education must file a nominating petition and an affidavit of identity no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2000. The number of signatures required is 20.

The regular school board election will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000. Two positions on the Farmington Public School Board, now held by Priscilla Broullette and Gary Sharp, will be filled at the election.

Both positions are four-year terms ending June 30, 2004. Both school board members have announced their intention to seek re-election.

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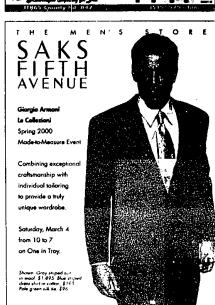
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