

# Homicide charges expected in death of Hills man, 28

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Head trauma was the cause of death for a 28-year-old Farmington Hills man who suffered the injury when he was hit by a car after a parking lot dispute, according to a preliminary medical examiner's report.

Ayad Salmo's official cause of death won't be determined until blood and toxicology tests are completed in several weeks. But it may be enough to charge a 19-year-old Warren man with homicide.

West Bloomfield police said homicide charges could be filed this week against the man accused of driving his car into Salmo at the Orchard Mall on May 7.

Salmo died last Thursday at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac, four days after the

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Incident. Over the weekend, the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office concluded trauma from the impact likely killed Salmo.

"We don't know when charges will be filed, but it could happen at any time now," said West Bloomfield Police Lt. Carl Fuha.

He said the charges — if any — against the man could range from negligent homicide, a high-court misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison, to manslaughter, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison,

to second-degree murder which could send the suspect to prison for life.

Charges also could be filed against several men who attacked the driver, inflicting injuries that sent him to a hospital, Fuha said. The men also pounded his car with hockey sticks after Salmo was struck, police said. They could be accused of felonious assault and property destruction.

This case stems from a mid-night altercation 11 days ago when the Warren man was arriving for work at Orchard Mall at about midnight while a group of men were playing inline hockey in the mall's parking lot, at the northeast corner of Orchard Lake and Maple roads.

After an confrontation between the Warren man and hockey players, police said the Warren man hopped in his car and drove several circles around the players until he struck Salmo.

## City manager faces surgery

Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff will be recuperating 10-12 weeks after undergoing spinal fusion Thursday.

During Lauhoff's absence, day-to-day duties will be supervised by Assistant City Manager Bill Richards. Lauhoff had back surgery in 1997, but he began having recurring problems and opted for a second surgery.

City officials and residents wished him well following Monday night's council meeting.

Surgery was originally scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed because the surgeon had an emergency, according to city officials.



Frank Lauhoff

## Auditions set for 'Guys and Dolls'

An informational meeting for the sixth annual school district/community musical will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 25 in the auditorium of North Farmington High School.

If you are a Farmington Public School District employee or family member, an adult resident of Farmington/Farmington Hills or a high school stu-

dent beginning in August 2000, you are eligible to audition.

This musical is performed the weekend after Labor Day, with auditions in June and rehearsals in August. There are approximately 18 roles and space for numerous chorus members. For more information, contact Sue Cobb at 248-489-3539.

## CLARIFICATION

In the Sunday, May 7 Farmington Observer, a story about Farmington High School parent Mark Mergener stated that he "turned to the media for help." In

fact, Observer reporter Tim Smith originally contacted Mergener to discuss why the latter dropped out of the June school board race. During that tele-

phone conversation, Mergener alluded to serious issues involving teacher behavior that he wanted to discuss. A subsequent interview led to the May 7 story.

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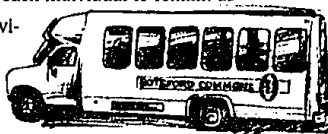
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