

Principal: 'It's a sad thing'

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Harrison High School Principal Rande Horn wasn't having a very good week anyway, what with a fire Wednesday in the school building. And then he heard the news late Thursday that one of his students was involved in a fatal domestic shooting in Farmington Hills.

"It's a sad thing," said Horn on Friday morning, about the incident involving a 16-year-old Harrison junior. "In this day and age, too many people have access to guns. They don't even know how to use them or load them correctly, and it's not right. We have to do a better job taking care of ourselves and our kids."

The teen remained in custody in Oakland County Children's Village on suspicion of shooting his father to death during a domestic dispute shortly after 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the family's home on Greening Street in northeast Farmington Hills.

The victim, Thomas Gyori, 50, was pronounced dead on arrival at Botsford Hospital.

According to Horn, the student is "a pretty quiet kid who kept pretty much to himself."

Horn said he could not provide further insight, despite televised reports that the teen is fascinated with guns, to the point where many pictures of weapons hung on the walls in his bedroom. The student's disciplinary record is clean, with no apparent problems with classmates or teachers.

Friday, teachers and counselors made it a point to talk to some of the boy's classmates about the shooting, Horn continued.

"Their fears are safety issues, such as 'I know this kid, am I safe?'" Horn said.

As far as any other measures at the high school, or whether or not the student will be suspended or expelled, Horn said much depends on the investigation by police and nature of charges.

"We will wait and see what happens from all that," Horn said. "Then we'll decide as a school if there's anything we need to deal with."

Fun fund-raiser

Charity preview: The Detroit Auto Dealers Association annual charity preview last month raised more than \$6 million for children's groups. Among the workers at the show was Farmington Hills resident Enna Whitted (center), a March of Dimes employee. She is flanked by a Clarkston couple who are March of Dimes volunteers, Matt and Tracy Marsom. The charities all provide help with such things as serving champagne to the black-tie crowd at the popular opening day event of the show. Charities benefiting from the preview event include Barst Child and Family Service, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope-Girls Hope of Detroit, The Children's Center, Children's Homes of Judson Center, Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League, The Detroit Institute for Children, Detroit Police Athlete League (PAL), Easter Society of Southeastern Michigan, and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.



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officers who responded to the home after an assault on his wife, police say.

One of the officers kicked the gun away, and Gyori was taken into custody. While he initially faced charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, he later pled guilty to a lesser charge. At the time, police found four weapons in the home.

There had been no recent calls to the home, Dwyer added. After the argument with his father, the boy allegedly discharged pepper spray in the house, then left for a short time. When he came back, he picked up the rifle, apparently in an attempt to scare his father, Dwyer said.

"The decedent had spoken to his ex-wife and his girlfriend and said he had argued with his son," he commented. "The situation escalated when the son returned."

Police found evidence that two shots had been fired into the ceiling and one into a wall

between two rooms. A fourth shot, which left a hole in the wall that separates the bedroom and hall, struck the father's chest.

It's possible Gyori heard the first three shots and was headed toward the bedroom to investigate when he was shot, Dwyer said.

Investigators executed a search warrant for the house signed by Magistrate James Brady around 1 a.m. During interviews Friday, a friend told police that on Tuesday the teen had found the key to a locked camper where his father stored two guns. He brought the .22 rifle, stored in a camouflage case, into his bedroom and fired a shot into a chair that night.

According to the friend's statement, the suspect was obsessed with weapons.

"A student at Harrison indicated he would bring up pictures of assault weapons from the Internet and print them," Dwyer said. "We found those on the wall of his bedroom."

The boy was taken to Children's Village in Pontiac early Friday morning, where he remains in custody.

The teen and his father lived alone in the home, Dwyer said. His mother and two younger brothers live in Brighton.

On Friday, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued a two-count warrant, charging the teen with involuntary manslaughter, a 15-year felony and reckless discharge of a firearm, a four-year felony. A hearing was held in Probate Court in Pontiac at 3:30 p.m. Friday, the results of which were not available at press time.

Dwyer said his department and the prosecutor's office will recommend the youth receive psychiatric help. Investigators will focus on the teen's intent and state of mind.

"There appears to be no premeditation," he said. "You can hear it in his voice...in his heart, he wants his father to live."

Oakland Street house gets new water lines

Crews for Farmington Department of Public Works installed a new water service on Thursday for the drapery studio business that is moving into a house on Oakland Street near Grand River.

Paul Smith of the D P W said the owner of Baker Street Draperies, Shelley Raymond, requested the work be done.

The size of water pipes was changed from three-quarters of an inch to 2 inches in diameter.

"If they request it I would do it for anybody," said Smith, adding that property owners must pay an additional fee for the work to be completed.

CITY OF FARMINGTON

Wood Creek students win state quiz bowl

Wood Creek Elementary School students are champions of the 11th Annual Fifth/Sixth Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl. Wood Creek Elementary School students put on their "thinking caps" and were named the Fifth Grade Champion and trophy winner in the 11th Annual Michigan Fifth/Sixth Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl. The student champions are:

Kevin Anderson, Christopher Jan, Alex Kremzier, Brian Kremzier, Matthew Ludke, Matthew McMillan, Sean Young and Matthew Zulch. The Wood Creek team included two students from each fifth grade class and was supervised by Susan Menelliey.

The competition is a fast-paced computer contest of 100 multiple-choice questions covering a

broad range of academic and fun subjects. Speed and accuracy are part of the competition.

Scoring in Michigan ranged from 673 to a high of 1289. Wood Creek Elementary, with a score of 1289, were first place in the fifth grade and also first place overall in the state.

In all, 229 teams entered the Michigan contest with the teams

ranked by grade level. There were 102 fifth-grade teams.

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