

ROBBERY

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lance from Livonia simultaneously watched numerous locations in Detroit, Southfield, Jackson and Saginaw until Price was captured.

The chief believes gambling was the motive. Price is a suspect in bank robberies in Livonia, Lathrup Village and Detroit, Dwyer said.

Dwyer said the teen, whose name is not being released, chased the robber and his vehicle on foot until he

obtained a partial license plate number. The chief explained that Farmington Hills Officer Gary Lavin played with various license plate combinations until he got a hit on the suspect's vehicle, a Dodge Durango.

An Internet database that police refuse to reveal provided detectives with associates of the registered vehicle owner. Price was on that list.

Detectives discovered he had a criminal record, Dwyer said. Price's picture was identified in a lineup. SONIC executed a search warrant Tuesday night at

Tore's last known address at an apartment in Southfield. Officers found an empty apartment and learned Price had moved out.

The Durango was located at the Southfield Marriott Hotel at Telegraph and 11 Mile.

The hold up note was discovered inside the abandoned SUV, police said. The Hills has had five bank robberies since July.

All but one has been cleared by arrest. In each case, Dwyer said, the suspects were addicted to crack cocaine or gambling.

The teenager who chased

the robber will be honored with a reward and citation by the department for his efforts, Dwyer said.

Price was arraigned Thursday in 47th District Court with one count of bank robbery, a felony punishable up to life in prison.

A not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf. He remains incarcerated with a \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

His preliminary exam is set for Oct. 2 in 47th District Court.

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No damage from brief power outage Thursday

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About 390 electric customers in Farmington were affected by a power outage Thursday morning and afternoon.

Scott Simons, spokesman for Detroit Edison, said an electrical distribution line fell in the area, though he did not have the specific location. He said that line caused the first outage around 11:30 a.m., putting 130 customers in the dark, includ-

ing many businesses inside the Grand River/Farmington Road corridor.

Simons said the first line affected a circuit that involved shutting down two other circuits to fix the original problem. The second two circuits affected an additional 260 customers around 12:50 p.m. and all power was restored by 1:10 p.m., Simons said.

The initial cause was still being investigated, he said Friday.

The first outage put food businesses on edge as the possibility of spoilage loomed.

"I had all my catering jobs go out before it happened," said Sarah Buckner, general manager of the Pasta Stop on Farmington Road. Like other food retailers, she waited for the lights to come back on as phone service also appeared down during the brown out.

At Hersey's Ice Cream on Farmington near Grand River owner Jenny Mihajlovski was worried about losing her supply of goods, frozen products.

"I've been here 23 years and never had a problem," she said while the apparent brown out ran one of her smaller coolers.

Power was also out at Farmington High School, where some classes were moved outdoors until the lights came back on.

Operations continued at Farmington City Hall despite the outage, because the facility has a back-up generator.

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SWEARING IN

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Islam's English was not quite as developed as her neighbor's, but she said, "I'm happy because I'm a citizen."

Also on hand Friday were Linda Enberg, president of the Farmington Board of Education; Robert E. Sullivan, vice president of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit; Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates; Farmington Mayor Jim Mitchell; and keynote speaker JoAnne McShane of the Farmington City Council.

McShane told the immigrants before being sworn-in that she gave them a lot of credit to come to a new country with new customs and language.

"Many of you made great sacrifices to be here," she said, adding later, "Welcome to the greatest nation in the world."

The third "Many Faces, One Future - Our Community's Heritage Week" took place this week, with the Heritage Festival taking place today from 12:30-6 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Costick Center.

With more than 2,000 residents in attendance in the past and expectations of more this year, organizers plan for some of the same favorite events and some exciting additions to the lineup, including:

- Kick-off parade featuring the North Farmington Raiders marching band;
- Cultural booths, children's activities, crafts and storytellers.

- Restaurants with many international food selections, including a new Bakery Cafe with breads and sweets from many cultures;

- Community booths;
- Historical bus tours of Farmington Hills and Farmington;

- Musical entertainment by Blackthorn (Irish folks music); Ara Topouzian Ensemble with Armenian and Middle Eastern folk music; Mariachi, jazz and marching bands; American and international dance troupes.

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