

Police nab burglary suspect

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The arrest of a man in Southfield last Friday could be a big break into the investigation of numerous home break-ins throughout southern Oakland County.

"We think he might be part of a group that is breaking into homes around the area," said John Harris, spokesman for Southfield police.

"We're working with other neighboring police agencies to find other suspects in this investigation."

Nathaniel Coleman III, 23, of Trenton is in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash or sureties bond. He faces four criminal charges, including two counts of home invasion, along with fleeing and eluding and driving with a suspended license. A court spokeswoman said he was arraigned in 46th District Court in Southfield on Saturday and was scheduled for a pretrial hearing Wednesday.

Coleman was arrested Friday while attempting to leave a neighborhood in the 12 Mile-Bell Road area moments after a home invasion was reported. Harris said the victim was in his house at the time of the break-in shortly before 11 a.m., but he escaped and called police from a neighbor's house.

Police arrived in the neighborhood moments later. After a short chase, the sport-utility vehicle carrying Coleman and a second man stopped near the corner of Wilhem and 12 Mile and both men ran away from the vehicle. After following Coleman on foot for several blocks, an officer grabbed Coleman but his companion escaped.

In the vehicle, police discovered jewelry, a combination television-VCR, lap-top computer and other items that were reported stolen in the Friday morning break-in, Harris said. Police found other items that were possibly taken from another Southfield home. Investigators will look at forensic evidence and Coleman interviews for possible links to similar crimes in Berkley, Troy and Farmington Hills.

Police continue to look for the second man and other people linked to this suspected group involved in the area break-ins. Anyone with information is asked to call Southfield police at (248) 354-4720.

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JOPPICH

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each entity's best interest.

Donohue served as city attorney for Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake and represented the Oakland County Drain Commission.

He was the Hills city attorney for 12 years.

Joppich, who grew up in Farmington Hills, said holding the position was "truly an honor."

He said he wished his appointment was under different circumstances as he respected Donohue's work with the city.

"I do look forward to the future here; the future is bright," Joppich said.

The attorney has primarily devoted his practice to municipal law as an associate and senior attorney for the firm.

He currently serves as general counsel to Independence and Oakland townships.

From 1994-2001, as an associate of Donohue's, he served as city prosecutor for Walled Lake.

He also donates legal services with Gerald Fisher as general counsel to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy and the Polly Ann Trailways Commission.

Joppich is married to Jennifer and they have one son, Joey, 1. They live in Lake Orion.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Timmerman

Services for Raymond Timmerman, 77, of Southfield, were held Nov. 11 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jennifer Sudd officiating. Burial followed at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mr. Timmerman was born Aug. 25, 1925 in Detroit and died Nov. 7, 2002 in Southfield.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann Marie (James) Terry; granddaughters, April, Erin and Christiana Terry; brothers, Freddy, Albert and Ronald; and sister, Gladys Shields.

Anna Mae Crabtree

Services for Anna Mae Crabtree, 84, of Wixom, were held Nov. 13 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. David Bevington officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Mrs. Crabtree was born June 14, 1918 in Detroit and died Nov. 10, 2002 at West Hickory Haven in Milford. She worked as a bank teller and was a member of Grand River Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol (David) Mundorf and Susan Crabtree; sons, Douglas and Gary (Wendy); sisters, Doris (Floyd) Farmer, Shirley (Edward) Conner and Marilyn (Wayne) Fetterly; brother, Floyd (Peg) Rademacher; and grandchildren, Todd (Kris) Mundorf, Scott Mundorf, Erin Crabtree and Amanda Crabtree; and great-granddaughter, Molly Mundorf. She is preceded in death by her husband, Goebel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Florence I. Arnold

Services for Florence I. Arnold, 85, of Farmington, were held Oct. 28 at R.G. & G.R. Funeral Home in Livonia with the Rev. William Hale officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit. Mrs. Arnold was born Sept. 25, 1917 in Canada and died Oct. 24, 2002 at Bloomfield Orchard Villa in West Bloomfield. She was a dog groomer. She was also a member and Sunday School teacher at the Assembly of God Church. Mrs. Arnold enjoyed embroidering, cro-

cheting, ceramics, cooking and sewing. She is survived by her children, Fred (Doris) Arnold, Janet (Paul) Sollenburger, Mary (Layford) Wilson, Karen Morrison, Pamela Little and Christine (Elhannen) Stacy; brother, Paul (Faye) Fritchard; and 47 grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

John E. McDevitt Jr.

Services for John E. McDevitt Jr., 76, will be held at 10 a.m. today, Nov. 14 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with burial following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. McDevitt died Nov. 10, 2002. He was the former president of E.J. McDevitt Company (McDevitt's Hallmark) and a long time dealer/member of the National Church Goods Association.

He is survived by his children, Kathleen Corbett, John Michael, Susan (Paul) Heneks, Patrick (Bonnie) and Paul (Brenda); siblings, Mary Reid, Dr. Frank McDevitt, Betty (Ollie) Boss, Richard (Lea) McDevitt and Sister Mary "Nancy"

McDevitt I.H.M.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and 35 nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-6010. Arrangements made by O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Otto A. Aporius

Services for Otto Albert Aporius, 89, of Farmington Hills, will be held today, Nov. 14 at Glen Eden Memorial Park Chapel in Livonia with the Rev. Chris Kramer officiating.

Mr. Aporius was born March 3, 1913 in Germany and died Nov. 12, 2002 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He worked as a tool and die maker until his retirement in 1965.

He is survived by his son, Heinz; granddaughters, Heidi Talke; and grandson, Tim Talke. He is preceded in death by his wife, Elli.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

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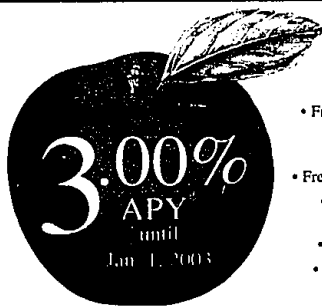
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