

LA grand jury subpoenas 2 at murder examination

By DIANE HUBEL
FARMINGTON HILLS — A Grand Jury in Los Angeles apparently investigating narcotics and trafficking in drugs issued subpoenas to two men in 4th District Court for the first day of a pre-trial examination into the shooting death of William Day of Mass.

James S. Thornton, 37, a Farmington Hills man being held by the Hills police on an open charge of murder, and Edward Rasen Jr. of Calif., a material witness in the case, were served subpoenas to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in California June 8.

Larry Girard, Rasen's attorney, said he was told the subpoenas were issued by a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles investigating possible trafficking in narcotics. He said it was his impression that hundreds of people were being called to give any information they may have about drug related activities.

He said that it is likely that the men will answer questions to the

District Attorney and may never appear before the Grand Jury.

Rasen was probably called as a result of an allegation which was brought against him in California several years ago and eventually dropped, Girard said.

Richard Niemisto, Farmington Hills detective, said it was impossible to say at this time how the men can be appearing in California on the sixth.

"There are so many variables in the case right now it is difficult to say how they will appear there if the case is not settled here," he said.

The pre-trial examination into the shooting of Day was cut short when Rasen, who was testifying with his jaw wired shut as a result of surgery to remove a bullet was unable to continue because of the pain.

Rasen told presiding Judge Michael J. Hand that he had not met Thornton prior to the day of the shooting. He said he had gone with Day to the Thornton home on that day to "retrieve a vehicle" which he believed belonged to Day.

Police discovered Day's body on May 11 at the Thornton house after they received a call from Rasen. Rasen had called the police from a service station saying that he had been shot in the face. When they arrived to help him he told them where to locate Day.

Thornton turned himself in to the Farmington Hills police Wednesday, May 15. He is currently being held by the Farmington Hills police without bond.

Rasen is being held as a material witness on \$100,000 bond. The pre-trial hearing has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 30.



YMCA to teach sportsman safety

A special two-week course in sportsman safety is being offered by the Farmington YMCA beginning June 10 at the Mercy center.

The program is divided into two sessions.

During the first session, June 10-14, experts in the field will be invited to speak.

Jim Martindale, of the department of Natural Resources will practice self-rescue. Topics include what do you do if your snowmobile goes into a pond, or if a fisherman in hip boots falls in the lake? Following the demonstration, all members of the class will have a chance to practice in the pool.

Julie Bristor, artificial respiration instructor for the Michigan Heart Assn., will demonstrate the

techniques of mouth to mouth resuscitation and external cardiac massage.

OTHER SESSIONS will concentrate on first aid, pool safety, boating safety and SCUBA safety. The second week of the course, June 17-20, a special "learn to swim" campaign will be launched.

During this time, the non-swimmer and swimmer alike can learn to be safe in the water by learning and practicing such skills as survival swimming, drown-proofing and non-swimming lifesaving assists, in addition to an introduction to the basic swimming strokes.

Classes for the first week will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Schools want grant comment

Farmington schools are in the process of submitting an application to the Michigan Department of Education for a grant under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The grant, if awarded, would establish a research, planning, and evaluation department. Comments regarding the program would be welcome, according to Larry Freedman, assistant superintendent, Farmington Schools.

OBITUARIES

MRS. ANTONIA HANSEN, 90, of Farmington Hills died May 19, 1974, in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit. She was born April 10, 1884, in Czechoslovakia.

Surviving are sons Bennie of Dearborn and Gustave of California, daughter Mrs. John (Freida) Muir of Farmington Hills, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at St. Fabian Church in Farmington with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

GRACE BULL, 79, of Farmington died May 21, 1974, at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington. She was born May 17, 1893, in Detroit.

Surviving are husband Clarence, daughter Marion Bocksch, sons James Bull, Clarence Bull, George Bull, John Bull, William Bull, Robert Bull, and sister Lester Jiggins.

Services were Friday at the Vasu-Lynch Funeral Home in Royal Oak with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Negotiation deadline being sought

Patrick McDonald, Democratic candidate for Congress and vice-president of the Detroit School Board, asked the state legislature to set a deadline for teacher contract negotiations in Detroit.

McDonald made the request while speaking to the labor committee in Lansing. He is seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 17th District which includes Redford Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Lathrup Village and northwest Detroit.

"The Michigan Legislature has it within its power to assure a tranquil beginning of the next school term for Detroit school children," McDonald said. "If it fails to act, I am certain that the Detroit public schools will not open as scheduled this fall."

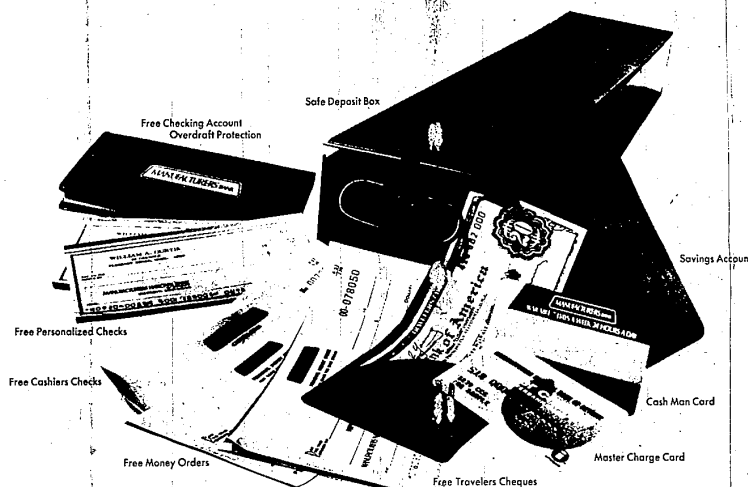
A little earlier, please

We would like to commend the Farmington Hills City Council for including a "Questions and Answers" portion on their agenda.

However, the portion is the last item on the agenda and lately the meetings have run well past 1 a.m.

At those wee hours, unfortunately, public input becomes rather limited. We would therefore suggest that the council consider starting an hour earlier, or shifting the "Q. & A." to the start of the agenda.

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