

# Drivers charged in theft and chase

Mitchell R. Pierson, 18, of Kinde, has been charged with unlawfully driving away an automobile in connection with an incident early Saturday in Wilmot in which a car was taken for a short while and damage done with it.

He was arraigned Monday before District Judge Richard F. Kern, who set surety bond at \$5,000, which has since been posted. Preliminary examination was scheduled Oct. 27 and preliminary examination Nov. 7.

Betty Kline of Clifford reported to Caro state police that she had spent the night at her son's-in-law on Montague Street in Wilmot, during which time someone took her car, drove it around, damaged some property and then returned it. The keys had been left in the ignition.

The person who took the car, investigation revealed, had driven to Wilmot with another man and a woman to visit friends.

He took the Kline auto at 12:30 a.m. When headed west on Howard Street, he was going too fast to turn right onto Bond Road. The car ran over a road sign and then on the lawn of Rachel Caverly, 5766 Bond Road,

before returning to the road. Before returning the car, he drove over the lawn of Mrs. Kline's son-in-law, Michael Gilmore.

The man and his two friends then got back in the car they had come in, but had a difference of opinion and the woman got out, although she was the owner of the car.

Mrs. Caverly, informed the culprit was on Montague Street, went over there and stopped the car from leaving. The two men then got out and ran through a corn field.

Sheriff's deputies later apprehended the pair when they were walking along Cemetery Road.

Pierson's companion, Steven M. VanValkenburgh, 19, of Kinde, was wanted by Bad Axe State Police on a bench warrant charging him with failure to pay fine and costs for a traffic offense.

### POLICE CHASE

Joseph D. Howard, 21, of 4261 Oak Street, was arrested by Cass City police early Saturday on charges of reckless driving and attempted fleeing and eluding after a chase early Saturday.

He was taken to the county jail after his arrest. He was later released on bond, but as of Tuesday, arraignment information was not available in district court.

According to police, Officer Phil Klaus was running radar checks on Doerr Road about 12:20 a.m. when a motorcycle went by at 47 miles per hour in the 35 mph zone.

Klaus gave chase. The motorcyclist, headed north, turned left onto Main Street without stopping, then south on Koepfgen Road and east on Elmwood Road.

The officer finally got close enough a quarter-mile west of Doerr Road to turn on his flasher light. The motorcyclist continued on. When he got to Doerr, he headed north, turned east on Garfield Street, then south on Seeger at more than 100 mph.

A half-mile south of River Road, the rider turned off his lights and turned onto a trail or driveway, but stopped after 30 feet.

He was then taken into custody.

Asked why he had stopped, he told officers he had run out of gas.

### BOAT STOLEN

Donald Reid of Grassmere Road, Cass City, reported to Huron county deputies Monday that an 18-foot aluminum boat, trailer and 50 horsepower outboard motor were stolen from his barn some time between Oct. 1 and Monday.

They were worth \$2,500 and belonged to his son, Richard Reid of Caro.

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# 3 sentenced Monday in Tuscola Circuit Court

Ex-Cass Cityan Jefferson Auvil was sentenced Monday to 2-4 years in the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson.

He was sentenced for aiding and abetting larceny in a building and absconding while on bond. He pleaded guilty to both charges Sept. 26.

The sentences pronounced by Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn were identical for each charge and will run concurrently. Auvil was credited with 103 days served.

The aiding and abetting charge was in connection with the June 6, 1979, break-in of the Quaker Maid Dairy Store in Cass City.

He was originally charged with aiding or assisting entry without breaking with intent to commit larceny and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. He was scheduled to go on trial Jan. 16, but failed to appear and was not taken into police custody until July.

Auvil, who has also had a Snover address, pleaded guilty to the two charges he was sentenced on in a plea bargain with the prosecution.

Also Monday before Judge Joslyn:

Kenneth H. Diener, 20, of 3670 Pine Street, Akron, stood mute to charges of larceny and breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling. Pleas of innocent were entered and a pretrial hearing scheduled Nov. 3. Bond was continued.

The first charge involves the theft of more than \$100 from Dolores Vermeesch Aug. 6, 1979, in Akron. The second is in connection with the break-in of a house March 29, 1979, in Akron.

William W. Brown, 19, of 704 N. Huron Street, Vassar, received concurrent sentences of 305 days in the county jail for uttering and publishing and forgery. He was credited with 205 days served.

A jury found him guilty Sept. 5 of the first charge, involving a check for \$155. The defendant pleaded guilty Oct. 1 to the second charge, involving a check for \$316. Both checks were written in March with Richard Brown of Vassar as intended recipient.

Bryan S. Huizar, 20, of 4195 Elmwood Road, Akron, stood mute to a charge of larceny over \$100. A plea of innocent was entered, with pretrial hearing scheduled Dec. 1. Bond was continued.

He is charged with the Aug. 1 theft of \$112 in cash and a check from the Black Dahlia Bar in Akron.

Joan E. Dennis, 43, of 3330 Lee Hill Road, Caro, pleaded guilty to non-sufficient funds check. Her plea was accepted and sentencing

scheduled Dec. 15. Bond was continued.

She was charged with writing three checks totaling \$70 to a Caro service station in July, for which she did not have adequate funds in her bank account.

David A. Seelman, 18, of Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property. His plea was accepted, with sentencing to be scheduled.

The charge was in connection with a Sept. 20 break-in of a Watertown township grocery.

Douglas G. Mitchell, 19, of Flint, was sentenced to 5-10 years in Jackson prison for assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder. He was credited with 372 days served and vocational training was

recommended. A jury found him guilty Sept. 12 of assaulting Clyde Shingler Oct. 9, 1979, near Millington.

Sentencing of Valencia McCaw, 22, of Saginaw, for forgery was delayed one year. Vocational training was recommended during the interim.

She pleaded guilty Sept. 2 to forging a money order for \$170, which she cashed July 20 at Paul's Party Store in Kingston township.

Victor A. Freeman, 21, of 804 Ninth Street, Sebawaing, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to receive and conceal stolen property over \$100, in connection with an April 23 larceny at Churchill's Bar in Akron.

His plea was accepted and sentencing was scheduled

Dec. 15. Vicki Lynn Nowak, 22, of Bay City, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny in a building, in connection with a March 1 theft from Richardson's Saddlery in Fairgrove township.

Her plea was taken under advisement, with sentencing scheduled Dec. 15 if the plea is accepted. Bond was continued.

James A. Randall, 17, of 909 W. Burnside Street, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny in a building, in connection with the Aug. 13 theft of two bicycles and a motorcycle from an Almer township garage.

His plea was accepted and sentencing scheduled Dec. 15.

## Michigan Mirror

# Milliken announces \$116 million in budget cuts

By Warren M. Hoyt  
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Using budget powers abrogated by the legislative, Gov. William G. Milliken has announced another \$116 million in budget cuts. Some \$31.4 million of the total will come from the state's welfare programs.

The cuts, which Milliken said were necessary because of the legislature's failure to approve additional revenue measures, include such things as a 5 percent reduction in general assistance grants, a 15 percent cut in fees paid to medical providers and cutting back funds to higher education below the levels provided in 1979-80.

The program cuts were implemented under the powers granted under a three-month continuation budget, although the savings are calculated on a full-year basis.

They bring to \$770 million the amount of cuts the governor has recommended for 1980-81.

Milliken, addressing the state on a statewide radio-television hookup, reviewed the continually worsening state of the economy.

He said the full-year budget must include new sources of revenue and expressed confidence the legislature will work cooperatively in November to complete that task. The Legislature reconvenes Nov. 12.

Those same revenue measures were being pushed in September when

the Legislature was trying to complete the new budget prior to the beginning of the state's new fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Not only was the legislature unwilling to raise taxes before facing the electors in November (all members of the House are up for re-election this year), but they were also unwilling to complete a new budget which would be less than the current year's budget.

The governor has recommended measures that would raise another \$116 million in revenue on a full-year basis, but those measures will now not provide that level of revenue because they would not be in effect for the full fiscal year.

Milliken has not decided whether to propose more cuts or more revenues to handle that problem.

### PRISON TAX

Attorney General Frank Kelley has ruled the constitutional ban on public votes on appropriations bills does not apply to a proposal increasing the income tax to provide funds for new prison construction.

Despite the proposal's specification that the money raised by the tax can only be used for prisons, Kelley said additional action is required by the legislature in order to actually control the use of the money.

That requirement, he said, distinguishes the income tax

proposal from motor fuel taxes, which the state Supreme Court has repeatedly held to be appropriations, and thus not subject to voter approval.

Proposal E, placed on the ballot by the legislature, would raise the income tax to 4.7 percent from 4.6 percent until Dec. 31, 1985, with the increased revenue to be used for new prison construction and improving current facilities.

Kelley said the Supreme Court has drawn a distinction between merely authorizing an activity and actually appropriating the money to make it possible.

He said in contrast to the fuel tax, the income tax pro-

posal cannot be read in conjunction with another act that would authorize the expenditure of the tax for correctional purposes.

He concluded the law only expresses intent to appropriate the proceeds of the taxes, therefore, is not an appropriation bill.

Some folks don't seem to realize that they can learn a little every day and still not know it all.

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