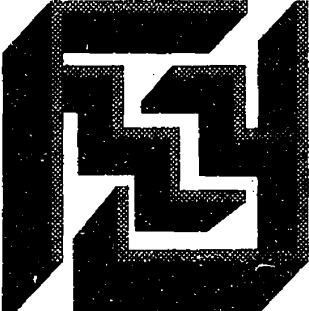


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Police: discrepancies in youth's reported abduction

A rural Hoopeston girl is claiming she was abducted by two black men Wednesday, but Vermilion County sheriff's department authorities say there are discrepancies between the girl's report and the physical evidence.

The 14-year-old girl reported Wednesday morning that she had been abducted from her home west of Hoopeston, said Gary Miller, Vermilion County chief investigator.

However, "there are definitely discrepancies between what she reported to us and what the evidence shows," he said.

Miller would not comment on the discrepancies, but said department personnel were working to "come to a conclusion" between the report and evidence.

Miller said the youngster told police she was in her home when she heard her father's station wagon start. When she went outside to investi-

gate, she saw a black man in the driver's seat and was grabbed from behind by another black male, Miller said.

The girl described the men as wearing flannel shirts, jeans and gloves, Miller said.

The youngster told police she was pushed into the car, and that one of the men hit her twice in the head with his hand. One of the men allegedly removed her shirt and fondled her.

The men drove north on County Road 990E, then west on 4000N. The driver then reportedly lost control of the vehicle. The car went into a beanfield, left the field and became stuck in a ditch.

The girl said the men ordered her to stay in her father's car, then left, getting in a late-model El Camino-type vehicle with tinted windows.

The girl was reportedly picked up by an area farmer and taken home.

Public hearing scheduled on proposed library tax levy

On Aug. 8, Hoopeston residents will be able to express their views on a proposed property tax levy for the Hoopeston Public Library.

The hearing - and tax levy - are necessary because of a change in status from a city library to a library district.

The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 1994 are \$62,785. However, library officials are unsure what the tax rate will be.

"We're trying to pull it together," said Dale Fry, library board president. "This is the first year. We hope it's right."

If passed, the levy will be effective for the 1995 year, said head librarian Lou Graham.

Fry said the amount requested in the proposed levy is higher than what was levied as a city library because of higher expenses but "we tried to keep everything somewhat within reason," Fry said.

In fiscal year 1994, the city levied almost \$41,000 for the library.

The levy and the formation of a library district are part of a state push to districts and away from city libraries, Fry said.

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City Hall open house

Hoopeston residents are invited to attend an open house of the new city hall building Saturday. The event will be 1-5 p.m. The offices are located in the former IGA building at the corner of Main Street and Second Avenue.

Theater group meeting

Anyone interested in resurrecting a local theater group is invited to a meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Household Bank community room.

Athletic physicals

Hoopeston Area High School will have athletic physicals at 6 p.m. Aug. 2. Cost is \$5.

Band camp

The Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers will

have band camp Aug. 1-4 from 8 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m., except Wednesday, when there will be no night camp.

On Aug. 5, camp will be from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a preseason performance at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Please bring lawn chairs.

U of I trip

The EIMPC and AARP are sponsoring a trip to the U of I, including tours of Assembly Hall, the intramural physical education building and Krannert Hall. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$16, which includes lunch. The trip is open to all area residents.

Send your community announcements to: Up & Coming, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL 60942.



Court dispositions



July 7 - Arnulfo Solis. Hoopeston, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, notice to appear to be sent.

John P. Elliott, 24, of 508 Front St., was arrested at 11:48 p.m. Wednesday, charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and illegal squealing or screeching of tires. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Library continued from other side

Although the district currently includes only the city of Hoopeston, in April 1995, residents will vote whether to extend the boundaries to the entire Hoopeston Area school district, including Wellington, Cheneyville, East Lynn and Rankin.

The expanded library district would be especially beneficial to students. Fry said "We've shut out so many people in our schools," he said.

Those communities, and Rossville, are currently able to use the library free for one year through a state grant.

Arnulfo Solis. Hoopeston, display of false insurance card, notice to appear to be sent.

Marvin Hofer. Hoopeston, driving with a suspended licence, no valid registration, pleaded not guilty, continued 60 days.

Linda Evans, Hoopeston, writ hearing, balance due, paid in full.

July 21 - William Mitchell, Hoopeston, criminal damage, pleaded not guilty, bench trial.

William Mitchell. Hoopeston, theft, \$50 and costs, 90 days court supervision.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 27, 1994

Admitted: Flossie Albert, Rossville.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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