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OAKLAND COUNTY

Woman charged with murder in deaths of son, granddaughter

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PONTIAC » An Addison Township woman has been charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of her son and granddaughter last month in Oxford Township.

Sylvia Majewska, 65, was arraigned Monday on two counts of first-degree premeditated murder, officials announced in an afternoon press conference.

The charges stem from the Nov. 22 deaths of Daryne Gailey, 29, and his 7-month-old daughter, Charley Hendrick.

"For whatever reason, she came to the conclusion that the son and the child would be better off if they weren't alive, sadly," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said.

Majewska was bleeding from her arm when deputies arrived at Gailey's Oxford



Majewska

home for a welfare check on Nov. 23.

"Probably an attempt, or maybe not a real attempt, only she'll know," to commit suicide, Bouchard said.

Investigators found evidence indicating that Majewska had been planning the incident.

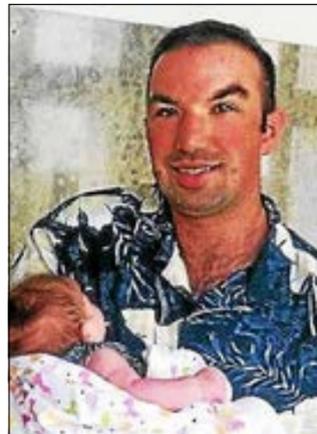
"There was a plan and the plan had a conclusion that wasn't good," Bouchard said, adding that sev-

eral handwritten notes and other documents were found throughout the investigation.

She is able to speak but remains hospitalized and has yet to speak with investigators. She had hired an attorney shortly after the investigation began, but the man who was representing her informed sheriff's officials that he is no longer her attorney.

A preliminary exam is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Dec. 18 in 52-3 Dis-

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Daryne Gailey of Oxford holds his daughter, Charley Hendrick. Their Nov. 23 deaths have been ruled homicides. On Monday, the sheriff announced Gailey's mother has been charged with murder.

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A DAY OF CARING



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Kyle Potts, 8 of Beverly Hills, gets a visit Monday from NBA greats Dave Bing, center, and Derrick Coleman at Beaumont's Children's Hospital in Royal Oak. Along with Jalen Rose, the former players visited the hospital as part of the Second Annual Day of Caring which includes nine Children's Miracle Network Hospitals across the country.

OAKLAND TWP.

Veterans group files unfair housing suit

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An Oakland County organization representing military veterans and others with disabilities has filed a federal lawsuit alleging Oakland Township officials of engaging in unfair housing practices and violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The suit was filed Friday, Dec. 5, in the Eastern District Court in Detroit by the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The lawsuit centers around a proposed senior living development which was approved by township officials but later denied by a public vote.

The 42-acre, 238-unit Blossom Ridge development was approved

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GROVELAND TWP.

State board approves \$2.9M grant

Represents next step for proposed ORV, adventure park

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A state trust fund board recently approved a \$2.9 million grant representing the next step in getting 312 acres of gravel pits and unused public land in Groveland Township converted to an all-purpose adventure park.

And from what Township Supervisor Bob DiPalma has heard, residents are more than receptive to the proposed proj-

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WATERFORD TWP.

Summit Place Mall lands on dangerous buildings list

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A leaky roof, exposed electrical wires, mold and blocked exits are being listed as reasons Waterford Township officials are placing Summit Place Mall on the dangerous buildings list.

"Vagrants are getting in and stripping scrap from the place," said Brent Gibson, assistant

building director. "Police are making regular runs there."

Out-of-state owners of the nearly 2-million-square-foot mall at Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake roads must either make repairs to the vacant mall or tear it down, said Gibson.

Gibson said Township Supervisor Gary Wall, Clerk Sue Camilleri and the town board "want to clean up Waterford."

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Waterford Twp. officials placed vacant Summit Place Mall on its dangerous buildings list, meaning owners must repair it or tear it down.
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PHOTO GALLERY

Downtown Rochester Christmas parade

The 63rd annual Hometown Christmas Parade took place Sunday, Dec. 7. Photos by Kathleen Quandt.
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