

# Matney draws 2 years for probation violation

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It was the end of the road for William Glenn Matney.

At least for a year or two.

Matney, charged with negligent homicide in June and with drunk driving, driving on a suspended license and a probation violation in July, was sentenced to serve one to two years in a Michigan Correctional Institution by Judge Charles Kaufman of Wayne County Circuit Court Aug. 1.

The sentence came as a result of Matney's probation violation. Matney will stand trial in 35th District Court tomorrow for the drunk driving and suspended license charge.

Matney pled guilty to negligent homicide in the death of Canton resident Madonna Tharp at a June 7 circuit court hearing. He was sentenced by Kaufman to serve 117 days in the Detroit House of Corrections, pay court fines and was placed on five years probation for the Dec. 17 accident which left Tharp, dead at the intersection of Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads.

Matney was released the day of sentence because he had already served 117 days while awaiting the trial. He was arrested again July 10 by a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy for drunk driving and driving on a suspended license. He was later charged with a probation violation as well.

Matney stood mute before Judge Dunbar Davis last week at his 35th District Court hearing for the drunk driving and suspended license charge. Davis entered a plea of not guilty in both charges for Matney. He will be appointed a court lawyer and will undergo a district trial tomorrow.

"The trial will go on even though Matney has received a sentence from Judge Kaufman," Davis said. "There will be no point in putting him (Matney) on probation, and there is no reason to fine him because he has no money.

"Any jail sentence which this court hands down will have to be concurrent

with the circuit court sentence," Davis continued, "so the sentence will be purely academic in nature."

Davis said Matney's license will be indefinitely suspended.

Court officials at Wayne County Circuit Court said Matney has civil litigation in the form of a lawsuit filed against him for his involvement in the Tharp accident.

Matney has an extensive record of alcohol-related traffic violations. His July 10th arrest was his fourth alcohol traffic violation.

## 1st school day is 1/2

Students in the Plymouth-Canton district head back to school for half-a-day Tuesday, Aug. 30, marking the start of the 1983-84 school year.

Classes begin in earnest the next day, Aug. 31, with the first full day of school for the 16,000-plus students in the district.

Teachers report back from the summer vacation on Monday, Aug. 29, to get ready for the students who will show up in their classrooms the 30th.

Centennial Education Park (CEP) students who couldn't pick up their class schedule at their regular time can get a list of their classes at a make-up session slated for Aug. 29.

Students across the district can look forward to their first vacation, Monday, Sept. 5, when Labor Day will be celebrated across the country.

The next break isn't until Thanksgiving, Nov. 24-25. The Christmas vacation will begin Dec. 22 and end on Jan. 3.

For those planning way ahead, the Easter break starts April 20 and concludes April 19. And the final day for students in kindergarten through 11th grade is June 14.



## Prince is victim

**NINE-YEAR-OLD DANNY PRINCE**, who died last Tuesday when a car struck him while riding a skate board, is shown here in his wheel chair during the Plymouth Travel kite flying contest a month ago. Danny is being pushed by his father, Alan as he tries to get his kite airborne. (Crier photo by Phyllis Redfern)

## Canton youth killed in 2nd car-toy accident in month

A nine-year-old Canton boy died of injuries he sustained Aug. 2 when the skateboard he was riding on was hit by a car.

Canton rescue personnel said Danny Prince, of Carriage Hills Drive was sitting on the skateboard when a neighbor backed out of his driveway and struck the boy. Danny, physically handicapped with polio, used the skateboard to move himself around.

According to Canton fire reports, Danny suffered injuries to the back, chest and abdomen in the accident. He was transferred to Oakwood Canton Center at approximately 2:30 p.m. and was later transferred to University Hospital in Ann Arbor where he died.

Danny is the second Canton child to be fatally struck by a car while sitting on a low-riding toy in the past month.

Jeremy Mullens of Mott Road died July 8 when the big wheel tricycle he was riding was struck by a car. Police said Jeremy shot out from between two cars and into the street in the accident.

Graveside funeral services for Danny were held Aug. 5 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial services were held Aug. 7 at Geneva United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Kenneth F. Gruebel officiating at both services.

Danny is survived by his parents Alan and Judith Prince; brothers and sisters, Dennis, Hahn, Alan, Jr., Jo Anna, Judi Ann, Kathleen, Robert, Thomas, Connie, Rebecca, John, Jennifer and Gail; grandparents, Mrs. Dorothy Prince of Ypsilanti and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin F. Sheppard Sr. of South Lyon.

Danny was affiliated with the Easter Seal Society of Wayne County and the Geneva United Presbyterian Church.

## Crier wins national honor

The National Newspaper Association has awarded The Community Crier honorable mention for spot news photography.

In competition open to U.S. weekly newspapers, a photo of a truck accident which appeared in last year's Fall Festival edition was honored. The photo was taken by Becky Beach, former feature editor of The Crier.

## Murder trial goes to jury

**DELORES JEAN FEDERICO** (left), charged with first degree murder in the Canton shooting death of Jess Brown Jr. October 21, stood trial in Wayne County Circuit Court August 1. The week long court case came to a close yesterday and the jury was expected to render a verdict soon after (not available at press time). Federico and two other suspects, Ricki Sparks and George McCue allegedly shot Brown over what police believe was a drug-related robbery. Sparks and McCue were arraigned on charges of assault with intent to rob.



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