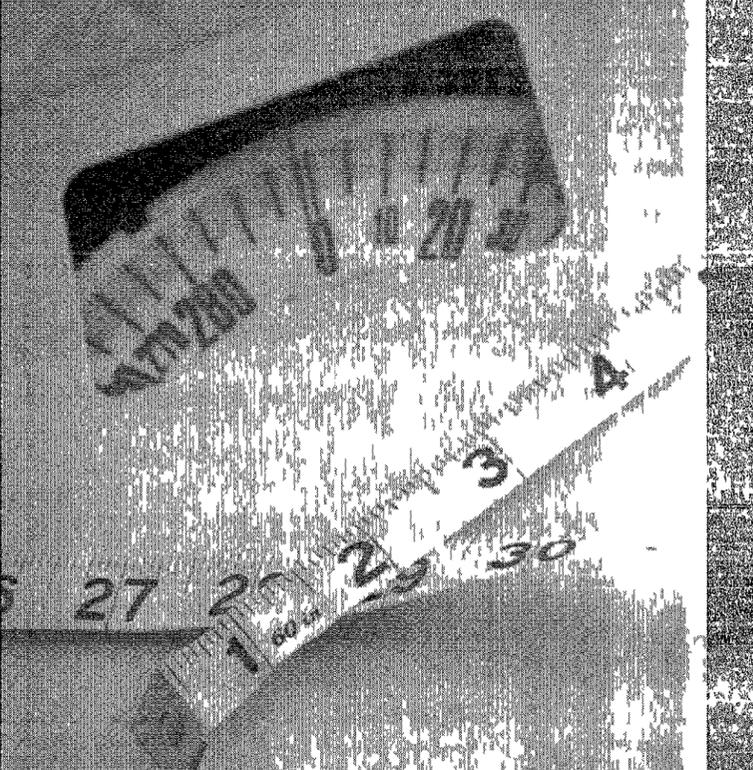


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Canton man faces murder charges in death of infant

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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The 23-year-old Canton man accused of killing his girlfriend's 8-month-old infant son had only been dating the baby's mother for a couple of months, but they'd known each other for years. Carlee Hines Jr., 23, was arraigned Friday at 35th District Court for the death of the baby. Hines was charged with felony murder, punishable by up to life imprisonment. A plea of not guilty was entered on Hines' behalf. Judge John E. MacDonald remanded him to



Hines Jr.

the Wayne County Jail. The baby's mother, Hines, and the child had been living with Hines' parents in their home on Sheldon Road, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski Tuesday morning. Hines called the fire department when he couldn't wake the baby. The baby was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said the baby had been screaming while his mother was away at work on Monday. The 20-year-old mother works two jobs and was away from home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the boyfriend, who is not the baby's biological father, is the caretaker. The boyfriend lost his temper and assaulted the baby during the day Monday,

Pomorski said. He caused injuries that the Wayne County Medical Examiner said caused the death of the child, Pomorski said. The cause of death was internal bleeding, and the injuries included broken ribs and lacerations to the spleen and liver. The baby's mother returned to the house after work. Police said the baby died sometime during the night while he was in his bed. In the morning, the boyfriend tried to wake him and the baby was unresponsive. Hines was arrested Wednesday. Hines' preliminary exam is scheduled for Jan. 27.

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Patterson wants hearings to address phone scams

Do you want to know whom your neighbor is calling on the cell phone? Do you really trust your boyfriend's claims about the frequent calls on his cell phone? How about your boss? Want to find out for sure? According to State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, several companies claim to offer such services, though none seems affiliated with any major cellular telephone or VOIP service (voice over Internet protocol) providers. Patterson, who chairs the

Senate's Technology and Energy Committee, said he was going to hold hearings on this issue and introduce legislation if needed. "This appears to be a growing problem around the country," Patterson said. According to Patterson, who has previously guided legislation to combat spyware and SPAM through the committee, there are numerous reports that suggest some telephone company insiders secretly sell phone lists containing the numbers of their customers to online brokers, despite

strict telephone company rules against such deals. Companies offering such services found on the Internet sell this information for about \$90. The public is concerned about identity theft. The Michigan Legislature has already acted to provide such protections to consumers. This seems like the next logical step. "People value their privacy," said Patterson. Patterson said hearings could begin as early as this week.

UPTOWN PLAYERS

Children ages 6 to 14 are invited to attend open auditions for the spring production with the Plymouth Uptown Players. No experience is necessary and there are no special requirements to attend other than the wish to be on the stage and perform in front of a live audience.

Aspiring actors can choose one day, either Jan. 16 or Jan. 19 and attend the free workshop from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Joanne Winkelman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Township police to host citizens academy

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a citizens academy Feb. 15-April 19 at township hall, with the idea of helping citizens come to a better understanding of their police department. Topics for the academy include accident investigation, training requirements, patrol operations, K-9, firearms simulation, detective bureau and alcohol enforcement.

The objective is to give the public a working knowledge of the Plymouth Township Police Department policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by department officers and other members of the criminal justice system, said Officer Jamie Senkbeil, who organizes the academy for the

'This is an opportunity for people who may not understand the role of a police officer or someone who may have complaints about police procedures to see things from the police perspective.'

Officer Jamie Senkbeil, citizen's academy organizer

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