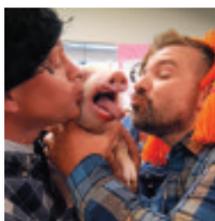


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SHELBY TOWNSHIP

Judge orders wounded woman to serve prison term

She was shot by police but convicted from lunging at officers with a knife

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A Shelby Township woman convicted of attempted murder for an incident during which she was shot must start serving a four-year prison term while she seeks an appeal.

A Macomb County judge Monday ordered Caroline Hocking-Sullivan, 51, to report to the Macomb County Jail on Friday to start serving a 4-20 year sentence for lunging at four police officers with a knife in her Sterling Heights home in May 2011. She was convicted of one count of attempted murder, punishable by up to life in prison, and three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

She was shot in the chest and Tasered by Sterling Heights officers, who responded to a call regarding a potential suicidal subject. Hocking-Sullivan was under the influence of alcohol and a prescription drug.

The ruling comes after the state Court of Appeals earlier this month rejected her appeal of her convictions for which she received a delayed sentence pending appeal because Judge Mary Chrzanowski said substantive appellate issues existed. Hocking-Sullivan's attorney, Tim Barkovic, on Monday pleaded with Chrzanowski to continue Hocking-Sullivan's existing appeal bond while his client asks the state Supreme Court to court to hear the case.

But Chrzanowski rejected that motion. Assistant Macomb Prosecutor Josh Van Laan pointed out that four judges now have ruled the trial was conducted properly — three appeals court judges and Chrzanowski, who denied a new-trial request after the 2012 convictions following a trial in Macomb County Circuit Court.

The judge also denied a request by Hocking-Sullivan's attorney, Tim Barkovic, to give his client credit toward the term for time served in jail and house arrest.

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FORMER EASTPOINTE FATHER, SON SLAIN

David and Nicholas Pence shot to death in Louisiana home



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David Pence, right, formerly of Eastpointe, and his son, Nicholas, were shot to death in the living room of their Louisiana home on April 22.



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David Pence, second from left, joined friends from East Detroit High School for a reunion/canoe trip in June 2014 in Cadillac, Mich.

Police said he may have been sleeping at the moment he was shot. The body of his 25-year-old son, Nicholas John Pence, was found on the floor. He had been shot twice, police said.

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Longtime friends are mourning the death of a former Eastpointe resident and his son who were shot to death in their Louisiana home.

David John Pence, 56, a graduate of East Detroit High School, was shot three times in the head apparently as he sat in a recliner in his living room at approximately 11:45 p.m. April 22 in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie, La., according to media reports.

Police said he may have been sleeping at the moment he was shot. The body of his 25-year-old son, Nicholas John Pence, was found on the floor. He had been shot twice, police said.

Pence's wife, who was home at the time of the shootings, told police

she was in a bedroom when she heard what she thought was the sound of glass breaking, went to the living room and found the bodies of her husband and son, police said. Four shell casings from a shotgun were found on the floor.

After viewing video from a security camera in the neighborhood, police identified a possible getaway vehicle that was stolen during an earlier carjacking. On Friday, police spotted an 18-year-old man and a 17-year-old girl entering the sport-utility vehicle. Police pursued the SUV, and the girl was arrested when the vehicle chase ended. The 18-year-old man was arrested after a foot chase.

Police in Louisiana said they suspect the pair was involved in a rash of vehicle burglaries in the area. The female suspect said

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CENTER LINE

Man in love triangle convicted of lesser assault charge

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A 33-year-old former male Highland Park reserve police officer who had an affair with a female Highland Park officer was convicted of a lesser offense for firing a gun toward his wife, as well as two other weapons charges.

James H. Johnson of Center Line was convicted Monday by a jury of two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony following a four-day trial in Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens.

He is scheduled to be sentenced June 9 by Judge Diane Druzinski. Felony firearm carries a mandatory penalty of two years in prison.

Johnson was charged with attempted murder, accused of firing at his wife, Vivian Johnson, on Nov. 14 in the bedroom of their home in Center Line during a squabble involving the former mistress, Varee Roberson, a Highland Park cop. The bullet struck the bedroom door frame.

He also was charged with felonious assault for an incident less than an hour later as Vivian Johnson and Roberson were planning to leave. Johnson pointed

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RAY TOWNSHIP

Graffiti writer offers view on Proposal 1

Road officials cite safety as the reason for a recent rash of bridge closures in northern Macomb County communities.

But at least one person isn't buying that explanation.

With a painted message on a road-closed barricade, a graffiti artist let the world know where he or she stands on Proposal 1, the road-funding ballot proposal on which Michigan residents will vote next

week. "Nice try," the message reads. "We're still voting no."

The artwork appeared on a sign along 27 Mile Road near Hayes Road in Ray Township, near where the Macomb County Department of Roads recently closed a bridge over the Price Brook Drain.

Road officials took the action, as they did in other areas of the county, because

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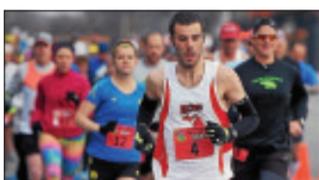
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