

## Investigators link DNA to 2010 crime

A DNA test result from blood left at a crime scene has linked a suspect to a break-in and theft that occurred in Highland in 2010, according to a detective with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

The suspect, Justin Young, 20, was arraigned Jan. 26 on one count of breaking and entering with intent, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. He was later released from custody after posting 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond and was due back in court yesterday for a pre-exam before District Judge Robert Bondy.

According to Det. Jim Bowie of the OCSO Highland substation, investigators tagged Young as a suspect shortly after the break-in, which occurred at the Highland Greens mobile home park's office. A cash box containing \$200 was stolen. Deputies recovered broken glass with blood stains from the scene, which was submitted to county and state crime labs. "At that time, it came back typed to an unknown male," Bowie said.

Young was spotted hobbling with a cut on his leg the day after the break-in, but when questioned by detectives he denied involvement in the crime and provided an alibi. He was asked to submit a DNA sample but refused, Bowie said.

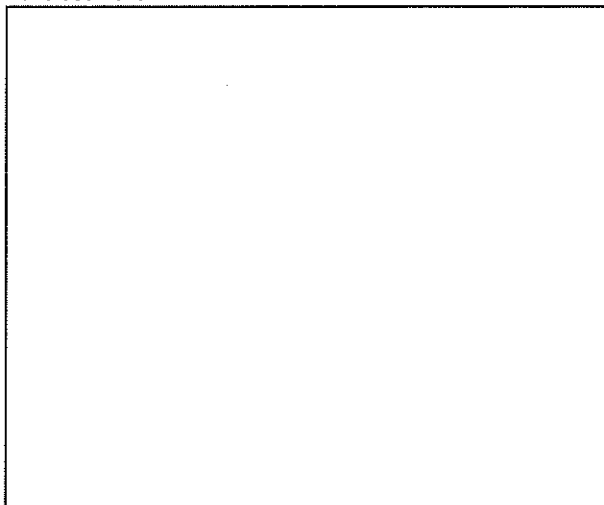
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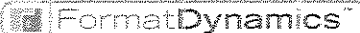
convicted felons to submit DNA played in investigators' favor a few months ago, leading to Young's arrest for the Highland break-in. Young, who had been on probation stemming from several felony convictions prior to the law change, violated probation last summer and was subsequently ordered to submit a DNA sample. In November, Bowie was notified that Young's sample matched DNA on file for the unsolved Highland case. A follow-up test confirmed the findings, he said.

Young was brought in for questioning last week and again denied involvement, Bowie said, yet due to the DNA results he was taken into custody. A felony warrant was obtained the next day and Young was charged with the crime, followed by an arraignment in 52-1 District Court.

Bowie, who has been in law enforcement for more than 20 years, said this is the first time he's received a DNA match of evidence and a suspect. "It solved a 2-year-old case," he said. "And with more and more repeat offenders convicted of

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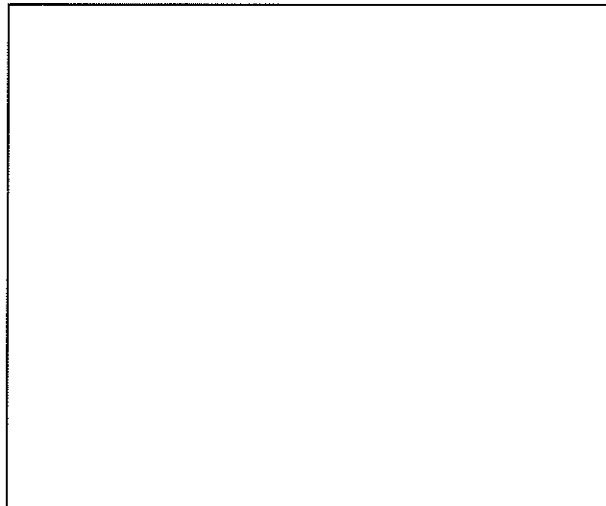
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