

Detroit cop charged with felony torture for breakup fracas

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PLYMOUTH -- An off-duty Detroit police officer was charged today with six felony crimes including torture and intent to murder for a fight he had while moving his belongings out of his ex-girlfriend's house.

Bond was set at \$5 million for Officer **Gary Allen Steele**, 42, after his arraignment by Judge Michael Gerou in 35th District Court on charges of torture, assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, discharge inside a building, and use of a firearm during a felony crime. The charges carry punishments of up to life in prison.

Police were called about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday to a Canton Township home **Steele** had shared with his girlfriend in the 300 block of Pinehurst. Investigators say the 37-year-old woman complained about receiving bumps and bruises during an assault, and **Steele** allegedly fired a handgun.

"The fight was over the breakup," said Canton Township Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "He was moving stuff out. It's her house."

The woman, whom police declined to identify, was not hit by any bullets and did not require hospitalization for her injuries.

Steele was ordered on Thursday to be held in the Wayne County Jail until he is returned to the court for a March 17 preliminary examination. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf by **Steele**'s attorney John Goldpaugh.

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