

CHARGES IN KILLINGS OF MOTHER, CYCLIST

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An 18-year-old Detroit **man** was **charged** Saturday **in** the killings of his mother, who was stabbed, and a motorcyclist, run down after a high-speed chase **in** a stolen police car.

Keith Vasquez, looking drawn and subdued, was taken into the court of 36th (Detroit) District Judge James Chylinski on two counts of second-degree **murder** and one charge of assault with intent to **murder in** the stabbing of his stepbrother.

"Just for the record," Vasquez told Chylinski, "I'd like to say I do have a drug problem."

Vasquez also said he left school after 10th grade. Asked where his family was, Vasquez said: "My father lives **in** California, and my mother is dead."

VASQUEZ WAS **CHARGED in** the stabbing death of his mother, Peggy, 43, and **in** the stabbing of Timothy Farkas, 25, listed **in** stable condition Saturday at Henry Ford Hospital.

Witnesses told police they heard fighting about 2 a.m. Friday and found Vasquez quarreling with Farkas at their home on Campbell Street at the Fisher Freeway service drive **in** southwest Detroit.

Witnesses found Vasquez, who had apparently fought with his girlfriend, standing near Farkas, who had been stabbed **in** the neck. According to the witnesses, Farkas yelled: "Keith did it! Keith did it!"

Vasquez's brother, Dean, 15, went outside and found his mother, stabbed several times **in** the chest and abdomen, lying on a lawn.

Police said that when Keith Vasquez came out of the house, Dean Vasquez told officers: "That's the one that stabbed my mother."

KEITH VASQUEZ was handcuffed behind his back and put into the police car, which did not have a Plexiglas divider between the front and back seats. Then the officers went to help the victims.

Vasquez apparently slipped his handcuffed hands under his feet, crawled into the front seat of the police car and drove away.

Police officials said about 18 police cars from Detroit and some suburbs chased Vasquez north on Woodward, through Highland Park, Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge and into Royal Oak.

At Woodward and Webster, Vasquez crashed into a motorcyclist, Toby M. Gee, 29, of Berkley, killing him, police said.

The motorcycle, which was dragged under the police car, burst into flames, and the still-handcuffed Vasquez was arrested, police said.

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