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Man Caught In Store Shot By Policeman

A man was shot and critically wounded as he was captured by Flint police during a burglary early today, police said.

Edmund Cottle, 22, of 1402½ Avenue C, is in Hurley Hospital after a bullet struck him in the right shoulder and passed through his chest.

Police said they caught another man in the same break-in at a store and they also captured three young men in other burglaries Thursday night and early today.

Cottle was shot inside Ward's Drug Store, 1143 Detroit St., about 3:45 a.m.

POLICE HAD been notified by the Midnight Burglar Alarm Co. that a silent alarm went off in the store.

Two employees of the company met police in front of the store and unlocked a door for them. The officers saw that an air duct had been removed from a ceiling vent to gain entrance.

As the officers started to walk through the store, Cottle jumped up from behind a counter, the officers said.

He grabbed toward his trousers pocket and began to run toward the rear. The officers ordered him to halt.

HE CONTINUED running and Patrolman Homer McMurtry fired one shot at him. Cottle cried out, "I'm hit," but he continued running, police said. He ran into the basement, where he was apprehended.

In continuing the search of the building, police said they found a second man hiding at the rear on the top of an ice machine. He was taken into custody.

Police found a flashlight and a hammer on the roof near the open air duct, which had been pried.

They booked Cottle and the second man on suspicion of burglary.

Meanwhile, at 3:50 a.m., police checking business places found that a door window had been broken at Jackson's Market, 1501 Lapeer St.

AS THE OFFICERS looked inside, they saw a youth run from the front of the store to the rear. They ordered him out and arrested him on suspicion of burglary. He is 17.

About 11 p.m. Thursday, police were notified that a burglar alarm was ringing at People's Furniture warehouse, 2200 Lapeer St.

Officers found that an attempt had been made to enter the building by removing the vent from a wall fan.

They checked the area and found two youths hiding under a parked truck. They arrested the pair, 18 and 17, on suspicion of burglary.

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DEAR MR. WARD,

I'm writing this letter
to ask your forgiveness on
behalf of the breaking & entering
by Mr. Bell and myself.

The reason for committing this
act I am unable to explain, but
even if I had an explanation,
it wouldn't justify what was
done.

Mr. Bell & I have been
in trouble before, and we
honestly never intended this
to happen. But we were both
jobless and thought that money
would solve our problems, but
it only added fuel to a already
raging fire.

To say the reason we tried
to steal was to get money to
go to college would sound
ironic, but this was the
reason.

By coming so close to
death in doing something I
know is wrong, I've come
to value life and what it
holds, & hope someday to
be able to profit from my
learning.

AGAIN I ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS
FOR THE TROUBLE & EMBARRASSMENT
WE'VE PUT YOU THROUGH, AND
MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

Sincerely,
Edmond Cottle Jr

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Prison Term Given In Breaking, Entering

One man was sent to prison and another put on probation Tuesday in Genesee County Circuit Court by Judge Philip C. Elliott.

George L. Bell, 20, of 1325 Avenue A, was sentenced to 5 to 10 years in prison for breaking and entering.

Annise Wilson, 26, of 1320 Charles St., received two years probation for attempted carrying of a concealed weapon.

Bell was convicted Nov. 24 in a nonjury trial with Edmund Cottle Jr., 23, of 1402½ Avenue C, of breaking into Ward's Drug Store, 1143 Detroit St., on July 24.

Police caught the two inside the building and Cottle was wounded by police gunfire.

Sentencing of Cottle was set for Jan. 25.

Bell has an extensive juvenile record and was sentenced to a prison term of 15 months to 2 years on March 11, 1969, for attempted larceny from a building. He was paroled last Jan. 23.

Wilson had pleaded guilty Nov. 2. Police arrested him Oct. 3 in a fight with a woman at N. Saginaw and Marengo streets. Officers said Wilson was carrying a .25-caliber automatic pistol.

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Suspect In Burglary Asks Hearing

George Bell, 20, of 1325 Avenue A, was taken into Flint District Court Friday on a charge of burglary at Ward's Drug Store, 1143 Detroit St.

A hearing for him was scheduled for Thursday and bond set at \$2,500.

Police said that Bell and Edmund Cottle, 22, of 1402½ Avenue C, were caught inside the drugstore early Friday and that Cottle was shot and seriously wounded by a patrolman when he tried to flee.

Cottle is in Hurley Hospital. A bullet struck him in the right shoulder and passed through his chest.

An air duct had been removed from a ceiling vent to gain entrance to the building.