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violated public health laws.

Former deputy sheriff arrested

Amherst police arrested a man on Saturday after a nine-hour investigation and surveillance of his home.

Askey said at about 2:12 a.m. a distraught 29-year-old woman went to a Carriage Hill home asking to use the phone. The homeowner called police after the woman left.

Police said they located the woman in the area of 1675 N. Forest Road. She told police she had been beaten up by her boyfriend earlier that night, was held against her will and was scared he was going to harm her again.

The report also stated the man in question had been waving a gun around.

Police said the investigation led them to the home of Gary W. Morgan, 83 Ranch Trail West.

Askey said during the investigation the complainant became uncooperative.

There was no answer at Morgan's house and attempts to make contact were unsuccessful, police said. The house remained under surveillance as police attempted to locate Morgan, 53, who they said is a former Erie County deputy sheriff.

Nine hours later the Emergency Response Team conducted a welfare check at the home at 11:30 a.m. Police also had a search warrant.

The suspect was located in the bedroom and a small amount of suspected crack cocaine was found in the home, police said. Askey said police were not able to locate the firearm in question.

Morgan was charged with a criminal sexual act, a B felony and the following misdemeanors: unlawful imprisonment, menacing and criminal possession of a controlled substance.

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had taken place.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on May 17, which remains open, for the following properties: 3995, 4005, 4025, 4035, 4045, 4065, 4075, 4080, 4095, 4105, 4130, 4140 and 4145 Rensch Road. The item was adjourned with no action taken.

Marsha Henderson, vice president for external affairs at UB, commented on the Town Board's decision, "Part of our suit was pointing out to the Town Board the actions were incorrect and inappropriate. We are pleased they recognized that."

The rezonings were considered illegal because they did not follow the Town's Comprehensive Plan adopted in January.

"The bigger question that needs to be resolved is whether the town, as a whole, is getting the best outcome from the border areas around the university," Henderson said, adding that part of UB's concern in its plan for growth has been to better connect with the community.

Henderson questioned how UB would be able to move forward a good plan when the plan from the town is inconsistent.

"We can't plan against something that is inconsistent," she said.

Board members had ridiculed UB's pace in moving forward. Henderson responded that work has begun from UB's end and it has always been willing to work with the town.

"I wish it was done today, but it isn't; you have to have a little bit of patience," she said, adding that decisions shouldn't be made that can't be reversed.

"Fifty-year decisions are being made too casually and without adequate information and input from the university and Amherst residents," Henderson said at the time the suit was announced.

A representative for GMH stat-

ed, "We are reviewing the Town Board's decision and have no further comment at this time."

The vote taken Monday puts the project on hold while the Town Board makes a decision on further proceedings.

During the March 19 meeting, Council Member William A. O'Loughlin Jr. had asked the question, "If someone is going to sue us ... who is going to sue us?" after the board voted in favor of the rezonings.

Simpson to present UB growth plan to residents

University at Buffalo President John Simpson will meet with Amherst residents to present UB's plans to grow by 40 percent and discuss that growth's potential impact on the region's economy.

The public forum, co-hosted by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 29 at Marinaccio's Italian Ristorante, 5877 Main St., Williamsville.

Among the topics to be addressed is how UB's planned growth will positively impact the Buffalo-Niagara Region and create new opportunities for UB to interact with the community.

Simpson will be joined in the presentation by Robert Shibley, professor and director of the Urban Design Project in the UB School of Architecture and Planning. Shibley is overseeing UB's master-planning process, which is intended to transform the landscape and infrastructure of UB's North, South and Downtown campuses in keeping with the objectives of UB's strategic plan, known as UB 2020.

As part of its efforts to develop a master plan to oversee growth and the development of its three

campus centers between now and 2020, UB has been reaching out to government officials, municipal planners and community leaders in Amherst, Buffalo and Erie County, Simpson said.



John Simpson

"Our goal is to develop a master plan that connects with the plans of UB's host municipalities and is in the best interests of the community," he said. "A critical element of this collaboration is how to best link UB's campuses with neighboring communities."

Since announcing the plan in September, Simpson and Shibley have met with many community groups and leaders to discuss the plan's potential impact on Western New York and to invite ideas and feedback.

In the presentation to Amherst residents, Shibley will outline the beginnings of a new master plan for all three campuses.

According to Shibley, the plan will support UB's targeted growth and will improve campus environments dramatically.

"We are trying to build bridges with communities around our three campus centers," Shibley added. "The master plan will lead to the creation of modern, attractive and safe spaces on all three campuses — creating memorable environments for students, faculty, staff and community members to interact."

According to Simpson, UB's plan to grow by 10,000 students and 750 faculty members over the next 15 years will substantially increase the university's annual economic impact on Western New York. It will also be a major catalyst for the kind of economic revitalization seen in Silicon Valley, Seattle, Boston and other American cities with great universities, UB officials have said.

A bigger and better UB, Simpson said, will lead to regional job growth, improve the quality of life, bring in millions of dollars for research and new venture capital, create new companies and support existing ones, and reverse the "brain drain" exodus of young people from the region.

For more information about the UB master plan, visit www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/plan.

Sweet Home sets screening dates

Sweet Home Central School District will hold kindergarten screening from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, June 18 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 at the district offices, 1901 Sweet Home Road.

Students who are registered to begin kindergarten in the fall must be screened, and parents are asked to schedule an appointment by calling 250-1422. Screenings should take approximately 30 minutes.

Pupils currently enrolled in the Sweet Home Universal prekindergarten program do not need to take part in screening.

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