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Dad helps rescue son from attack

A Flint Twp. man was beaten Thursday in the parking lot of his father's ice rink. He was rescued and two suspects were subdued by his father and his father's partner, a Flint Generals hockey player, State Police reported.

The victim, Thomas De Witt, 19, of 4376 Beecher, gave troopers these details:

He said he left in his car from his home about 10 p.m. and noticed that a car was following him. When he stopped for a traffic signal at Mill Rd. the car nearly ran into the rear of his vehicle.

The car continued to follow as he drove to Genesee Iceland, 1144 S. Elms, Clayton Twp., which his father Dale, owns with Robert Perani, Flint Generals goalie.

As he neared the rink, he stopped for another traffic signal. The car pulled alongside, and one of the two men inside challenged him to a fight.

De Witt then got out of his car and

ran to the ice rink's parking lot.

The men, one armed with a chain and the other with a tire iron, pursued, he said, and one struck DeWitt in the face with his hand, while the other hit him with the tire iron.

His father and Perani ran out of the rink, disarmed the men and held them for State Police. Troopers booked the men, 22 and 21, both of the Flint area, on suspicion of felonious assault.

De Witt was not seriously hurt.