

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

ARMED ROBBERIES

Farmington Hills police are investigating an armed robbery at the Taco Bell restaurant on Orchard Lake Road Dec. 31. An employee said a black man, age 21-22, wearing a Halloween mask and dressed in a hooded sweat shirt and green fatigue jacket forced him to open the restaurant's safe and give him \$1,800 from the safe. The robber held a pistol to the employee's head during the incident.

In another incident, a 49-year-old pizza delivery man was robbed at gunpoint Jan. 2 at the Independence Green Apartments on Jefferson Court in Farmington Hills. The delivery man said the robber was a black male with a mustache and goatee dressed in black pants, T-shirt, tennis shoes and cap. The robber was in what appeared to be a vacant apartment. Stolen were \$25 worth of pizza, \$45 in cash and the pizza carrier, worth \$20.

ASSAULT

Two Canadian men reported an assault in the parking lot of the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Dec. 20 at 1:15 a.m. They told police two men drove up to them in a dark blue late-model Dodge minivan and told them they "belong in Canada." One man then punched one of the Canadians, and threatened him with what appeared to be a concealed weapon before driving away. The two suspects are described as being in their 20s. One was 5-foot-10 and 175 pounds, with brown hair and black clothing. The other man was 6-foot-2, 200 pounds with a three-quarter length black coat and jeans.

AUTO THEFTS

A 1992 white Olds Bravada was stolen from American Medical Security on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills Jan. 4. A mobile phone, planner, coat, CDs and workout equipment were in the car at the time of the theft. The car and contents are valued at \$32,000.
A 1988 white Pontiac Sunbird

was stolen from a lot at the Twelfth Estate Condominiums on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between Jan. 3-4.

THEFTS

Wheel covers worth \$200 were stolen from a blue 1987 Ford Taurus parked at the Echo Valley Apartments on Echo Valley in Farmington Hills between Dec. 29-30.

Wheel covers valued at \$400 also were taken from a brown 1990 Chrysler LeBaron parked at the Echo Valley Apartments between Dec. 29-30.

Two hubcaps valued at \$100 were stolen from a white, 1992 Chrysler at the Echo Valley Apartments between Dec. 29-30.

Wheel covers worth \$340 were stolen from a 1992 Mazda Protege Dec. 30 at a residence on Farmington Road near 12 Mile.

Hubcaps worth \$200 were stolen from a white 1985 Buick parked at a residence on Arden Park Circle in Farmington Hills Dec. 31. The 1992 Mazda Protege car was smashed, causing \$150 in damage.

Hubcaps worth \$350 were stolen from a 1989 Toyota Celica parked behind Parade of Shoes on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills on Jan. 2.

A 35-year-old Holly woman told Farmington Hills police that someone entered her room at the Botsford Inn on Grand River while she was taking a shower on Jan. 1 and stole a set of pearl earrings worth \$1,500 from a night stand.

A cellular telephone worth \$799 was stolen from an office at Cellular One on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Dec. 24.

A Sears color TV worth \$200 and a VCR worth \$293 were stolen from the dining room of Carrington Place on Freedom Road Dec. 31.
Jewelry worth \$1,000 and \$25 in quarters were stolen from a residence on North Lakeview in Farmington Hills between Dec. 21-22. A man's gold ring with the initials "B.C." worth \$400, a bracelet worth \$200, a man's gold neck chain worth \$200 and a man's charm bracelet with a gold star of David worth \$200 were taken.
A Mitsubishi, hand-held cellular phone worth \$1,760 was stolen from Orho Surgeons on Eight

Mile in Farmington Hills Dec. 17.
An employee at Tom Holzer Food on 10 Mile was fired after admitting that he took out the central console on a 1990 red Ford Probe and cut the seat belts. The console was valued at \$1,000. The incident took place Dec. 29 and the employee, a Novi man, was fired Jan. 4.

MORE THEFTS

Tools valued at \$1,577 were stolen from a garage on Rockwell in Farmington Hills between Dec. 18-23. There was no sign of forced entry.

A garage door opener was used by someone to enter the garage of a residence on Rhonswood in Farmington Hills between Jan. 2-4. A mountain bike, snowboard and the garage door opener, valued at a total of \$835, were stolen.

A stationary crane, used to unload flatbed trucks, was stolen between Sept. 12 and Jan. 4 from a lot on Grand River near 1-275 in Farmington Hills. The owner, who had been out of town during that period, told police the 25-foot high pole crane was anchored in cement.

Jewelry worth \$235 and \$100 in cash was stolen from the dresser top in a bedroom at a residence on Elmgrove in Farmington Hills Jan. 4. There was no sign of forced entry.

Compact discs worth \$600 were among items worth \$1,000 stolen from an apartment on Tulare in Farmington Hills Jan. 4. The occupant told police he had taken in a man to live with him who had alcohol and drug problems, and suspected that his roommate had stolen the items.

FRAUD

A Farmington Hills woman discovered that her 23-year-old daughter had forged her name on checks stolen from her for a total of \$3,505.45. The woman had already closed her daughter's checking account Dec. 15 after discovering her daughter had charged hundreds of dollars in goods and services on the woman's credit cards. The woman informed police of the fraudulent checks after receiving the cancelled checks with her Dec. 30 bank statement.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

Thieves broke into Matt's Mini Mart on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills between Dec. 29-30 stealing \$400 in cash, a \$21 check and causing \$250 in damage. The front glass door was smashed and the cash register, worth \$500, was taken along with the money and check inside it.

Jewelry worth \$5,000 was stolen from a residence on Hystone Street in Farmington Hills Jan. 1. Thieves broke a window to enter the house.

Thieves broke into a garage on Grayling Street in Farmington Hills and took a bicycle valued at \$350 and a bicycle valued at \$50. Stereo systems were stolen from 24 vehicles at Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth on Grand River between Dec. 30 and

Jan. 4. Someone cut through a wire fence and used some kind of tool to open doors to the vehicles and remove the stereos. An employee told Farmington Hills police he saw a man in his early 30s parked in a green 1981 Chevy Malibu in back of the fenced storage area Dec. 31. The employee asked the man if he needed something and wrote down the license number. The vehicle had been stolen in Detroit. The employee said he could identify the suspicious man. No damage or loss estimates were available.

Thieves stole stereos from six 1993 Dodge minivans at Town and Country Dodge on Grand River in Farmington Hills from Jan. 1 to Jan. 4. Holes were punched in the vans next to the door handles and the stereos were removed. Damages is estimated at

\$600 and the stereos systems are valued at \$4,320.

RECEIVING AND CONCEALING

Farmington Hills police arrested a 36-year-old Farmington Hills man and charged him with taking a gas stove valued at \$200 and a refrigerator valued at \$500 and putting them in his van on Jan. 1.

FIRE

Farmington Hills firefighters are investigating a suspicious fire at the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile Jan. 2. The fire, which was confined to a part of one room, started in a trash container and was too small to trigger automatic sprinklers, fire officials said. Hotel occupants were alerted. The fire was put out with an extinguisher at 6:30 p.m.

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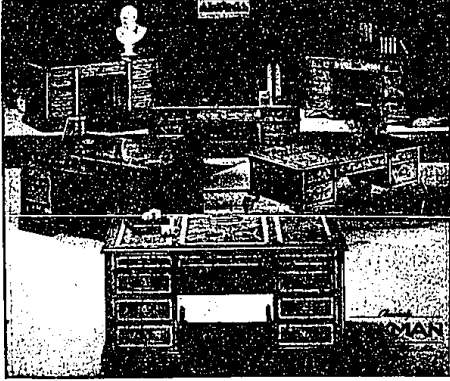
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