

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

THEFT
A \$300 Passport radar detector was stolen from a 1995 Ford Taurus parked at Tom Holzer Ford on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills Sept. 11-12.

Two wire wheel covers (\$300) were stolen from a blue 1994 Olds Cutler parked at the YMCA on Farmington in Farmington Hills Sept. 12.

The tires and wheels (\$1,000) of a white 1995 Chevy Blazer parked on York Ridge were stolen Sept. 12-13.

A \$400 Motorola cellular phone was stolen from a burgundy 1994 Chrysler Concord parked on Research in Farmington Hills Sept. 11.

A total of 18 GMC vehicles, including 1994 and 1995 Jimmys, Sonomas and Safaris, were broken into or damaged in the attempt (\$8,600) and eight AM/FM cassette stereos (\$4,800) were stolen Sept. 12-13 from Bob Salters GMC on Grand River in Farmington Hills.

A \$640 27-inch Panasonic color TV was stolen from the Park Motel on Grand River in Farmington Hills Sept. 12-13.

A \$200 AM/FM stereo and a \$400 cellular phone were stolen from a red 1995 Toyota Corolla at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills Sept. 13-14.

DRUNKEN DRIVING
Farmington Hills police arrested a Garden City man for driving a tan 1986 Chrysler New Yorker east on M-5 near Orchard Lake while drunk. Officers pulled over the car after it was speeding. The man refused to take a breath test to determine his blood alcohol level. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 30, for driving a 1984 Dodge Charger on Homlock in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13. Officers saw the car going 35-40 mph in a 25 mph zone and saw the man pouring beer out of the car as he was driving. The

man had a blood alcohol level of .20 percent.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Livonia man, 23, for driving a black 1995 Chevy Monte Carlo on Tuck in Farmington Hills while drunk at 2:20 a.m. Sept. 14. Officers found the car had run off the road. The man had a blood alcohol level of .19 percent.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills woman, 24, for driving a silver 1991 Lincoln Continental while drunk on eastbound Grand River at Middlebelt in Farmington Hills at 12:41 a.m. Sept. 14. Officers pulled the car over for swerving. The woman had a blood alcohol level of .20 percent.

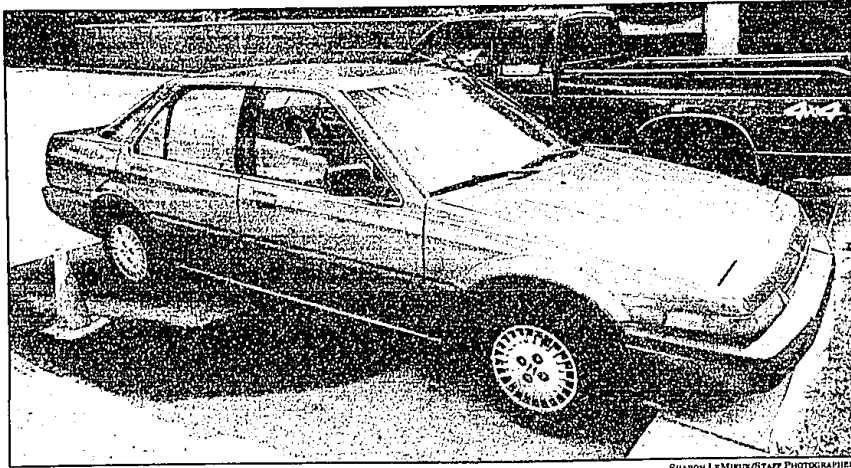
Farmington police arrested a Livonia woman, 36, for drunken driving on Nine Mile and Folsom at 2:05 a.m. Sept. 15. Police stopped the 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix after it was seen weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

PROWLING
Farmington Hills police arrested three Farmington Hills youths for prowling and conspiracy to commit larceny at the River Valley Apartments on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills at 3:45 a.m. Sept. 12. Officers saw three men, 16, 16, and 19, acting suspiciously and driving around the complex.

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION
A Walled Lake woman, 40, told Farmington Hills police that a man, 32, of Detroit who had been stalking her for seven weeks tried to abduct her at 10 a.m. Sept. 13 in the parking lot of Mulligan's Bar on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills. The man pulled his van behind the woman's car, ran up to her, shook her and hit her in the head with his flat. He then grabbed her by the hair and tried to pull her into his van. The woman escaped and called police, but the men had left.

BAD CHECK
A company check for \$445.30 paid to Andy's Market on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills written on July 31 came back with insufficient funds.

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SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Auto found: Farmington Hills police had Tina Biggar's car, a brown Honda. The whereabouts of Biggar were unknown as of Friday.

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Godwin said the student had been working on projects involving prostitutes and AIDS at the Wayne County Correctional Facility in Hamtramck at the time, as well as areas where prostitutes worked.

"She was dealing with people she normally would not have," he said of her research.

Officers have questioned a number of people, including Kenneth Tranchida, an ex-convict who was found with the keys to her car.

Tranchida, a Southfield resident, told police he thought Biggar was out of town visiting friends, according to Detective Bob Tiderington. That was after her disappearance and before officers found the car.

Tranchida was later arrested for an unrelated matter and disappeared after posting bond. Police are now looking for him. Tiderington said Tranchida is

'We thought it was time. All organizations have priorities and procedures. I understand that. I have no ill will to any of the police. I think the pace has picked up (in the investigation).'

Bill Biggar

not a suspect, but is the last known person to have seen Biggar. Tranchida, 42, was paroled from prison in August 1994 after serving three years for larceny, embezzlement and burglary charges, according to court records.

"He appears to be just an acquaintance having to do with her work," Godwin said. "The charges he faces (in Royal Oak) are unrelated to this."

Police are also reluctant to deny or confirm reports that Tina actually started working as a prostitute herself, and that Tranchida may have met her through a local escort service.

Reports indicate two men — one of them Tranchida — claim they met Tina through an escort service. Other reports indicate she was seen in the last 72 hours near Eight Mile Road and Telegraph.

On Friday, police said they're "not looking in that direction."

Her father, however, isn't dismissing anything. "It's not inconceivable," he said. "It's gone in that direction and many others." Reporter Jay M. Grossman contributed to this story



MISSING

TINA BIGGAR (CRYSTAL)
HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 125 LB
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN
DOB: 02/23

Filer gives info: Photo and description of OU's Tina Biggar are posted in area.

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