police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week:

● GATEWAY BREAK-INS

Four units in the Gateway Apartments, at 12 Mile and Middlebelt, were burglarized sometime Nov. 23-24, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Among the property reported stolen were videocassette recorders, VCR tapes, a speaker phone, camera equipment, handguns, pearl earrings and a leather coat.

● HOUSE FIRE

A house fire at 34212 Conroy Court early Sunday caused an estimated $15,000 in property damage, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The fire, of undetermined origin, began in the northeast corner of the basement. A teen-ager awakened to "popping sounds of possible aerosol cans in the basement," then heard the smoke alarm and vacated the 1¼-story house with his sister. Smoke was generated by burning plastics and other combustibles near a workbench. The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes, according to the report.

● FURS STOLEN

An undetermined number of furs were stolen early Monday in a smash and grab break-in at Steve Butcher Furs, 31705 Grand River, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The coats were taken from a fur storage room. That was the second break-in at the business this month.

● TEENS TICKETED

Two Farmington Hills teen-agers were ticketed for illegal possession of alcohol Sunday night. The teens were in a car parked at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, according to a Farmington Hills police report. The teens were ages 19 and 16.

Two Livonia teen-agers also were ticketed for illegal possession of alcohol in Farmington early Saturday. The teens, ages 18 and 19, were southbound on Violet, between Fink and Shiawassee, when the driver was stopped for allegedly speeding, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

● MARIJUANA SUSPECTED

A 20-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for allegedly violating the controlled substance act.

He allegedly was in possession of a baggie of suspected marijuana, one suspected marijuana cigarette and other suspected marijuana paraphernalia when ticketed Sunday afternoon while in a car parked on Valley Ridge Drive, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● TWO INJURED

A bartender and a patron were injured during a scuffle shortly after 2 a.m. Nov. 24 at Rustic Pub, 31030 Grand River, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

After the bartender refused to serve the patron after 2 a.m., the man allegedly used profane language, grabbed the bartender and wrestled him to the floor. The patron alleges the bartender hit him over the head with a bottle.

The patron did not seek medical treatment. The bartender was treated at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, for cuts and bruises and a sprained instep.

● PROPERTY DAMAGED

Local police agencies report the following property damage incidents:

Radios were reported stolen from five vehicles parked in a fenced lot at American Transmissions, 29105 Grand River, sometime Nov.21-22.

A light pole and a mailbox post at St. Alexander's Rectory, 27035 Shiawassee, were reported damaged sometime Nov. 21-22.

Three tires on a car parked in the lot outside Perry Drugs, 30830 Orchard Lake, were reported slashed sometime Nov. 23-24.

A garage door on Glengary Circle was reported pierced by a projectile sometime Nov. 23-24.

The power antenna on a car parked on a car parked in a garage on Hunters Drive was reported ripped off Nov. 24. The air also was let out of the tires.

Grass on the north playfield at Our Lady of Sorrows School, 23623 Powers, was reported damaged by car tires Nov. 22.

● THEFTS REPORTED

Local police agencies report the following theft incidents:

A radar detector valued at $250 was reported stolen from a car parked outside the Boneyard, 31006 Orchard Lake, sometime Nov. 23.

Small appliances valued at $695 were reported stolen from Damman Hardware, 23314 Farmington, Nov. 22.

A bag of toys valued at $184 was stolen from a basement storage bin at Chatham Hills Apartments sometime Nov. 21-25.

Woman is killed in Hills collision

A Farmington Hills woman died in a two-car, head-on collision Monday evening on Middlebelt south of the I-696 overpass, according to Sgt. Mark Bledsoe of the Farmington Hills Police.

Kohar Mardirossian, 42, an Averhill resident, was southbound on Middlebelt shortly before 7:50 p.m. when her car crossed the center line, striking a second car driven by Alvin L. Kushner, 59, of Southfield.

Mardirossian was pronounced dead at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Kushner was taken to Providence Hospital, Southfield, where he was listed in stable condition late Monday with a fractured collarbone and fractured ribs.

Police attribute the accident to icy road conditions due to freezing rain. It appears the victim was not wearing a safety belt, while the injured man was, Bledsoe said.

A SPOKESMAN for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office *Tuesday morning said the exact cause* of death had not been determined yet, but that autopsy results were expected late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

No funeral arrangement information was available.

Police Chief William Dwyer voiced concern about accident increases in Farmington Hills.

During the past 10 months, the city has had 493 more accidents than during the same period last year. Nine fatal accidents have occurred during the past 10-month period, compared with two during the same period last year.

Dwyer attributes the increase to the "increase in vehicular traffic" throughout the city.

Sports gear will be sold

A winter sports equipment sale is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, in the East Middle School Cafeteria, 25000 Middlebelt.

The Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division will host the event, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You may buy or sell used skates, downhill ski equipment, cross-country ski equipment, sleds, toboggans and related clothing.

Items to be sold will be accepted for consignment 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 8:30-9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

No "lace ski boots" or bindings separated from skis will be accepted. All sales are final.

There will be a 20-percent service charge on items sold.

For more details, call the special services department: 474-6115, ext. 287.

Phone store closed

The AT&T Phone Center at 23334 Farmington, Farmington, was closed Saturday.

Marsha Stelzer, AT&T Phone Center zone manager, said the AT&T Phone Center at 19049 Middlebelt, Livonia, is a location where customers can lease or purchase AT&T equipment for use in homes and small businesses. At this location, customers also can immediately exchange AT&T leased telephones needing repair.

Stelzer said the decision to close the Farmington facility resulted from a careful review of the store's operation.

"In today's increasingly competitive environment," Stelzer said, "each operation has to pull its own weight. The volume of business at the Farmington store is insufficient to justify its continued operation at this location today."

AT&T products for homes and small businesses are available at many retail outlets. In addition, customers can continue to arrange to purchase or lease AT&T products by calling the company's toll free number 1-800-555-8111, Stelzer said.

The number should also be used by customers with questions about existing equipment, billing questions and repair.

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