

police/fire calls

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

ROBBERY ALLEGED

A 28-year-old Detroit man faces felony charges in connection with the alleged theft of a car at gunpoint in Farmington Hills.

Curtis Ratliff was arraigned Saturday before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington on a charge of armed robbery. Conviction carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. A not-guilty plea was entered in his behalf. Bond was set at \$5,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Ratliff allegedly stole a 1985 Chevrolet Corvette from two Wayne County men in the parking lot at McFrocks', 27820 Orchard Lake, May 3.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office recommended a warrant May 16. Hand signed a warrant May 21. Detroit police arrested Ratliff Saturday.

FIREBOMBING

As Farmington Department of Public Safety Commander Charles Lee was eastbound on Grand River near Smithfield early Saturday, he noticed a large ball-shaped glow of fire stretching 25 feet upward from the south shoulder into the center lane.

The fireball — a pop bottle and a cloth wick — burned for one minute. The accelerant was unknown. Lee found a second burned and blackened spot on the pavement 20 feet away, according to his report.

ARSON SUSPECTED

Investigators believe a fire at a house under construction on Huntsman Drive West was maliciously set. The fire, confined to part of a room, burned itself out. Damage was estimated at \$250, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

Farmington Hills firefighters extinguished a paper fire believed maliciously set on the south side of Forest Elementary School, 34545 Old Timber, Monday morning. "It appears pages of books were lit, causing the brick to char," a police report said.

SHED FIRE

Heat from liquid fuel apparently ignited a shed fire on Pimlico Saturday afternoon, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report. Damage was estimated at \$3,650. The shed contained tools, garden

equipment and auto supplies, the report said.

CAR BURNS

A fire that destroyed an abandoned car parked in front of a house on Jefferson June 11 was believed to be arson. Fire Marshal Stephen Hume of the Farmington Hills Fire Department said.

The exact cause of the fire was undetermined although it was believed to be maliciously set, Hume said. The car was a 1970 Buick.

TAR POT FIRE

A steel tar pot on the roof of Selator Detroit Incorporated Division Microdot Inc., 23800 Research, caught fire June 11.

A passerby noticed the fire and an employee pushed it to the ground, where firefighters extinguished the flames. Fire Marshal Stephen Hume of the Farmington Hills Fire Department said.

There was no damage to the building, Hume said. The pot was being used for a reroofing project.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Listed below are some of the damage reports filed with local police agencies during the past week:

Rocks were tossed through two windows at Tiffany's, 32859 Northwestern, June 12-13. Damage was estimated at \$600.

Three tires on a motor home parked at Rustbusters, 30865 10 Mile, were slashed June 12-13. Damage was estimated at \$300.

A key was believed used to scratch a car parked on Shilawasee June 12-13. Damage was estimated at \$150. A firecracker is believed to have caused \$50 in damage to a mailbox on Lufkin June 14-15.

A door wall on Saxony was shattered by an apparent BB gun shot June 14. Damage was estimated at \$250.

Also on Saxony, a car window was reported shattered June 15-16. Damage was estimated at \$125.

A car parked in a driveway on Smithfield had the rear window shot out June 15-16. Damage was estimated at \$500.

The plastic glass in a door was pushed in and two second-floor windows were broken out on the west side of Power Middle School, 34740 Rhinewood, June 15. Damage was estimated at \$200.

THEFTS REPORTED

Listed below are some of the thefts reported to local police agencies during the past week:

A lawnmower and a garden tractor trailer valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a garage on

Explosion shakes up house

Paint fumes apparently ignited the water heater pilot light of a house on Warner early Saturday. The resulting explosion caused about \$300 in damage, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

According to the report: The homeowner and his wife were awakened by a basement ex-

plosion that shook the house. When he found smoke coming from the cellar stairway, he doused the area with water.

Firefighters cleared the smoke from the basement.

About 100 cans of paint and paint materials had been stored on the floor, about six feet from the water heater.

Shilawasee at Middlebelt April 20 to June 9.

Jewelry valued at \$475 was reported stolen from the Summit Apartments May 23 to June 6.

Jewelry valued at \$6,730 was reported stolen from an apartment on Jefferson Court June 5-11.

A bicycle valued at \$190 was reported stolen from a basement at 38105 Grand River June 8-11.

A radar detector valued at \$170 was reported stolen from a car parked at Court Time, 24395 Halsted, June 10.

A VCR valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a classroom at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, June 10-11.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked on Farmington Road June 11.

A 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass valued at \$16,000 was reported stolen from the Holiday Inn, 59123 10 Mile, June 11-13. It was recovered in Detroit.

A stereo and a radiator valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a car parked on Laurelwood June 11-14.

Jewelry of unknown value was reported stolen from a house on 12 Mile June 12.

Cash and a pair of binoculars valued at \$210 were reported stolen from a house on Sunnydale June 12.

An antique shotgun valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a house on Peppermill June 12.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a house on Old Timber June 12-13.

A lawnmower valued at \$187 was reported stolen from a house on Springbrook June 12-13.

A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen from outside the Rustic Pub, 31030 Grand River, June 13.

A 1985 Pontiac Fiero valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from outside a clinic at 24300 Orchard Lake, June 13. It was recovered in Detroit.

A fire/wheel valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked on Ramblewood June 13.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from the Beechview

Swim Club on Westmeath June 13.

A radar detector and a purse containing cash and other items — together valued at \$400 — was reported stolen from a car parked on Peersburg June 13-14.

A sunroof and other items valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a car parked on Skye June 13-14.

Two tires were reported stolen from a boat trailer and four tires were reported stolen from a car parked at Hadley's Towing, 32733 Folsom, June 13-14.

A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a house on Bunker Hill June 13-14.

A bicycle valued at \$110 was reported stolen from Associated Parts & Service, 30690 Eight Mile, June 13-14.

A telephone valued at \$1,200 was reported stolen from a truck on Northmont June 13-14.

Two 1986 Buicks valued at \$10,310 and \$14,458, respectively, were re-

ported stolen from Bill Cook Buick, 37911 10 Mile, June 13-16. One of the cars was recovered in Detroit.

A stereo/cassette/recorder valued at \$120 was reported stolen from a house on Greening June 13-16.

A VCR, jewelry, a rifle, two shotguns, video tapes and two cameras valued at \$12,735 were reported stolen from a unit on Ravine Circle at Mulwood Apartments June 14.

A 1986 Fiero valued at \$17,000 was reported stolen from D. Dennison's, 27009 Orchard Lake, June 14-15. It was recovered in Detroit.

A radio valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a car parked on Glen Cove in Kendallwood Apartments June 14-15.

Two TVs and jewelry valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from a unit on Botsford Drive in House of Botsford Apartments June 14-15.

Jewelry valued at \$240 was reported stolen from a house on Springbrook May 28-June 14.

A radio, a radar detector and a wallet valued at \$445 were reported stolen from a car parked on Petersburg June 14.

A radar detector valued at \$275 was reported stolen from a car parked on Applewood June 14-15.

Four tires/rims valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a car parked on Notoway June 14-15.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked on Northwick June 14-15.

A radar detector valued at \$300

was reported stolen from a car parked on Quill Hollow June 14-15.

Radio equipment valued at \$750 was reported stolen from a car parked on Grand Duke June 14-15.

A radar detector valued at \$249 was reported stolen from a car parked on Hillside June 15.

A radio and a wallet valued at \$870 were reported stolen from a house on Deer Run June 15-16.

A 1986 Mercury valued at \$3,500 was reported stolen from outside Great Scott, 29555 Orchard Lake, June 16.

A 1984 Chevrolet valued at \$13,000 was reported stolen from a construction site at Orchard Lake and Barlow June 16. It was recovered in Troy.

Four wheelcovers valued at \$140 were reported stolen from a car parked at the 12th Estate Condos on 12 Mile June 16.

Coins and jewelry valued at \$215 were reported stolen from a unit at the Little Valley Trailer Park on Tuck June 15.

A leafblower, a bicycle, a battery charger and other items valued at \$1,275 were reported stolen from a garage on Beaulard Lane June 15.

A lawnmower, a saw, a drill and other items valued at \$825 were reported stolen from a garage on Greythorne June 16.

Liquor, clothing, luggage and other items valued at \$1,015 were reported stolen from a unit at Inventory Apartments on 12 Mile June 16-17.

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