

## police/fire calls

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

**HOUSE FIRE**  
A homeowner required oxygen after inhaling smoke when he discovered a fire in his house on David July 11. The fire caused an estimated \$65,000 in damage, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

The fire appears to have been caused by an electrical short on the first floor of the two-story dwelling, according to the report.

**IGA FIRE**  
A fire Tuesday night at the Orchard 10 IGA, 2460 Orchard Lake, caused about \$1,000 in property damage and \$500 in content loss, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The fire apparently started in the west side of the building when a box with holiday decorations ignited. The store was closed until checked by the Michigan Department of Public Health, according to the report.

**A STANDOFF**  
A young Farmington man barricaded himself in his family's basement with a kitchen knife about 3 p.m. Tuesday. Seven officers from the Farmington Department of Public Safety spent 4 1/2 hours trying to talk him into giving up the knife.

Officers were able to talk the young man into coming from the basement of the residence at about 7:30 p.m., said Deputy Director Gary Cass. No one was injured. West Bloomfield Township Police were called to the scene to assist.

**DUCK CAPER**  
Michigan's Department of Natural Resources and Department of Public Health are investigating the apartment manager's discovery of 10 dead ducks on the north shore of the Covington Club Apartments pond July 12.

It's not known what killed the wild ducks, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

**PORSCHE SUBMERGED**  
A stolen 1985 Porsche valued at \$10,000 was recovered from a pond near Valley Forge and Bunker Hill July 12, Farmington Hills Police

said.  
The car was found submerged in five feet of water, 30 feet from shore. Oakland County sheriff's divers assisted Livonia Towing in retrieving the car.

A nearby resident heard noises about 4 a.m. July 12, then saw the car being driven down a hill toward the pond. After hearing a splash, the resident watched as two people running up the hill from the pond got into a waiting car. The car was determined stolen from the garage during a break-in at a house on Kings Pointe Court July 11-12, Detective Jerry McKenzie said.

**CASH TAKEN**  
An estimated \$30-\$100 in cash was taken from Subway Subs, 34593 Grand River, during a night-time robbery July 14, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

After ordering a sandwich about 9:30 p.m., a woman — who by her actions implied she had a weapon — demanded money from an employee. The robber left on foot with the money, according to the report.

**PROPERTY RECOVERED**  
A Redford Township police officer is credited with nabbing three Detroit teenagers suspected of stealing \$100,000 worth of property from a house in Farmington Hills July 13.

Farmington Hills Police will file petitions with the Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division charging the three — a 14-year-old and two 15-year-olds — with breaking and entering of an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny. Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

A Redford officer stopped a car at Five Mile and Telegraph about 3 a.m. July 13 when he noticed an apparently underage youth behind the wheel and the vehicle loaded with such household items as a television and stereo equipment. After stopping the car, the officer also found jewelry and cancelled checks inside, Nebus said.

The property was traced to a house on Parkwood Lane in Farmington Hills through the cancelled checks, he said.

**FIRES DOUSED**  
A workman using a propane torch to sweat a shower stall connection in a house on Gloucester Circle ignited the paper back of some insulation

Sunday afternoon. The workman used a garden hose to extinguish the fire. Property loss was estimated at \$500, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

A carburetor backfire sparked an engine compartment fire that caused an estimated \$2,000 in damage to a restored 1964 Ford Thunderbird July 10. The car, which was in mint condition, was parked at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington. The engine compartment was gutted, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

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

Damage was estimated at \$200 when someone vandalized a payloador at Hillside Condos July 3-11.

Shade and sill damage was estimated at \$50 when someone broke into an unoccupied house on Tulane and ignited cloth wicks on a window sill July 6-13.

Damage was estimated at \$50 when someone sliced a section of rubber hose from the gas line of a car in a driveway on Dorby July 10-11.

Damage was estimated at \$500 when someone vandalized a block wall at D&W Oil, 31250 Grand River, July 11-12.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when someone smashed a window of a car on Warner July 11-12.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when someone broke out a window of a car on Jefferson Court July 12.

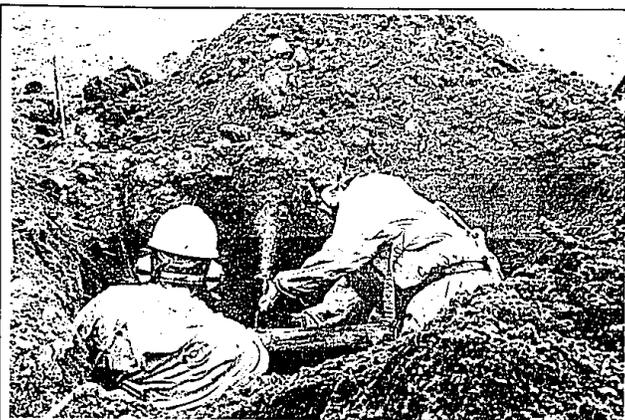
Damage was estimated at \$125 when someone slashed two tires on a car at Country Glen Condos July 12-13.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when someone vandalized two doorways of a unit under construction at Windemere Apartments July 12-14.

Damage was estimated at \$500 when someone broke out a window of a backhoe cab at a construction site at Northwestern and Middlebelt July 12-14.

Damage was estimated at \$50 when someone broke a window at Woodcrest School, 28400 Warwick, July 13.

Damage was estimated at \$700 on each of two occasions when someone vandalized a window at Zimm's Vacuum Cleaner Co., 33604 Grand River,



### Natural gas leak

Consumers Power workers repair a leak in a cording to a Farmington Hills Fire Department six-inch gas line along Hills Tech Drive, between Halsted and Haggerty, July 10. The pipe was accidentally damaged during construction building. They also stood by in case of fire if a commercial building on the site, ac-

cord, July 13 and 14. The store was occupied during the second incident, which occurred at about 5 p.m.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when someone smashed a window of a car at Digger's, 30555 Grand River, July 14.

Damage was estimated at \$200 when someone shot out the front porch windows of a house on Brookdale July 14.

Damage was estimated at \$110 when the window of a car parked on Grand River was broke with a crowbar July 15.

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

An exterior sign valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a medical office at 31700 12 Mile July 1-8.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a garage on Fredericksburg July 5-10.

Jewelry valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a unit at the 12th Estate Condos July 8-9.

Fishing equipment and tools valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a boat in a driveway on Valley-side July 10-11.

A car phone antenna valued at \$50 was reported stolen from the trunk lid of a car parked at Tally Hall, 31005 Orchard Lake, July 11.

Two stereo speakers valued at \$70 were reported stolen from a car parked at the Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, July 11.

A bicycle valued at \$100 was reported stolen from the porch of a house on Truck July 11.

A radio and tools valued at \$2,000 were reported stolen from a pickup truck at Factory Official Radio, 30724 Grand River, July 11-12.

A 1983 Lincoln Mark VI valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from Avis Auto Center, 32430 Northwest-ern, July 11-14.

A seven-shot pistol valued at \$500 was reported from the BTB Group, 31275 Northwestern, July 11-14.

A fishing pole and a tackle box valued at \$150 were reported stolen from a car parked at the Bargaintel Motel, 38300 Grand River, July 12.

A car phone and a radar detector valued at \$3,250 were reported stolen from a car parked at the Red Roof Inn, 24300 Sinclair Court, July 12.

A refrigerator valued at \$352 was reported stolen from a unit under construction at Windemere Apartments July 12-14.

Two tires and axle components valued at \$1,800 were reported stolen from a tractor-loader at 38855 Hills Tech Drive July 12-14.

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