

# Helping keep your home burglar-proof

The following column is another in a series written for the Farmington Observer by Chris Cogar, a technician with the Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

Nothing could spoil the end of a summer vacation quicker than returning home to a residence that had been burglarized while you were gone. According to a recent report by the U.S. Department of Justice, burglaries are more likely to happen in the warmer months than in the colder months.

Since July and August tend to be as popular to thieves as they are to travelers, it is always wise for vacationers to make burglary prevention

plans along with their traveling plans.

The following protective measures could protect your home and personal possessions and should be taken prior to your departure:

• **Plan Ahead** — Before you leave, ask to have your mail held at the post office and cancel all deliveries. (It is recommended that you continue with your newspaper delivery as long as you can arrange for a friend or neighbor to make daily collections.) Hide empty garbage cans and make prior arrangements for a neighbor to park his auto in your



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## crime watch

drive while you are gone. The same neighbor could tend your lawn, pick up handbills and check your home regularly. Be sure to let that person know where you can be reached and how long you will be gone. Ask your neighbors to report any suspicious people or activities to the police immediately.

• **Keep That Lived-In Look** — Leave shades and blinds in normal positions and place several inside lights on automatic timers that are set to go on until regular bedtime hours. A small light on in the bath-

room and a radio tuned to a "talk" station can also be an effective deterrent. Exterior lighting should illuminate the entrances of your home. Control front and back porch lights with a light sensitive switch so that they turn on automatically at dusk and off at dawn.

• **Be Discreet** — Don't leave notes. Burglars appreciate nothing more than being informed of their victim's time of return. (The same holds true for short trips or visits). Never hide spare keys and think no one will find them — burglars seem

to know just where to look. Don't notify a burglar of your absence by publishing your plans in the social pages. Let the world know after you return.

• **Secure Your Valuables and Home** — Keep your valuables away from windows and don't leave large amounts of cash, negotiable securities or expensive jewelry around the house put these items in a safety deposit box. Hide expensive telephone items, such as VCRs, and if you have guns or valuable antiques, leave them with a trusted relative or friend. Make sure that you have good locks and have taken all the security measures possible to insure that your home is not an easy target. Take advantage of the free home security survey offered to Farmington

Hills residents by calling the Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Section at 474-6181.

Although no security plan is guaranteed to be 100 percent effective against a determined thief, you'll enjoy your vacation much more if you leave home secure in the knowledge that you've done everything you could to discourage thieves and protect your belongings.

Should you find evidence of an intrusion into your home upon your return from your trip, do not enter the house. Go to a neighbor and call the police. If you do encounter a burglar, get away quickly and do not block any exits. Better to lose money or property than to endanger your life.

# Bailey's attorneys pursue an insanity defense

By Daniel Grantham and Tom Henderson staff writers

Attorneys for accused killer

Ronald Bailey said that despite a psychiatric evaluation finding their client responsible for his actions at the time of Shawn Moore's death, they will continue to pursue an insanity defense.

A report was issued July 7 by the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti saying that Bailey, accused of kidnapping and murdering Moore

last summer, was legally responsible for his actions.

"It is the opinion of the forensic examiners that Ronald Bailey was neither mentally ill nor legally insane at the time of all crimes, and they recommend that he be adjudicated criminally responsible," said Livingston Prosecutor Frank Del Vero.

Another report was issued regarding Bailey's competence at the time he is alleged to have kidnapped and murdered Kenneth Myers, 14, of Ferndale in July of 1984, and to have kidnapped from the Livonia Mall and sexually assaulted a 15-year-old Redford Township boy in June of the same year. Myers' body was found in Edward Hines Park.

Charges are pending in Wayne County in those cases, but the Wayne County prosecutor handling the case, Tim Kenny, refused July 8 to issue the results. Kenny did say he was going to seek a trial date in Wayne County Circuit Court.

RAYMOND CASSAR, one of Bailey's attorneys, said the defense has requested an independent evaluation of Bailey and said he has some questions about the conclusions in the report issued by the forensic center. "It appears that in some sections there's a lot of speculation on the part of the doctors," said Cassar. Cassar said that the defense has asked Dr. Joel Dryer, a psychiatrist and head of Innervisions, a Detroit

clinic, to do an independent evaluation of Bailey.

According to Cassar, if Dryer's results differ from the forensic examiners', the court could be asked to judge Bailey legally insane at the time of Moore's death.

Moore, 13, was kidnapped on Labor Day while riding his bike near his Green Oak Township home. His body was found Sept. 13 in Gladwin County, near a cabin where it is thought Bailey had recently stayed.

Kenny said that he had received a report on Bailey's competence but would not say what the report said. "This report from the forensic center is not a matter of public record, and it's not appropriate to comment on it."

## police/fire calls

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

### PHARMACIST INDICTED

A Farmington Hills pharmacist is one of six Detroit-area pharmacists indicted by a federal grand jury July 16 in Detroit on charges of violating federal drug laws.

Charisse Cuneel, a pharmacist at Smith Rexall Drugs in Farmington Hills, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances by false prescriptions. The substances were Dilaudid and Demoral.

He also was indicted on three counts of distribution of controlled substances by false pretenses. The substance in each case was Dilaudid. Conviction on the first count would bring a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a \$125,000 fine. Conviction of the other counts would bring a sentence of up to three years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

The indictments were the result of a nine-month investigation by the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service, said Roy Hayes, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

### MOBILE HOME FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 when a fire broke out in a mobile home in Sunset Mobile Home Park, 28730 Grand River, at 11:45 p.m. July 17.

The fire started in the kitchen area. The cause is under investigation, 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 \$500 when someone scratched a car parked at Mulrond Apartments July 16-17.

Damage was estimated at \$400 when someone drove into a Spruce tree on Apple Blossom Lane July 16-17.

Damage was estimated at \$500 when someone broke a display window at Elfrs Drugs, 35584 Grand River, July 17.

### THEFTS REPORTED

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

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked on Commerce July 10.

Tools valued at \$750 were reported stolen from a construction site at 31500 Northwestern Highway July 11-14.

A radar detector and beer valued

at \$167 were reported stolen from a car parked at the House of Lee, 34757 Grand River, July 13.

A flag valued at \$100 was reported stolen from outside Orchard Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington, July 13-14.

A wallet with cash was reported stolen from a car at Jax Kar Wash, 31500 Grand River, July 14.

A bedspread valued at \$240 was reported stolen from a dryer at the Wash Hut, 31200 Grand River, July 14.

Cash was reported stolen from the Farmington Aquatic Club, 33700 Freedom, July 13-14.

An antique record player valued at \$600 was reported stolen from a house on 12 Mile July 14-15.

A 1983 Mazda pickup valued at \$5,000 was reported stolen from Country Lanes, 30250 Nine Mile, July 15.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car at Country Glen, 30445 14 Mile, July 15.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car on Fox Creek July 15-16.

Cash and a radar detector valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a house on Brady Lane July 15-16.

A stereo valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a car parked at a medical office on 13 Mile near Farmington Road July 15-16.

A color TV, jewelry, a radio, cash and other items valued at \$565 were reported stolen from a house on Jefferson July 16.

A 1984 Pontiac Fiero was reported stolen from Digger's, 30555 Grand River, July 16.

A T-Top valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a car parked at Tally Hall, 31065 Orchard Lake, July 16.

A 1982 Cadillac valued at \$8,000 was reported stolen from the Bahama Motel, July 16-17.

A stereo valued at \$170 was reported stolen from a car parked on Waldron July 16-17.

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### ON EXHIBIT

Mary Collins of Farmington Hills is one of 14 seniors whose work is included in a four-week exhibit at Lake Forest College, Ill.

The exhibit is the culmination of the year's work for the studio art major.

### MERCY SCOLARS

Students of Mercy College of Detroit who received scholarships for the 1986-87 academic year from Farmington Hills are: Leo Panoushek and Melissa Tucker.

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