

police/fire calls

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

BREAK-IN ATTEMPTS

A 26-year-old Livonia man was arrested after he allegedly tried to break into two businesses Aug. 14. He told officers he needed money to pay his automobile insurance, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

While on patrol, a Farmington officer investigating suspicious circumstances at International Minute

Press, 34549 Grand River, discovered fresh pry marks at the rear door and the man standing nearby. Pry marks were also discovered at the neighboring Olde discount brokerage firm.

A screwdriver and a flashlight were found at the scene and a pry bar was confiscated from the man's car, according to the police report.

The suspect was arraigned Aug. 14 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington on two counts of attempted breaking and entering. A not-guilty plea was entered in his behalf. Conviction brings a penalty of up to five years in prison. Bond was set at \$4,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

ARSON FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$200 when someone set a stairwell and studs on fire in the new construction area of Cross Creek Apartments on Middlebelt Aug. 15.

"There were two separate burns," said Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

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 a car whose driver was spinning its tires shot gravel at a car southbound on Cass near Macomb Aug. 14.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when someone broke a window in a car parked in a driveway on Nine Mile near Inkster Aug. 15.

Damage was estimated at \$300 when someone smashed a window and did other vandalism to a car parked at the Farmington Country Club, 27700 Haggerty, Aug. 16-17.

Damage was minimal when someone tossed a molotov cocktail on the front yard of a house on Hystone Aug. 17. The fire bomb was made from a beer bottle and gasoline.

Damage was estimated at \$500 to a vehicle parked on Meadowlark Aug. 15-16. The vehicle was damaged with a key.

Damage was estimated at \$250 when a windshield and a wiper of a pickup truck were cracked at Atlas Copco, 24404 Indoplex, Aug. 17-18.

THEFTS REPORTED

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

A bicycle valued at \$450 was reported stolen from a garage on Lincolnview Aug. 9.

A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a storage cage at Gateway Apartments Aug. 9-16.

A color television valued at \$500, a video cassette recorder valued at \$500 and an electric typewriter valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a house on Nine Mile Aug. 12.

A video camera valued at \$1,700 was reported stolen from a car parked outside Blanken's Ranch House, 28333 Grand River, Aug. 13.

Cash was reported stolen from the office of city attorney Robert Kelly, 33227 Grand River, Aug. 13.

A portable computer valued at \$2,500 was reported stolen from an office building at 30833 Northwest Aug. 13-17.

A 1980 Cadillac valued at \$4,000 was reported stolen outside Tally Hall, 31045 Orchard Lake, Aug. 14.

A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a house at Hawthorne Aug. 14-15.

A rooftop camera valued at \$900 was reported stolen from Burger King, 29206 Orchard Lake, Aug. 14-15.

A shotgun and a pair of sunglasses valued at \$510 were reported stolen from James Blain Associates, 31800 Northwestern, Aug. 14-15.

A bicycle valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a yard on Parker Aug. 14-15.

A 1980 Pontiac Phoenix valued at \$3,000 was reported stolen from Bill Cook Buick, 37911 Grand River, Aug. 15.

Clothing values at \$43 was reported stolen from a customer at T.J. Maxx, 33049 Grand River Aug. 15.

A bicycle valued at \$225 was reported stolen from a garage on Foxgrove Aug. 15.

A radar detector valued at \$150 was reported stolen from Milcom, 32224 Eight Mile, Aug. 15-16.

Construction equipment valued at \$2,818 was reported stolen from Acra Car Aug. 15-18.

A chrome bumper valued at \$150 was reported from a car parked on Mirlon Drive Aug. 16.

A bicycle valued at \$220 was reported stolen from the side of a house on Glenary Aug. 16.

Two hubcaps valued at \$100 were reported stolen from a car parked at Walnut Creek Apartments Aug. 16.

Mag wheels and tires valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Marblehead Aug. 17.

Gunmen hold up restaurants

Armed robbers got nearly \$3,000 in unrelated holdups at two Farmington Hills fast-food restaurants last weekend.

No one was injured in either robbery.

At 10:59 a.m. Friday, three men, thought to be in their 20s, walked into Wendy's, 30725 12 Mile, and placed an order. They then entered the dining room, where they struck up a conversation with two other customers. About five minutes later, those two left because the restaurant was closing.

When the manager asked the other three to leave, one of them pulled a handgun from his waistband and ordered her into the back of the restaurant. He then ordered her to empty the contents of the safe and cash drawers into a bank bag and two boxes. His two companions stood guard. The three left with \$1,900 in cash, according to a police report.

At 12:10 a.m. Monday, two men, also thought to be 18-20, walked into Taco Bell, 27740 Grand River, and placed an order. They then entered the dining room, where they remained about five minutes.

The men then approached the counter. One pulled a gun from his waistband, pointed it at the manager and announced a holdup. His partner went behind the counter



These are composite drawings of the Taco Bell robbery bandits.

and emptied the contents of the safe and cash drawer into a trash bag. The two left with \$987 in cash, according to a police report.

The trio that robbed Wendy's matched the description of three men who robbed Denny's at 12 Mile and Telegraph roads in Southfield, at 10:15 p.m. Friday. After robbing Denny's of \$160, the three left in a 1985, dark burgundy Pontiac 6000. No car was seen in the Wendy's

holdup, police said.

The gunman at Wendy's was described as black, 18, 5-9 and 155 pounds with a medium complexion and geri curls. He was wearing a blue, sleeveless body shirt and had a belt buckle with "drag" on it. His accomplice was described as black, 18, 5-7 and 160 pounds with a dark complexion, a mustache and short hair. He was wearing a gray and black track suit.

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