

police/fire calls

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

WOMAN DIES

The death of a 67-year-old woman five days after she was involved in a traffic collision at Orchard Lake Road and I-96 Sept. 10 marked the second traffic fatality this year in Farmington Hills.

Blonnie Elizabeth Metcalf of Farmington Hills died Sept. 15 from chest injuries sustained in the collision according to an autopsy, said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The collision took place at 8 p.m. Sept. 10 while Metcalf was turning from the I-96 eastbound exit ramp onto Orchard Lake Road. She failed to stop for a red light and her car was struck on the driver's side by a southbound car, Cranston said.

Metcalf was initially treated at Providence Hospital, Novi, and released. On Sept. 15, she was admitted to Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, where she died, Cranston said.

She was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

SUSPECT NABBED

Farmington Hills police arrested a 20-year-old Dearborn man shortly after he allegedly robbed the Union 76, at 22853 Farmington, of \$235 after implying he had a gun early Thursday.

Arraigned Friday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Kevin Wasyli Semkiw stood mute to one count of armed robbery. An innocent plea was entered in his behalf. Bond was set at \$10,000 pending a preliminary examination in 1973 District Court. He faces a sentence of up to life in prison if convicted.

According to the police report: A man approached the station counter at 1 a.m., announced a hold-up and said he had a gun. He ordered the clerk to open the cash register, then lie on the floor. After stuffing the money in his pocket, the robber

left the station.

A witness in a nearby gas station saw the getaway car leave the Union 76 at a high rate of speed north on Farmington Road. It turned east onto Freedom.

After the clerk and the witness provided a description of the robber and the getaway car, officers took up surveillance along Grand River at Purdue.

When they spotted a car and driver matching those descriptions at 1:05 a.m., Officer Gil Kohls tried to stop the car by activating his overhead lights. He had to force the car into the curb before it stopped. The driver, Semkiw, was then identified as the robber by both the station clerk and the witness, according to the police report.

CAR CAPERS

Farmington Hills Police Department's Special Patrol Operational Team arrested 10 people for allegedly stealing two cars and trying to steal a third last week.

Five Highland Park teens, ages 14-19, were arrested shortly past midnight Sept. 18 for allegedly stealing a 1986 Pontiac Grand Am and allegedly trying to steal another 1986 Pontiac Grand Am from Woodhue Apartments, 30280 12 Mile.

The two adults stood mute at their arraignment Friday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. They were released on \$2,000 bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. The juveniles were turned over to Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division.

Five young people from Detroit and Redford, ages 15-20, were arrested about 2:20 a.m. Sept. 19 for allegedly stealing a 1972 Ford Mustang and a 1969 Ford Mustang from Roger Peck Used Car Sales, 40630 Grand River. Four were charged with one count of unlawfully driving away an automobile (UDAA); the fifth was charged with two counts. The juvenile was turned over to juvenile authorities. The adults stood mute at their arraignment Friday

before Judge Schaeffer. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. Bond was set at \$2,000 pending a preliminary exam.

In each case, SPOT made the arrests after watching suspicious cars cruise the area and the occupants allegedly cooperate in the theft or attempted theft of cars. Detective Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

In the Sept. 18 incident, the five were arrested as they tried to leave Woodhue Apartments. The driver of the stolen car was arrested after a short foot chase, Nebus said.

In the Sept. 19 incident, SPOT officers had been watching the lot because of a recent theft. The suspects car was stopped at Grand River and Middlebelt. The 1969 Mustang never left the lot because the suspects couldn't drive it over a curb. The 1972 Mustang didn't stop until it ran into a ditch near Grand River and Purdue after the driver swerved into the side of a police car trying to box it in, Nebus said.

The penalty upon conviction for UDAA is up to five years in prison.

SMOKED UP

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 when smoke filled an apartment and a hallway at the Summit Apartments, 30295 Summit Drive, Sept. 15, said Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The fire was caused by a pot left on the stove. No one was home at the time. Residents of surrounding apartments were evacuated until the smoke was cleared.

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 car parked outside Sweden House, 31530 Grand River, Sept. 13.

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CANFIELD CO-OP

<p>ALLEN PARK DRUGS 5228 Allen Rd.</p> <p>AL-WIK SALES 8205 Allen Rd.</p> <p>ARROW DRUGS 10830 W. Warren</p> <p>B & B DRUGS 28287 Plymouth Rd.</p> <p>BI-LO DRUGS 34500 Ford Rd.</p> <p>BI-WHITE DRUGS 6590 W. Nine Mile Rd.</p> <p>BOSTON DISCOUNT 2640 W. Eleven Mile Rd.</p> <p>CENTRAL SALES 7177 Michigan Ave.</p> <p>CHET'S THRIFTY 114 Water Rd.</p> <p>CODY PHARMACY 18320 W. Chicago</p> <p>COMMUNITY DISCOUNT 2835 W. Jefferson</p> <p>COSMETIC CHEST 9716 Jos. Campau</p> <p>D & B DISCOUNT 101 W. State St.</p> <p>DAILY DISCOUNT 21160 Greenfield</p> <p>DAY DRUGS 28255 Hoover Rd.</p> <p>DENI'S MARKET 2458 Pontiac Lake Rd.</p> <p>DETROIT SUNDRIES 5211 Chene</p> <p>DICK'S DISCOUNT 5436 Michigan</p> <p>EPFROB NO. 1 15600 W. Ten Mile Rd.</p> <p>EPFROB NO. 2 6427 Orchard Lake Rd.</p> <p>GARDEN PLAZA 28132 Ford Rd.</p> <p>GREENFIELD DRUGS 5430 W. Six Mile Rd.</p>	<p>KAY BEE VITAMINS 29 S. Monroe</p> <p>KING DISCOUNT 401 Main St.</p> <p>KINGSMART DRUG 15550 Joy Rd.</p> <p>L & S DISCOUNT 2315 Venoy</p> <p>LAHNER DRUG 20525 Lathrup Rd.</p> <p>MAISON DIST. 107 Green Rd.</p> <p>NORTHBRIDGE 61 W. Long Lake Rd.</p> <p>NOWAKS DIST. 1002 Third St.</p> <p>P & M COMPANY 4161 Oakman Blvd.</p> <p>PAUL'S CUT RATE 1419 Broadway</p> <p>PENNYWISE DISCOUNT 33089 Grand River</p> <p>PROVEN DRUGS 10234 Jos. Campau</p> <p>ROCHETTES 508 Cedar St.</p> <p>SAVOY SALES 1215 Washington Blvd.</p> <p>SAVOY SALES 14403 Gratiot</p> <p>SHEPARD DRUGS 3361 Freighter Rd.</p> <p>SILVER LEAF 101 W. Cedar</p> <p>SO-LO DRUGS 16200 Warren</p> <p>TECUMSEH DIST. 123 W. Chicago</p> <p>TRIPLE A DRUGS 14515 Woodward</p> <p>UPTOWN DISCOUNT 117 Lullington</p> <p>WONDER DRUGS 5927 Highland Rd.</p>
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