

police/fire calls

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

● **HELPING HAND**
Farmington Hills undercover officers aided Redford Township police in the arrest of two Detroit men suspected of stealing empty pop bottles and bottle container pallets from a gas station at Eight Mile and Beech Oct. 23.

While on patrol at 10 p.m., Farmington Hills Special Patrol Operational Team officers saw a car moving suspiciously in the Eight Mile-Beech area. They watched as the occupants — one 30, the other 31 — parked in the alley near the Shell station on the southwest corner, peered around the station, then started loading the bottles and containers into their car.

SPOT officers then notified Redford police, who stopped the car a short distance away and arrested the larceny suspects, according to a Farmington Hills police 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 a limestone pillar at Bloomfield Savings, 22725 Orchard Lake, was hit by a car Oct. 3. The incident was reported Oct. 22.

Damage was estimated at \$650 when thermopane windows and vinyl siding were vandalized at Suburban Aluminum & Glass, 27400 Eight Mile, Oct. 20-21.

Damage was estimated at \$101 when a car parked in a driveway on Northwick was vandalized Oct. 21-22.

Damage was estimated at \$300 when a window of a house on W. King William was smashed Oct. 22.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when someone tried to steal a car parked at Douglas & Lamson, 24600 Hollywood Court, Oct. 22.

Damage was reported at \$150 when the hatchback window of a car parked in the west lot of Farmington High School was shot out Oct. 22.

Damage was estimated at \$20 when a glass pane of a door at Art Alcové, 33305 Grand River, was shot out Oct. 22-23.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when a sliding glass door/wall of a house on Stockton was reported smashed Oct. 23.

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

Four hubcaps valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a car parked at Country Lanes, 30250 Nine Mile, Oct. 8-9.

A radio valued at \$330 was reported stolen from a car parked at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, Oct. 10-21.

A 1985 Mercury valued at \$21,000 was reported stolen from Gateway Apartments Oct. 14-15.

Four trim rings and four hub covers valued at \$120 were reported stolen from a car parked at Diamond Forest Apartments Oct. 18-20.

A 1986 GMC Jimmy valued at \$13,600 was reported stolen from Gateway Apartments Oct. 20-21.

A color TV, a VCR and jewelry valued at \$2,000 were reported stolen from a house on Branchester Oct. 21.

Twenty-five scaffold jacks valued at \$3,000 were reported stolen from H. Moye Co., 31000 Northwestern, Oct. 21-22.

A color TV, an Oriental vase and jewelry valued at \$720 were reported stolen from a house on Branchester Oct. 21-22.

A 1986 Chevrolet Camaro valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from outside Almas Hi-Fi Stereo, 29401 Orchard Lake, Oct. 22.

A detachcar valued at \$600 was reported stolen from outside a house on 11 Mile Oct. 22.

A color TV, a VCR and jewelry valued at \$1,050 were reported stolen from an apartment at Stone Ridge Apartments Oct. 22.

Tools valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a garage on Orchard Lake Road near Eight Mile Oct. 23.

A radar detector valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a car parked at Garden Court Apartments

Mortgage firm officers go to court

By Dave Varga
staff writer

Three top officers of the Bloomfield Hills-based Diamond Mortgage Corp. and A.J. Obie & Associates face preliminary exam Friday in 48th District Court in connection with charges that they defrauded investors out of more than \$40 million.

The charges follow two months of investigation into what state Attorney General Frank Kelley called "the worst securities fraud case in the history of Michigan."

Both Diamond Mortgage and its brokerage partner firm A.J. Obie were declared bankrupt by the state in August. Neal Sutherland was appointed receiver of the remains of the companies' assets.

Barton Greenberg, Gary Mitchell and Leslie Lupovich were each

charged with 36 counts of violating the state's securities laws. In addition, Greenberg and Lupovich were charged with two counts each of obtaining money under false pretenses.

ALL THREE were arraigned Thursday in 48th District Court in Bloomfield Township before Judge Bernard Friedman. All pleaded not guilty to the charges. Exam is before Judge Edward Sosnick.

Greenberg, who was chairman of the firms and sole stockholder, was released on \$250,000 personal bond. Mitchell, who was president of Diamond, and Lupovich, who was vice president, were released on \$50,000 personal bond.

In connection with the attorney general's investigation, another 35 criminal complaints were filed in a Grand Rapids district court last week. Those indictments mirrored

the securities violations and obtaining money under false pretenses charges filed in Oakland County, according to Dan Loepp of the attorney general's office.

THE STATE investigation claimed that the three employees sold securities without telling investors that no money was given to the borrowers and that the mortgages were not first liens as had been represented in circulars offering the investments.

In addition, the defendants allegedly sold securities without disclosing to investors that the mortgages were sham transactions.

If convicted, the defendants face up to 10 years in jail and \$5,000 fine for obtaining money under false pretenses and up to seven years and \$5,000 fine for violating the securities laws.

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