

## police/fire calls

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

### CAR RECOVERED

A 1985 Nissan stolen from Leo Adler Nissan, 28200 Eight Mile, Nov. 3 was recovered by the Ohio Highway Patrol near Lima after the car was involved in a collision in Allen County. The driver ran but was soon apprehended. The car was valued at \$14,000, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### INDECENT EXPOSURE

A male bicyclist following three 11-year-old girls on bikes exposed himself along a bike path near Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill, about 6 p.m. Nov. 2.

According to a Farmington Hills police report, the man, thought to be in his 20s, exposed himself after riding ahead of the girls and dismounting.

### LARCENY BY TRICK

Pollyn Bakery, 31818 Grand River, lost \$450 when a man exchanged several rolls of change — thought to be filled with dimes, but actually filled with pennies — for paper money Oct. 30, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

### DAMAGE REPORTED

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

## 'Clown' robs Hills salon, candy tampered with

He wasn't clowning around. And it wasn't a Halloween prank.

A gunman dressed as a clown robbed an employee at Tanfaster sun tanning center, 29312 Orchard Lake, of \$179 at 2:50 p.m. Friday.

In other incidents on Halloween, one case of candy tampering was reported, a homemade explosive was defused and an elementary school was broken into.

At Tanfaster, when the clown ordered the clerk to open the register, she hesitated. When he repeated the order, she asked, "I'm being robbed by a clown?" He responded, "You're being robbed by a clown with a gun," according to a Farmington Hills police report.

When he brandished a handgun, she complied by handing over money. He left on foot. Customers were in tanning booths at the time, but none were in the lobby.

According to what the clerk told Officer Charles Van Meter, the gunman was wearing a bright orange wig — very large and curly — and white gloves. He had on a plastic, strap-on clown mask and a smiling, boxy-face with a red nose. His jumpsuit, clown costume had a white background with colored polka dots. It had large white ruffles around the neck and white ruffles around the wrists.

Officer Michael Farley stopped a motorist dressed as a clown near 10 Mile and Orchard Lake roads shortly after the stickup. But the victim told officers he was not her assailant.

IN THE candy-tampering case, a 21-year-old man reported finding a regular-sized Milky Way bar on a Power Road driveway about 7:30 p.m. Friday. While eating it, he

found a small sewing-type needle inserted in the bar, Farmington Hills police reported.

About 9:15 p.m. Friday, a motorist on Drake saw a glow coming from a field west of the Drake-Edythe intersection. On closer examination, he found an explosive with a lit candle. After blowing out the candle, he called police. The Michigan State Police bomb unit disabled the explosive.

A six-inch, red candle taped to a silver CO2 cartridge that had a wick. The cartridge contained enough smokeless powder to spray shrapnel onto Drake, according to State Police Lt. David Balash's report to Farmington Hills police.

Shortly before midnight, Farmington Hills police responded to a break-in alarm at Gill Elementary, 21195 Gill. They discovered a punched-out, plexiglass window

outside a classroom and muddy footprints inside. Nothing appeared missing, according to the police report.

AMONG OTHER vandalism targets logged on Halloween in Farmington Hills were:

- residential windows on Mayfair, Woodstream and Parkwood Lane.

- parked cars on Glouster Court, Red Clover and Kendallwood, and at Mulwood Apartments and the VFW Farmington Post 2269 on Orchard Lake Road.

- residential mailboxes on Mayfair and Commons.

The only prank reported in Farmington involved young people throwing objects at a passing car from the National Bank of Detroit lot, 23309 Farmington.

Damage was estimated at \$400 when a can of hair spray was ignited inside a mailbox on Northwick Nov. 1.

Damage was estimated at \$10 when papers were ignited inside a mailbox on Ravencroft Nov. 1.

Damage was estimated at \$300 when a car was driven over a lawn on Woodstream Nov. 1-2.

Damage was estimated at \$200

when squash was thrown at two windows of a house on Willow Lane Nov. 1-2.

Damage was estimated at \$225 when three tires of cars parked outside a Tuck apartment were slashed Nov. 1-2.

Damage was estimated at \$350 when a window of a car and three windows of a house on Hayden were shot out with a BB gun Nov. 2.

Damage was estimated at \$80 when the front fender of a car was found kicked in at the Farmington High School parking lot, 32000 Shilawasee, Nov. 3.

### THEFTS REPORTED

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

Two Jeep doors valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a garage on Rumble Hills Drive Oct. 30-31.

A 1984 Chevrolet Camaro valued at \$7,000 was reported stolen from Farmington Lanes, 32315 Grand River, Oct. 31.

About \$10 in coins were reported stolen from a house on Lochmoor Oct. 31.

A 1983 Chevrolet Blazer valued at \$15,500 was reported stolen from outside Garrett Auto & Truck, 24175 Industrial Park Drive, Oct. 31. It was recovered in Detroit.

A 1987 GMC pickup valued at \$15,900 was reported stolen from outside the Old Orchard Theater, 28123 Orchard Lake, Oct. 31. It was recovered in Detroit.

A radar detector, jewelry, a VCR and eyeglasses valued at \$4,550 were reported stolen from a house on Birchcrest Way between Oct. 31 to Nov. 1.

Three refrigerators, two dishwashers and a gas range valued at \$1,950 were reported stolen from three apartments under construction at Windmere Apartments Nov. 1-3.

A floral arrangement of multi-colored silk flowers in a black ceramic vase valued at \$450 was reported stolen from the banquet room hallway at the Holiday Inn, 38123 10 Mile, Nov. 2.

Two tires, wheels and hubcaps valued at \$420 were reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Chesterbrook Nov. 2-3.

A radar detector valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked at an office building at 31731 Northwestern Nov. 3.

An in-dash radio valued at \$900 was reported stolen from a car parked at United Energy Systems, 27432 Eight Mile, Nov. 3.

A VCR, camera equipment, a typewriter, a briefcase, a calculator and coins valued at \$1,860 were reported stolen from a house on Duncan Nov. 3.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked on Roosevelt Nov. 4.

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