

police/fire calls

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

PEDESTRIAN DIES

A 43-year-old Novi woman was struck by a car and died while crossing Haggerty near Hills Tech Drive in Farmington Hills, Dec. 3. The cause of death won't be pinpointed until an autopsy is completed, an Oakland County Medical Examiner's spokesman said.

Patricia Frances Harmon, who lived in the nearby County Cousin mobile home park, was walking on the southbound shoulder of Haggerty at 7:35 p.m. when she decided to cross the road. But when she reached the northbound lanes, she was struck by a northbound car going 35-45 m.p.h., "well within the 50-m.p.h. speed limit and consistent with the weather conditions," said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

There was snow and ice on the road and the woman was dressed in dark clothing, Cranston said. The 58-year-old Union Lake motorist was released pending further investigation.

Harmon was Farmington Hills' third traffic victim this year.

FOILED THEFT

Two men tried to steal a Farmington Hills woman's car from her driveway Dec. 4, but were foiled when they couldn't find the ignition key. They did take the woman's purse from the car seat, police said.

According to the police report: The Purdue Street woman pulled into her driveway at 7:55 p.m. and got out to open the garage door. That's when two men who had stopped their car in front of the house ran up and got inside her car. When they couldn't find the ignition key, they grabbed her purse, ran back to their car and left.

The men were described as in their 20s.

PURSE SNATCHED

A young person thought to be about 17 snatched a purse from the kitchen counter after entering a house on Beacon Square through a garage door at 5:45 p.m. Dec. 3, police said.

After pulling into the garage, the resident entered the attached residence but left open the outside garage door. The thief opened the door to the residence, lunged for the purse and left in a waiting car, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

EASEL RECOVERED

Special Patrol Operational Team members recovered an easel believed stolen from a car parked at Wellington and Westbrook Dec. 2, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

SPOT officers stopped the suspected getaway car after its occupants acted suspiciously about 12:40 a.m. while driving through Woodbrook Farms, Detective Sgt. Dennis Rochford said. The easel was valued at \$175.

The 18-year-old suspects — one from Farmington Hills, the other from Canton Township — were arraigned Dec. 2 before Magistrate James Brady of the 47th District Court.

They stood mute to single counts of breaking and entering of a vehicle to steal property valued at over \$5 — a felony punishable upon conviction by up to five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf.

They were released on \$1,000 personal bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

SUSPECTS NABBED

Farmington Department of Public Safety officers arrested two Detroit residents — an 18-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman — after they allegedly stole a 1985 Chevrolet Corvette from Fairmont Apartments in Farmington Hills about 1 a.m. Dec. 4.

The car was valued at \$25,000. Both were charged with two counts — possession of stolen property valued at over \$100 and vehicle

theft. Arraigned Thursday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, they stood mute. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf.

They were released on \$1,000 personal bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

According to police reports: Farmington officers spotted the Corvette parked on Nine Mile, just west of Farmington Road, with its engine running — across from a white Ford Fairmont stuck in a ditch. They noticed the driver's window of the Corvette was broken out and the steering column was damaged, both signs it may have been stolen.

Particles of glass were found on the man's pants. His foot impressions matched those at the theft scene.

It appears both went to Fairmont Apartments where the man allegedly broke out a window and stole the Corvette. The woman, his girlfriend, followed him in the Fairmont until she lost control of the car and it landed in a ditch along Nine Mile. Officers then came upon the two.

CARS RECOVERED

Farmington Hills police recovered a stolen 1978 pickup at Colfax and Power Dec. 3. It was valued at \$10,000. It was not known where the car had been stolen.

Farmington Hills police recovered a stolen 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass at Echo Valley Apartments Dec. 4. It was valued at \$18,000. It was reported stolen out of Livonia.

Farmington Hills police recovered a stolen 1980 Oldsmobile Omega at

Farmington Square Condos Dec. 5. It was valued at \$3,000. It was reported stolen out of Detroit.

ARSON FIRES

Holiday decorations on the front doors of two Farmington Hills houses were maliciously ignited the evening of Dec. 3.

Damage to a house on Valleyside was estimated at \$700. Damage to a house on Fox Grove was estimated at \$250, said Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The incidents took place between 7:30 and 9 p.m. Fire investigators ask anyone with information about either case of arson to call them at 553-0744.

DUMPSTER FIRE

A cigarette possibly ignited paper in a dumpster at Little Caesars, 35103 Grand River, Thursday, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

Officers extinguished the fire.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$280 during the attempted theft of a 1986 Chevrolet from a driveway on Willock Dec. 2.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000 during the theft of a cellular telephone and telephone equipment from a 1985 Buick Park Avenue

parked at the Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, Dec. 3. The stolen property was valued at \$1,500.

Damage was estimated at \$550 when a truck parked at Tally Hall, 31005 Orchard Lake, was vandalized Nov. 30.

Damage was estimated at \$125 when a car parked on Minglenwood Lane was vandalized Dec. 3-4.

THEFTS REPORTED

An in-dash radio valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a car parked at Song's Automotive, 32310 Eight Mile, between Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.

A briefcase and a CB radio valued at \$255 were reported stolen from a car parked on Hunters Drive Nov. 29-30.

A purse and its contents as well as cash, together valued at \$300, were reported stolen from a house on Riverbend Nov. 29-30.

A refrigerator and a dishwasher valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from an apartment under construction at Windemere Apartments Nov. 29-30.

An in-dash radio and a radar detector valued at \$454 were reported stolen from a car parked at Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, Nov. 30.

A classic 1957 Ford Thunderbird valued at \$30,000 was reported

stolen from a garage on 14 Mile Road between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The white and red car was reported in mint condition.

A 1985 Pontiac Trans-Am valued at \$18,000 was reported stolen from outside Bolaford General Hospital, 28055 Grand River, Dec. 1.

A 1986 Pontiac 6000 valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from the lot at Bol Air Lane, 24001 Orchard Lake, Dec. 1. It was later recovered in Oak Park.

An in-dash radio valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a car parked at Ram's Horn, 32435 Grand River, Dec. 1.

Fishing equipment, a bicycle, lawn mower and lanterns valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a shed on Colwell Dec. 2.

Approximately \$450 in cash was reported stolen from the Union 76, 22053 Farmington, Dec. 2.

Clothing samples valued at \$1,591 were reported taken from an apartment on Gateway Dec. 2.

Jewelry valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a house on Brandon Dec. 2.

About \$280 was reported stolen from Speedy Printing, 38249 10 Mile, Dec. 2-3.

Two doors valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a 1979 Pontiac Firebird parked in a fenced area at Puritan Glass, 31128 Eight Mile, Dec. 2-3.

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