

Learn to protect your safety in a robbery

Robbery has become one of the most rapidly rising crimes of violence in the United States.

In a recent 10-year survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, armed offenders alone were responsible for 14 million robberies, half of which were committed by those who predominantly use a gun or knife to complete their crime.

Although not a frequent occurrence in Farmington Hills, recent robberies within the city have raised legitimate concern.

A robbery is defined as the unlawful taking, or attempted taking, of property that is in the immediate possession of another and is not to be confused with burglary, which does not generally involve a face-to-face

confrontation.

Robbery is termed a "violent" crime because the robber used force, or threat of force, to carry out his intent. In the majority of cases, the robber is after cash rather than merchandise and although the number of female robbers has increased, the majority of offenders are male.

The general profile of an armed robber is a young individual, 18-24 years of age, who has a record of prior arrest. The person who commits an armed robbery is often a bundle of nerves. The robber may be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol or supporting a habit and determined to get what he or she wants quickly and easily.

It's the combination of these factors that makes this type of criminal



crime watch

Chris Cogar

crime prevention technician,
Farmington Hills Police Department

unpredictable and dangerous. Compounded by foolish acts of heroism by victims, this type of crime can escalate into a brutal attack where serious injuries and even death can result.

Consequently, if you are a victim of a robbery, your ultimate concern in dealing with the robber is to minimize the possibility of injury. If ever confronted by a robber, try to keep the following in mind:

- Remain calm and don't resist.
- The robber will most likely be a nervous young male with a knife or handgun. Once the robbery has begun, your only objective should be for it to end without injury. Since the average robbery takes less than three minutes, the longer the robbery takes, the more nervous the perpetrator may become. Don't antagonize, argue, plead or try to be friendly by making idle conversation. Since the chances of injury are

greatly reduced if you do not exactly as you are told, be cooperative and give the robber what he wants as quickly as possible.

- Don't be heroic or make unexpected moves. — Don't attempt to be a hero. When a weapon is pointed at you, assume it is real and act accordingly. By the same token, don't surmise that a robber who appears to have a finger in his pocket actually only has a finger in his pocket. Trying to attack an armed robber is foolhardy, not heroic. If you must reach for something or move abruptly in any way, tell the robber what to expect. Since weapons breed violence, don't attempt to use one against a robber. His weapon is already one too many and even if he doesn't have one, he might end up using yours against you.

Observe as much as you can. — Without staring or being obvious, try to make a mental note of the physical

description of the perpetrator and any accomplices. Physical features are more important than clothing, which can be changed or discarded. Of particular importance is color of hair, eyes and skin; facial features; approximate age, height and build; unusual marks, scars or tattoos; and speech peculiarities, accents or mannerisms. Also, try to note the type of vehicle, color, license plate number and route of escape, if possible.

- Call the police as soon as possible. — The steps that you take immediately after a robbery will have a lot to do with the success of the police investigation so call without delay. State your name and the purpose of your call to Police Dispatch Personnel as concisely as possible. Answer the dispatcher's questions and remain on the line until you are told to hang up. Protect any potential evidence such as fingerprint

areas or objects that may have been touched or anything the robber may have left behind.

There is no indication that a robbery will occur at any particular location. Robberies can take place at a parking lot, retail store, shopping mall, fast-food restaurant, gas station, apartment complex, motels/hotels, Automatic Teller Machines, banks or on the street.

Although younger people, age 12-24, had the highest victimization rate, self-defense authorities agree that the most important difference between victims and non-victims is that the latter took care to avoid high-risk situations.

The best strategy in robbery prevention is to stay alert, recognize risk situations early and take all necessary precautions. If you are confronted by a robber, cooperate. Cash and valuables can be replaced, a life cannot.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 16, 1987**

Mayor Marks opened the regular public hearing of the Farmington Hills City Council on March 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Aldermen, Dolan, Padley, Marks, Sever, Soronen and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Costello, City Clerk Reynolds, Assistant City Manager Call, City Attorney Bilean, and Planning Consultant Coates.

Council introduced Zoning Text Amendment to Section 63.494, which will allow a late licensed Family Day Care Home and Group Day Care Homes in a single family residential district, as amended.

Council approved Resolution No. 5, adopting the assessment roll and authorizing City Treasurer to collect special assessments in accordance with Municipal Code, and Resolution No. 4, Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds, for paving of Thirteen Mile Road, between Halsted and Haggerty.

Council adopted Resolution No. 3b, to proceed, and Resolution No. 5, confirming Special Assessment, for 1987 Debt Control.

Vacation of public alley located north of Grand River, between St. Francis and Colwell in Section 36 was withdrawn by proponent.

Introduction of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 38-10-86, to rezone property on east side of Haggerty, north of Twelve Mile, was withdrawn at request of proponent.

Council approved Introduction of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 42-12-86, to rezone property at SW corner of Thirteen Mile and Halsted, from SP-1 to R2-C.

Cluster Site Plan 116-12-88 was approved for west side of Drake, between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile.

Council approved allocation of 1987/88 Community Development Block Grant Funds as follows:

Administration	\$ 39,000
Capital Improvements	118,000
Housing Rehabilitation	115,000

1987/88 Capital Improvement projects for possible consideration include:

- Regal Orchards Paving and Ditching, Section 24 and 35
- Grayling Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements, Section 35
- Radcliff Storm Sewer, Section 35
- Meadowbrook Heights Drainage Improvements, Section 34
- Rhodeswood and Fendt Drainage Improvements, Section 33
- Radcliff and Rivergreen Drainage Improvements, Section 35.

Council Enacted Ordinance O-14-87, relating to gutters and downspouts and approved Summary of Ordinance for publication.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

BEN MARKS, Mayor
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

Public: March 18, 1987

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

OWNER: Farmington Public Schools
32500 Shawansee
Farmington, Michigan 48024

PROJECT: Window Replacement
Harrison High School
Storm Sewer
Larkshire Elementary
New Water Service
Storage Enclosure
Bus Maintenance Garage
Paving Improvements
William Girvan Elementary
Eagle Elementary
Forest Elementary
Dunckel Middle School

ARCHITECT: Desmond P. Hamill
6263 Polomene Circle
West Bloomfield, MI 48093

PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED: Individual Contracts

DUE DATE AND PLACE:
Proposals will be received at the Administration Building, 32500 Shawansee, Farmington, Michigan, 48024, addressed to: Beverly Hauman, until the following time: (to be publicly opened at 7:30 p.m. that evening)
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 1987

ISSUE OF DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS:
Drawings and Specifications may be obtained after March 17, 1987, at the maintenance office, 39550 West Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48161.

DEPOSIT: \$10.00 per set
Deposits will be refunded in full providing the Drawings and Specifications, including any addenda, are returned in good condition within fifteen (15) days after the bid opening.

LOCATION OF PLANS:
Drawings and Specifications will be on file for bidding reference at the maintenance office, DeAg Reports, and Builders & Traders.

RIGHTS OF THE OWNER:
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any information therein.

JANICE HOLNICK
School Board Secretary

Public: March 19 and 23, 1987

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NOTICE TO CUT WEEDS

It shall be the duty of all owners of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected on sixty (60%) percent of the lots included in that subdivision on which noxious weeds are found growing to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves, or to prevent such weeds becoming a detriment to public health. Any weeds not cut by June 1, 1987 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property charged with the cost under provisions of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 41, Section 41.123. This will be done as many times as necessary during the growing season. In addition, any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds as provided for in this City Code shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00. "Noxious Weeds" are those described in Section 2 of Act 335 of the Public Acts of 1941, as amended and all other weeds, wild grasses, and plants, the uncontrolled growth of which would constitute a nuisance.

**JOAN REYNOLDS,
City Clerk**

Public: March 11, 1987

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ISSUE OF DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS:
Drawings and Specifications may be obtained at the Job Meeting at Harrison High School at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 1987. The school is located on Twelve Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road.

DEPOSIT: \$10.00 per set
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