

police/fire calls

Listed are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls and court cases handled during the past week.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

A 36-year-old woman sunbathing at the 12th Estate Condoms May 22 reported that she was sexually assaulted by a man in his 20s.

According to a Farmington Hills police report.

The man approached her and struck up a conversation about 1:30 p.m. He then left. Soon after, he returned without her realizing it, he then ran away.

SCHOOL BURGLARY

Some office door panes were broken and the play area was vandalized during a break-in at Fairview Early Childhood Center, 28500 Oakcrest, May 24.

The office and administrator's office areas were ransacked. In the play area, rabbit food and wood shavings were scattered. A video camera and a deer head were moved from the science room to the gym, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

LOFT FIRE

A fire was reported in a wood storage loft at K mart, 37175 Grand River, May 22.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, Farmington Fire Marshal Michael Wiggins said. No damage estimates were available.

ASSAULTS ALLEGED

A 20-year-old Farmington Hills

man faces felony charges in connection with an incident reported to involve a handgun outside Taco Bell, 38330 10 Mile, May 23.

Arraigned May 23 before Magistrate Dennis Phency of Farmington, the man stood mute to two counts of felonious assault, two counts of felony firearms possession and one count of transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle. Innocent pleas were entered. Bond was set at \$10,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison. A felony firearms conviction brings a mandatory two-year prison term.

The arrest, at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, followed an incident at the Taco Bell, where a man was reported to have pointed a gun at two people at 1:30 a.m., said detective David Lee of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Farmington police safety officers stopped a car matching a description provided by Farmington Hills police and discovered a loaded gun in the glove compartment. The suspect was one of the car's occupants.

LARCENY BY TRICK

A 25-year-old West Bloomfield Township man exchanged his \$300 wristwatch for a VCR he thought worth \$300. When he opened the box that supposedly contained the VCR, however, he discovered a block of wood, a newspaper and a bottle, he told police.

The larceny by trick took place in a parking lot near Eight Mile and Grand River May 24. The trickster

Extortion charged

A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was charged with extortion in connection with the alleged extortion of money from a Farmington Hills businessman.

Arraigned May 21 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Gary Scott Tasco stood mute. An innocent plea was entered. Bond was set at \$500,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Tasco was arrested at 11:15 a.m. May 20 at the victim's office on 8

Mile Road. Police, executing a search warrant, monitored the businessman handing \$500 to Tasco, said detective Sgt. Dennis Rochford of the Farmington Hills police department.

Police allege that Tasco tried to extort \$10,000 from the businessman by threatening to kill the man's son if the money wasn't paid. Tasco claimed the man's son owed him \$10,000. The businessman made five \$500 payments before Tasco's arrest, Rochford said.

was described as a man in his 20s who said the VCR wasn't stolen, he just needed money in a hurry, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

2 ARRESTED

Farmington Hills police will seek Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division petitions charging two Southfield teen-agers with receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100.

Special Patrol Operational Team and uniformed officers arrested the two at 2 a.m. May 26 after a resident tipped police to suspicious activity in the Independence Green Apartments

parking lot. The resident provided a description of those involved and a description of the car.

A car matching the description and carrying the two suspects, one 16, the other 15, was stopped at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. Car accessories worth \$2,000 and believed stolen in Farmington Hills were found inside, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

BOGUS BILLS

McFrocks, 27820 Orchard Lake, received two counterfeit \$20 bills May 22-23. The bills had the same serial numbers, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

TICKETS ISSUED

A 21-year-old Livonia man was

ticketed for furnishing beer to a minor in a parking lot at Nine Mile and Middlebelt May 22. A 16-year-old Redford Township youth was ticketed for possessing beer, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for transporting open intoxicants in a car following a traffic stop on 15 Mile near Hagerly May 26, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

A 1969 Lincoln Mark IV valued at \$5,000 was reported stolen from along Watt May 20-21.

A radar detector, tools and other items valued at \$725 were reported stolen from a truck parked at a construction site at 9 Mile and Haled May 21.

Cassette tapes and two radio speakers valued at \$273 were reported stolen from a car parked on I-94 May 21-22.

A CB and other items valued at \$492 were reported stolen from a van parked on Eastfarm May 21-22.

A radar detector valued at \$295 was reported stolen from a car parked at Mulwood Apartments May 21-22.

Four sports wheels and tires valued at \$600 were reported stolen from a car parked on Ashley May 21-22.

A bicycle valued at \$105 was reported stolen from Warner Middle School, 30303 14 Mile, May 22.

A radar detector and coins valued at \$130 were reported stolen from a car parked on Walden May 23. Two reindeer lawn statues valued

at \$300 were reported stolen from a house on Bunker Hill May 23. They weighed 600 pounds.

Three bicycles valued at \$509 were reported stolen from a garage on Raleigh May 23.

Wheel covers valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a car parked at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, May 24. A spoke hubcap valued at \$105 was reported stolen from a car parked at a house on Inkster near Shawassaw May 24.

Jewelry valued at \$3,000 was reported stolen from a room at the Dillon Inn, 30715 12 Mile, May 24.

Two wire-rim hubcaps valued at \$175 were reported stolen from a car parked on Tulane May 24-25.

A Chevrolet Monte Carlo valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, May 25. It was recovered in Detroit.

A bicycle valued at \$157 was reported stolen from in front of 7-Eleven, 22069 Farmington, May 25.

A bicycle valued at \$175 was reported stolen from the Aquatic Club at Farmington Glen, 33700 Freedom, May 25.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$25 when a mailbox was torched at a house on Wykeshire May 22.

Damage was estimated at \$250 when a BB was fired through a door at a house on Crestforest May 23.

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