

police/fire calls

Police tell sunbathers to beware

Farmington Hills police are on the lookout for a man who has tried to sexually assault women sunbathers in the apartment and condominium complexes along 12 Mile Road.

Three times since May 6, a man has struck up conversations with sunbathers, then pulled down their swimsuits. He then ran away. A witness to one of the incidents reported seeing a man matching the perpetrator's description run to a brown pickup truck.

Two of the incidents were at Strawberry Lane Apartments. The other was at 12th Estate Condos.

The perpetrator is described as white, heavy set and in his early 20s. He is about 6 feet tall, with a clear complexion and short, straight brown hair. At the time of the incidents, he wore red shorts and approached each victim while they were sunbathing during the early afternoon.

Police have increased patrols along 12 Mile, but they ask "all residents to be particularly alert to any individuals or vehicles which match these descriptions," said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department Crime Prevention Section.

He urges women residents to report any suspicious or unusual activity to police.

WOMEN ARE urged to make themselves less vulnerable by being cautious and aware of their surroundings at all times. "Be suspicious of strangers who appear out of place or nervous," Nebus said. "If an unknown individual approaches you, maintain your distance."

Personal space of 25 to 50 feet should be used as a cushion between yourself and a possible at-

tacker. Along with space, eye contact with people is important.

"When we look someone in the eye, we deprive them of the element of surprise that most criminals want," Nebus said. "If a stranger persists with idle, unwanted conversation, moves unnecessarily close, or makes you feel uncomfortable, don't hesitate to leave."

The first step in preventing sexual assault is knowing it can happen to anyone, even you. "Trust your intuition," Nebus said. "If you sense something is wrong, you might just be right."

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

● DIESEL FUEL LEAK?

Farmington Hills firefighters responded to a report of diesel fuel coming from a sewage drain on the east side of Halsted, near Grand River, at 10 a.m. May 26.

Suspecting leakage, the fire marshal asked the Amoco station at 37410 Grand River, near the drain site, to check for an underground storage tank leak, said Lt. Thomas Shurtleff of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The state Department of Natural Resources, which monitors potential fire hazards, also will be notified, he added.

● TICKETS ISSUED

Two Farmington Hills teenagers — one 19, the other 16 — were ticketed for open intoxicants in a motor vehicle following a traffic stop on Wendy Lee May 29, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● THEFTS REPORTED

A gold bracelet valued at \$2,800 was reported taken from the ashtray of a car being serviced at Avis, 32411 Grand River, May 8.

A gold bracelet with diamonds valued at \$1,800 was reported taken from under a floor mat at Jax Kar Wash, 31500 Grand River, May 14.

Saving bonds valued at \$2,200 were reported stolen from an apartment at Independence Green between Dec. 1 and May 26.

A bicycle valued at \$239 was reported stolen from Putt 'n Games, 30749 Grand River, May 22.

A 1985 Jeep Cherokee of undetermined value was reported stolen from an office building at 31555 14 Mile May 27.

An in-dash stereo and cassette tapes valued at \$456 were reported stolen from a car parked on Rockwell May 27.

Two bicycles valued at \$250 were reported stolen from Mulwood Apartments May 21-22.

A telephone valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a car parked at an office building at 30305 Northwestern Highway May 28.

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● DEAN'S LIST

Dennis Racke of Farmington was named to the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State College.

The following Farmington-area students were named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University: Todd Chase, Barbara Collins, Susan Tudek, Stacey Elliott and Patricia Kopf.

David Burton of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State College, University Center.

● NEW GRADUATE

Jeff Beard of Farmington Hills graduated May 23 from Michigan Technological University. He was a member of the Engineering Honor Society and Tau Beta

Pi and was president of the Student Council.

Beard will move to San Francisco, where he has accepted a position with Chevron Corporate Engineering.

Milene Alestra of Farmington Hills will graduate June 5 from Oakland Community College with a degree in liberal arts. She plans to go to Madonna College, Livonia.

Mark Alestra of Farmington Hills will graduate from Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield, on June 7 with a degree in mathematics and computer science.

Judith Bordinick and Barbara Polsgrove of Farmington Hills, May graduates of Madonna College, were initiated into the Beta Gamma Chapter of the National Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha.

● ON STAGE

Laura Livingstone of Farmington Hills will star in the production of Tennessee Williams' drama "Summer and Smoke" at Kalamazoo College.

Her role will be Nellie Ewell, a vivacious and uninhibited girl.

● EARNS DEGREE

Lawrence Schenden of Farmington Hills will receive a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Michigan June 5.

Schenden is a graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School and the University of Notre Dame. He will begin his residency in emergency medicine at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, in June.

● AMBASSADOR TEAM

Kim Young of Farmington Hills was selected a member of the 1987-88 Crimson Girls and Capstone Men at the University of Alabama.

Members act as student ambassadors and tour guides for the university. Group members are competitively selected each year based on their ability to communicate, leadership qualities and scholastic averages.

● COMPLETES STUDIES

Donald Treglow has completed his studies for the pastoral ministry

of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Treglow is a candidate for the master of divinity degree. He will serve as an Evangelistic Missionary in the Philippines, under the direction of the Board for Mission Services of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Church of the Philippines.

Treglow, a Farmington Hills native, has been in residence at the seminary, completing his studies for the pastoral ministry. He will leave for the Philippines after further missionary training in Fresno, Calif., this summer.

● IN HONORARY

Maria San Juan of Farmington Hills was elected to the Wayne State University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national honorary scholastic society. Students are chosen on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement.

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