

police/fire calls

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

HOUSE FIRE

Three people who had been asleep in a house on Shiloh Avenue near Haynes escaped without injury when a teenager awoke at 8:55 a.m. to find his mattress on fire and alerted the others June 13.

The 17-year-old resident dragged his burning mattress outside, then awakened his mother and a house guest, who were sleeping upstairs. The teenager burned his hand.

Flame damage was heaviest in the basement. Smoke damaged the entire house. An improperly discarded cigarette caused the fire, said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

Damage was estimated at \$25,000.

BASEMENT FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$500 when the fuse box area caught fire in the basement of a house on Tulane at 3 p.m. June 12.

The homeowner used dry chemical extinguisher to extinguish the fire, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

ASSAULT REPORTED

A 25-year-old Roseville woman walking on Hills Tech Drive at noon June 12 was sexually assaulted by one of two teenage bicyclists. The woman did not require hospital treatment, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Hills man headed to trial

A 26-year-old man charged with extortion and assault in Farmington Hills has been ordered to stand trial.

Following a preliminary examination June 12, District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington bound over for trial Kenneth James Trembath on four counts. Bond was continued at \$100,000 pending arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Trembath is charged with extortion, assault with intent to commit a felony, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of extortion. Conviction of either assault charge carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison. Felony firearms possession brings a mandatory two-year prison term upon conviction.

The charges stem from an argument that broke out at Independence Green Apartments at 2:30 a.m. Feb. 20. The argument was over a radar detector, said Sgt. Dennis Rockford of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The victim, a 29-year-old Detroit man, was treated at Sinai Hospital of Detroit for a gunshot wound to the foot. Trembath was arrested on a traffic charge Feb. 26 in Anaheim, Calif.

An air compressor valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a shed on Independence June 16.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$50 when a tree was vandalized at a house on Oak Valley Court June 11-12.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when five lawn lights were vandalized at a house on Walnut Lane June 12.

Damage was estimated at \$50 during the attempted theft of a 1985 Chevrolet Camaro parked at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, June 13.

Damage was estimated at \$100 when a BB was fired into the windshield of a car parked on Bunker Hill June 13.

Damage was estimated at \$105 when hanging flower baskets at Plaza Veterinary Hospital, 22830 Moonway, were ripped down June 13-14.

Damage was estimated at \$100 in a break-in at the clubhouse of Drake Apartments, 35105 Drakehire Place, June 15-16. A battery charger valued at \$40 was reported stolen.

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TICKETS ISSUED

An 18-year-old West Bloomfield man was ticketed for possessing beer while sitting in a car parked at North Farmington High School, 32900 13 Mile, June 12.

Two 17-year-old Farmington Hills youths and one 18-year-old West Bloomfield youth were ticketed for possessing beer following a traffic stop at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile June 12.

A 28-year-old Sterling Heights man was ticketed for violating the controlled substance act when a baggie of suspected marijuana was found in his car following a traffic stop on Middlebelt near Belfast June 15.

THEFTS REPORTED

Golf clubs, a radio/cassette player, stereo equipment and other items valued at \$255 were reported stolen from a house on Colwell June 3-13.

Fifteen ingot bars valued at \$1,100 were reported stolen from Norco Alloys Corp., 23411 Industrial Park Court, June 10. The 50-pound bars of nickel and copper are used in making aircraft engines.

A bicycle valued at \$220 was reported stolen from a house on Lakepark June 11-14.

About \$50 in cash was reported stolen from Burger King, 29206 Orchard Lake, June 12.

Two tires and wheels valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a car parked at Fairmont Apartments June 12-13.

Lumber valued at \$240 was reported stolen from a yard on Norton June 15.

Two bicycles valued at \$350 were reported stolen from a house on Kingswood June 13.

An in-dash radio valued at \$235 was reported stolen from a car parked at Strawberry Lane Apartments June 13.

An outboard motor valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a boat parked at a house on Glenmary Circle June 13-14.

Stereo equipment and a VCR valued at \$1,250 were reported stolen from a house on Glenmoor Heights June 13-14.

Daily cash receipts and auto parts valued in the hundreds of dollars were reported stolen since May from Ray's Mobil, 33330 Eight Mile. The report was filed June 13.

A 1986 Ford Escort valued at \$10,874 was reported stolen from a house on Leestock Court June 14.

A 1984 Honda Civic valued at \$5,000 was reported stolen from Mulford Apartments June 15.

Two speakers valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a mobile home

in the Flamingo Mobile Home Park, 22800 Middlebelt, June 16.

A handycam valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from Sony Corp., 24301 Indoplex, June 16.

A double sink, a kerosene space heater and assorted tools valued at \$986 were reported stolen from a house on Halsted June 16.

A .22-caliber rifle and a strong box valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a house on Power June 16.

A pair of sunglasses valued at \$100 was reported stolen from First Optometry, 38495 10 Mile, June 16.

road watch

Last September, residents of Farmington Hills approved a \$7 million bond issue designed for major road improvements. Road work has already begun and plans call for repairs and improvements to continue throughout the city for the next two years.

This, of course, will cause motorists some inconvenience as major roads are blocked off and normal driving routes are detoured. The end result, however, will be less congestion, better traffic capacity and improved road safety in the community. It's called progress, and the city asks for your patience and understanding through this road improvement plan of action.

Roads under construction:

• 13 Mile Road between Halsted and Haggerty is completely closed so that Consumers Power can lower a gas main. The project should be completed by Sept. 1.

• Halsted Road from 12 to 14 Mile Road is closed to through traffic. The city is installing a storm sewer and removing some trees and brush in anticipation of road paving.

The entire project should be completed by Oct. 1.

• 12 Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Road remains completely closed to through traffic for bridge construction west of Inkster Road. 12 Mile should be reopened by Sept. 1.

• 13 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake has been under construction. Improvements are nearly completed and the road is open to traffic.

For further information on local road construction, call the Farmington Hills Engineering office, 473-9590, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• Haggerty Road from 12 to 14 Mile Road is under construction but open to all traffic. Road work should be completed by July 1.

This column, scheduled to run through the summer, will regularly provide Farmington Hills residents with an update of road construction in the city. It is compiled by the Department of Special Services.



Major damage

Damage was estimated at \$100,000 when a malfunction caused a fire in the area between the cab and the box of this Waste Management of Michigan garbage truck at 10 a.m. Friday in Farmington Hills. The truck was at Beechview Condos at the time. "Hydraulic oils and fiberglass construction fed the fire," said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Flames were limited to the truck. No one was hurt.

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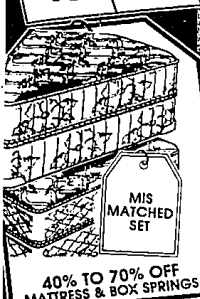
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