

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police, fire and court cases filed during the past week.

WEAPONS SEIZED

Acting on an anonymous tip, U.S. Department of Treasury Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and Farmington Hills police officers executed a federal search warrant at a house in the 11 Mile-Middlebelt area at 9:45 a.m. Nov. 16. Seized were a .223-caliber, semiautomatic assault rifle and three pistols, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department. Reasons for the raid were not disclosed.

HEARING DELAYED

A deportation hearing last Friday in Windsor for Fran Nikola Sinishtaj of Farmington Hills was adjourned to give his attorney more preparation time.

The new hearing date for the Yugoslavian native is Nov. 27. Windsor police arrested Sinishtaj, 32, at a downtown Windsor motel Nov. 6. A motel receipt that U.S. customs officers found in his brother's car at the Detroit-Windsor tunnel led police to Sinishtaj.

The arrest came nine hours after Sinishtaj failed to return from a lunchbreak to his Oakland County

trial for closing arguments. He was free on bond at the time, investigators said.

Later that afternoon, an Oakland County Circuit Court jury found Sinishtaj guilty of possession with intent to deliver more than 50 grams of cocaine and of carrying a pistol in a motor vehicle.

Oakland County and Farmington Hills investigators are trying to have Sinishtaj returned to the Oakland County courtroom of Judge Richard Kuhn for sentencing.

Sinishtaj faces a sentence of 10-20 years in prison on the cocaine conviction and up to five years in prison on the weapons conviction. He also faces a habitual offender charge.

ROBBERY SUSPECT

A 26-year-old Redford Township man arrested Nov. 13 was charged in connection with the unarmed robbery of a Farmington gas station several days before.

Russell Dean Leger was arraigned Nov. 14 at the Oakland County Jail before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, according to Commander Peter Amato of the Farmington Department of Public Safety. He stood mute and an innocent plea was entered on his behalf. Leger is being held in lieu of a cash or surety bond of \$10,000, pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Leger faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted of the strong-armed robbery charge. He also faces habitual offender charges for two previous felony convictions. He was arrested in Livonia late last week, Amato said.

About \$100 was taken from the Citgo gas station, 31233 Grand River, on Nov. 11 during a strong-arm robbery, according to a public safety report.

CARS ATTACKED

Radio equipment worth \$550 was stolen from two of five cars attacked in the carpools at Farmington Square Condos Nov. 15.

Damage to the five cars was estimated at \$1,450.

Witnesses told officers they saw two young men, thought to be about 20 years old, running from the attacked cars to a waiting car occupied by a third man. One of the men was carrying a gym bag apparently used to carry stolen items.

The gym bag was believed stolen from a 1985 Chevrolet Camaro, which sustained about \$1,000 in damage when the thieves tried to remove the T-Tops, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

TICKETS ISSUED

Two 18-year-olds — one from Farmington Hills, the other from Pinckney — were issued mis-

demeanor tickets for reckless use of a firearm when found shooting a pellet gun at birds in the woods near Beechview Elementary School, 26850 Westmeath, Nov. 13, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Three 17-year-olds from Novi were ticketed for possessing beer while sitting in a car parked behind Michigan National Bank, 38200 10 Mile, Nov. 13, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A 25-year-old Union Lake man was ticketed for burning construction materials at a job site on White Hall. A 41-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for burning leaves and sticks at a house on Power.

Two Farmington Hills men — one 28, the other, 25 — were ticketed for burning leaves and grass at a house on Wellington. All tickets were issued Nov. 14. Open burning is prohibited in the city, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

Four Farmington Hills teenagers, ages 18-19, were ticketed for possessing beer while sitting in a car parked at Beechview Elementary School, 26850 Westmeath, Nov. 14, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Two Farmington Hills teenagers — one 18, the other 17 — were ticketed for possessing malt liquor outside the 7-Eleven, 29318 Orchard Lake, Nov. 16. A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for furnishing alcohol to minors, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

MAN INJURED

A Farmington man broke his leg Nov. 16 when he fell into a skylight of a new addition at a house on Prospect.

The 24-year-old man was treated at Bolstford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

RELATED BREAK-INS

Several break-ins at storage units at Chatham Hills Apartments are apparently related, investigators said.

The break-ins occurred between Nov. 7-15. Little was taken in most cases. In one incident, \$1,500 in tools were reported taken, according to Commander John Coyle of the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

THEFTS REPORTED

A radar detector valued at \$295 was reported stolen from a car parked at Mountain Jack's, 24275 Sinclair Court, Nov. 13.

A slide projector and surgical tools valued at \$3,150 were reported stolen from a car parked at Mulwood Apartments Nov. 13-14.

An 18-hp engine valued at \$1,600 was reported stolen from a tractor parked at a house on Scotlen Nov. 13-15.

A typewriter and a computer valued at \$10,600 were reported stolen from an office suite at MEPCO, 32605 12 Mile, Nov. 13-14.

A 1984 Mercury Capri valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from a house on Cadillac Nov. 13-14.

A radar detector valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a car parked at the Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, Nov. 14.

Two bicycles valued at \$275 were reported stolen from a house on Old Bedford Nov. 14.

A video recorder, a color television, a radar detector, a car jack, a

TV antenna, tools, a windshield repair kit, a fire extinguisher, a garage door opener, window blinds and propane torch valued at more than \$1,500 were reported stolen from a van parked on Crestview Court Nov. 14-16.

A BMW emblem, a leather briefcase and driving gloves valued at \$290 were reported stolen from a car parked at Country Ridge Apartments Nov. 14-16.

A cellular telephone valued at \$1,600 was reported stolen from a car parked at Stark & Co., 30301 Northwestern Highway, Nov. 16.

A VCR valued at \$219 was reported stolen from a house on Inkster, near Eight Mile, Nov. 16.

A VCR, a black and white television, jewelry, a color television and money valued at \$1,800 were reported stolen from a house on Arden Park Nov. 16.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$150 during the attempted theft of a 1978 Ford Bronco parked on Mayfield Nov. 6-15.

Damage was estimated at \$60 when two mailboxes in front of houses on Greening were run over Nov. 13-14.

Damage was estimated at \$400 during the attempted theft of a 1983 Ford Club Wagon parked on Colfax Nov. 13-14.

Damage was estimated at \$25 when a pumpkin was thrown from a moving vehicle at a mailbox on Westmoreland Nov. 14-15.

Damage was estimated at \$250 during attempted larcenies from two vans parked on Crestview Court Nov. 14-16.

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