

police/fire calls

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

WOMAN WOUNDED

A 32-year-old Dearborn woman seated in her truck in a parking lot along Northwestern Highway, near 14 Mile, was shot at point-blank range at 7:20 p.m. Dec. 6, the victim of an apparent robbery attempt.

"It's hard to say what the motive was," said Detective Darnel Krause of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"Robbery is possible, but beyond that, we're not sure. There's no clear-cut motive," Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

The woman, who police would not identify, was released from an area hospital following treatment for a gunshot wound to the shoulder and neck, Krause said.

The woman was about to get out of her truck in the parking lot at Westcott Veterinary Hospital, 32732 Northwestern Highway, when a man, thought to be in his late teens, appeared at her door. He apparently got out of a car that had followed her truck into the parking lot, Krause said.

The man brandished a gun and motioned for the woman to either roll down the window or open the door. When she refused and instead started to drive up, he shot her through the driver's-side window and

apparently ran back to the waiting car, occupied by at least one other man. After being shot, the woman managed to get to a telephone, Krause said.

ASYLUM SOUGHT

Fran Nikola Sinishtaj, 32, is seeking political asylum in Canada. The Farmington Hills man is being held in the Windsor city jail pending deportation proceedings initiated by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Windsor police arrested the Yugoslavian native 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.

MAN ROBBED

A 34-year-old Farmington Hills man was beaten and robbed of a slushy of beer on Byron near Inkster at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 8.

The man was walking in his car when another man, thought to be in his 20s, punched him in the face and hit him over the head. The robber was then joined by an accomplice and both kicked the victim. They left in a car after taking the man's beer, valued at \$3.65.

The victim was treated at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, for facial and head wounds, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

FELONY CHARGED

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man was charged with receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 in connection with the theft of power tools from a garage on Purdue Dec. 7.

Arraigned Tuesday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the man stood mute. An inchoate plea was entered in his behalf. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.

The man was arrested after officers noticed a suspicious car near Tuck and Nine Mile at 11:20 a.m. Dec. 7. The tools, valued at \$400, were found in a vacant field nearby. Officers plan to file Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division petitions against two 16-year-olds in connection with the theft, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

LAWNS DAMAGED

More than \$500 in damage was done to four Chatham Hills subdivi-

sion lawns Dec. 4-5, when a vehicle drove over them, according to Farmington Department of Public Safety reports.

Lawns of homes on Lansbury, Heatherston and Saxony were damaged.

THEFTS REPORTED

A 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity valued at \$5,500 was reported stolen from Digital Equipment, 34119 12 Mile, between Oct. 14 and Dec. 3.

A 1987 Pontiac Firebird valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from Greenwood Apartments Dec. 3-4.

A VCR, a telephone, an answering machine, money, jewelry, a TV and a portable radio valued at \$1,180 were reported stolen from a house on Waldron Dec. 3-7.

A CB radio and an antenna valued at \$120 were reported stolen from a car parked on Walnut Lane Dec. 4-5.

An in-dash radio valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked on York Ridge Dec. 4-5.

A 1985 Chevrolet Blazer valued at \$11,000 was reported stolen from Bill Cook Buick, 37911 Grand River, Dec. 4-7.

Camera equipment valued at \$1,172 was reported stolen from a car parked at Lieberman Photos, 27867 Orchard Lake, Dec. 5.

Cigarettes valued at \$1,425 were reported stolen from Janna's Wine Shop, 24225 Halsted, Dec. 6.

Tools valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a garage on Whittington Dec. 6.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked on Briarwood Court Dec. 6-7.

An in-dash stereo valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked on Chesapeake Dec. 6-7.

A 1979 Ford pickup valued at \$4,000 was reported stolen from a house on Middlebelt near Liberty Dec. 6-7.

Homemade bomb blast leads to felony charges

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he was able to move away. The bomb was apparently intended to impress a girl who was baby sitting nearby, according to the police account pieces together before a felony warrant was issued for Landsfeld's arrest Sunday.

Two other students also face felony charges in connection with the explosion. Jay Forrest Tisdale, 17, of Farmington and David Robert McWilliam, 17, of Farmington Hills were with Landsfeld at the time of the blast. They were injured less seriously, said Detective Darnel Krause of Farmington Hills.

Landsfeld was reported in good condition Wednesday at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

POLICE BELIEVE the mixture of acetylene and oxygen was obtained from a Farmington High shop welding tank Friday. The mixture was sealed in a large plastic garbage bag and kept in a locker before being removed at the end of the school day.

The homemade bomb was stuffed in a mailbox at a house on the 37900 block of Meadowhill West in Meadowhills Estates, near Nine Mile and Halsted, about 11 p.m. Saturday. It blew up when a match intended for the wick touched off gaseous vapors, Krause said.

On Oct. 10, a similar explosion occurred at the same house. No arrests were made in connection with that incident. Each time, the same girl was baby sitting nearby.

The girl told police she wasn't aware of the apparent motive behind the latest blast until police arrived Saturday, said Chief William Dwyer of Farmington Hills.

The residents of the house where the blasts occurred do not know the defendants, Dwyer added.

Arrested Sunday before Magistrate Dennis Pheny of the 47th District Court in Farmington, McWilliam pleaded guilty to one count of placing an explosive with personal injury resulting. His plea was taken under advisement and an inchoate plea was entered in his behalf. Tisdale pleaded not guilty to the same count.

Pheny released both on personal bond, pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction of the felony charge could bring a penalty of up to life in prison.

Landsfeld faces the same charge, but he has not been arraigned yet because of his medical condition.

THE THREE suspects were identified when neighbors, jolted by the explosion, saw McWilliam and Tisdale dragging Landsfeld across lawns to a pickup truck, parked nearby, Krause said.

Jerome Trojanowski, who lives a half block away, said he was awakened by the blast. "It sounded like it came from outside the patio door, it was so loud," he said Monday.

Trojanowski, who has lived in Meadowhills Estates since 1979, described his neighborhood as normally quiet and peaceful.

But when he looked out his bedroom window after the explosion Saturday, he said he saw three males lurking across his lawn toward a pickup truck parked in front of his house.

"I didn't recognize the truck and so I immediately ran downstairs through the snow to the truck," he said.

When he approached the driver's side and opened the door, he found Landsfeld lying on the seat, "badly wounded and in great pain," Trojanowski said. "The other two were trembling."

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