

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

DEFENDANT FLEES

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man charged in the sexual assault of a Harrison High student was convicted in absentia after he failed to reappear for the final two days of his trial before Oakland County Circuit Judge Steven Andrews.



At the conclusion of a three-day trial Dec. 7, a 12-person jury found Antonio Ivezaj guilty of criminal sexual conduct-third degree and assault with intent to commit sexual penetration. He faces up to 15 years in prison for the first count and up to 10 years on the second count. He won't be sentenced until located.

Ivezaj was found guilty of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl in a van outside Harrison High May 15, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of Farmington Hills.

Ivezaj was present for opening statements, but not the final two days of his trial. He was free on personal bond at the time, said Officer Nancy Summers of Farmington Hills.

Following Ivezaj's conviction, Andrews issued a bench warrant charging him with failure to appear. Conviction of that felony carries a penalty of up to four years in prison.

Another sexual assault charge is pending against Ivezaj. On Sept. 18, District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington bound Ivezaj over for trial on a charge of assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct-second degree, punishable upon conviction by up to five years in prison. That charge stems from the sexual assault of an 18-year-old girl at Harrison High May 5, Nebus said.

"These incidents were isolated," Nebus said. "It was discovered that the defendant was a resident of the Clarencetown school district and that

he used false credentials to get into the Farmington school district," Nebus said.

Ivezaj is no longer a Farmington Public Schools student. He is described as white, 6-6 and 200 pounds. He has brown eyes. His brown hair is shorter than what the picture shows. If you know his whereabouts, call Officer Summers at 474-6181.

HOUSE FIRE

A dog and a cat were rescued and another cat died in a house fire on Springbrook Dec. 8. No people were home at the time.

The kitchen fire caused about \$26,000 in damage to the one-story house. The alarm came in at 10:25 a.m., according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

THEFTS REPORTED

A radar detector valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a car parked on Coventry Court Dec. 6.

A radar detector valued at \$390 was reported stolen from a car parked at Texas Instruments, 33737 12 Mile, Dec. 7.

Tools valued at \$330 were reported stolen from a garage on Purdue Dec. 7.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked at Bama Fastener Corp., 23240 Industrial Park Drive, Dec. 7.

Two mopeds valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a garage on Haynes Dec. 7-8.

Four sets of wire wheel covers valued at \$1,160 were reported stolen from new cars parked at Bob Saks Oldsmobile, 35300 Grand River, Dec. 7-8.

A 1987 Chevrolet Blazer valued at \$18,000 was reported stolen from Town Square Pub, 27460 Eight Mile, Dec. 8.

A 1979 Mercury Zephyr valued at \$3,000 was reported stolen from a car parked along Whittington Dec. 8-9. A video printout system and a portable radio valued at \$2,900 were reported stolen from a car parked at the Envey Inn, 38300 Grand River, Dec. 8-9.

A 1987 Jeep Wagoneer valued at \$22,000 was reported stolen from

Hills as hotbed for explosions rebutted

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

The supervisor of the Farmington Hills Police Department Detective Division has rebutted reports that the city has become a hotbed for mailbox explosions.

"Like anywhere else, we have occasional firecrackers set off in mailboxes, but there's no epidemic of explosions," Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

Nebus' rebuttal came in the wake of a homemade bomb blowing up prematurely in a roadside mailbox and seriously injuring a Farmington High student Dec. 5.

James Thomas Landsfeld, 17, sustained injuries to the face, head and chest when a mixture of oxygen and acetylene exploded before he was able to move away. The bomb was apparently intended to impress a girl who was baby sitting in one of

the houses across the street, according to the police account pieced together before a felony warrant was issued for Landsfeld's arrest Dec. 6.

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

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 transferred from Boisdorf General Hospital in Farmington Hills to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor Thursday. He

was listed in good condition Friday.

POLICE BELIEVE the volatile mixture was obtained from a Farmington High shop welding tank Dec. 4. 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, late Dec. 5. It blew up when a match intended for the wick touched off gaseous vapors, Krause said.

Appearing before Magistrate Dennis Phenehy of the 47th District Court in Farmington, McWilliam and Tisdale were arraigned on charges of placing an explosive with personal injury resulting. Both were released on personal bond. Innocent

pleas were entered in their behalf. Landsfeld faces the same felony 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.

After approaching the truck, neighbors discovered the seriousness of Landsfeld's injuries. One neighbor took the keys from the pickup's ignition while another called police.

The book "Explosives and Propellants," an introduction to making homemade explosives, a length of fuse and matches were found inside the truck, police said.

Polo Club Apartments Dec. 8-9.

A cellular telephone and an in-dash stereo valued at \$1,600 were reported stolen from a car parked at Farmington Manor Apartments Dec. 8-9.

A 1982 Buick Skylark valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from Little Valley Mobile Home Park Dec. 8-9.

Four silver spoked hubcaps valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a car parked at Little Caesar Enterprises, 24120 Haggerty, Dec. 9.

A cellular telephone valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a car parked on Glenngary Circle Dec. 9-10.

A hydraulic jack and an in-dash radio valued at \$100 were reported stolen from a car parked on Briarion Dec. 9-10.

A radar detector valued at \$175 was reported stolen from a garage on Creekhead Dec. 9-10.

A radar detector valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked on Gloucester Circle Dec. 10.

• DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$75 during an attempted break-in at a house on Tuck near Salisbury Dec. 4.

Damage was estimated at \$200 during the attempted break-in of a car parked at Greenhill Apartments Dec. 4-5.

Damage was estimated at \$20 during an attempted break-in at Cordoba Apartments between Nov. 30 and Dec. 5.

Damage was estimated at \$20 during an attempted break-in at a house on Glenmore Heights Dec. 5-6.

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on the agenda

Agenda details for government meetings scheduled for this week follow. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Adm. Center
32500 Shiloh
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15

This is the board's monthly study session. There are three items on the agenda.

A report on the district's new School/Community Relations effort, a follow-up on a districtwide reading study and a report on a pilot "novel" program are all slated for discussion.

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