

police/fire calls

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

● COCAINE SEIZED

An 18-year-old Detroit man was charged with possession with intent to deliver over 10 grams of cocaine after his car was stopped in Farmington Hills.

Arraigned Dec. 24 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Anthony Weston Major stood mute. An innocent plea was entered in his behalf.

Major was remanded to the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash/surety bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Conviction carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

The cocaine has a street value of up to \$1,000, said detective Patrick Monti of Farmington Hills.

Officers David Galowacki and Cathy Costello arrested the defendant following a traffic stop at Grand River and Colwell at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 22, Monti said.

● HOUSE FIRE

Two cats and two dogs were rescued in a fire that caused an estimated \$22,000 in damage to a two-story house on Dunkirk Dec. 22. No people were home at the time.

The fire, reported at 12:15 p.m., started in a utility room. The cause continues to be investigated, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

● PURSE SNATCHED

A man came up from behind a Farmington Hills woman in her apartment complex at 12 Mile and Park Hill at 7 p.m. Dec. 22 and snatched her purse, which contained \$100 in cash.

Men facing a life term if convicted

Two Farmington Hills men face a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole if convicted of a cocaine delivery charge.

Officers from the Farmington Hills Police Department and the Oakland County and Wayne County narcotics enforcement teams bought one kilo of cocaine during a drug bust at a house in Farmington Hills at 7 p.m. Dec. 22, said Lt. Richard Murphy of Farmington Hills.

The cocaine carries a street value

of about \$22,000, officers said.

Arraigned Dec. 24 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Conrad Smith, 23, and Robert Allen Palo, 35, stood mute to a charge of delivery of over 650 grams of cocaine. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf.

Both were remanded to the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 cash/surety bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

The man then ran to a waiting car. The woman was in her 50s, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● TICKETS ISSUED

Three West Bloomfield teenagers, ages 17-18, were ticketed for loitering on school property after they were found sitting in two cars at Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile, at 2:15 a.m. Dec. 23, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● THEFTS REPORTED

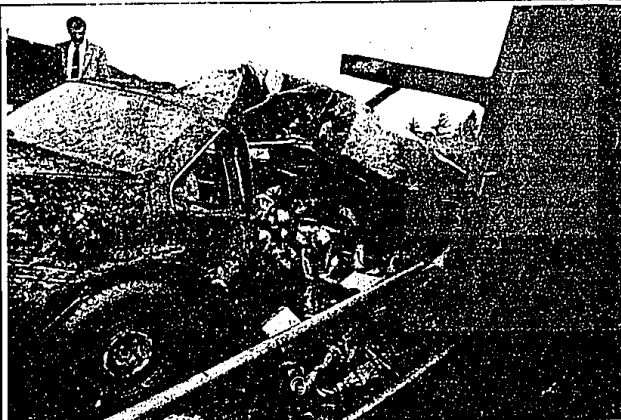
A portable telephone valued at \$750 was reported stolen from a car parked at Muirwood Apartments Dec. 21-22.

About \$65 was taken from a wallet in a student's desk at North Farmington High School, 32000 13 Mile, Dec. 21.

Stereo speakers and a leather arm rest valued at \$80 were reported stolen from a car parked at Walnut Creek Apartments Dec. 21-22.

A 1987 Mercury Sable valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from Metro Cell, 31122 Eight Mile, Dec. 22.

A cellular telephone and a hydraulic punch valued at \$3,500 were reported stolen from a car parked at Westchester Office Center, 28423 Orchard Lake, Dec. 22.



Bob Rebtov, assistant to the chief of the Farmington Hills Fire Department, surveys damage done in a fatal traffic accident.

Southfield man killed in fatal crash

An 18-year-old Southfield youth was killed early Wednesday when the car he was driving collided with a truck at the 14 Mile/Drake road intersection on the Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield border.

West Bloomfield Police Officer John Baligian said Dean Burrier was traveling north on Drake in an '87 Buick Skylark at 10:15 a.m. when he apparently ignored a stop

sign and entered the intersection without stopping. He was struck by a westbound Ford stake truck pulling a flat bed trailer with a bulldozer on it.

The impact carried the car across the intersection and into the side of the road, flipping the truck and trailer over, Baligian said.

West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Fleet Ambulance paramedics worked on Burrier at

the scene. He was transported to Providence Hospital where he was pronounced dead of multiple head and other injuries at 11:30 a.m.

Lt. Jerome Bismack of the West Bloomfield Fire Department said it did not appear Burrier was wearing a seat belt. The driver of the truck, James Sari of Ulva, was not injured and no charges were filed against him.

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