

## police/fire calls

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

### EASY GOING

The period from noon New Year's Eve to noon New Year's Day produced 11 reports of traffic accidents in Farmington and Farmington Hills, but only two involving injuries. None were serious and none involved alcohol, reported Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau and Deputy Director Gary Goss of the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

Farmington officers came upon three drunk drivers during the same period, Farmington Hills officers none.

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Farmington Hills averages six accidents a day, Farmington two. In 1987, Farmington Hills logged four fatal accidents, one more than the previous year.

The past two years, we recorded the lowest number of fatalities in back-to-back years in the history of the department," Cranston said. Farmington hasn't had a traffic fatality since 1981.

### STORE ROBBERED

A woman and two men, one armed with a handgun, took dresses, jewelry and store receipts from Elegant Fashion, 29325 14 Mile, after locking the sales clerk in a storage room Jan. 3.

The dresses were valued at more than \$50,000, Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department said the sales clerk told him.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

The robbers walked in at 4:10 p.m. and ordered the clerk into the storage room at gunpoint. She was told to lie on the floor and remove her jewelry. The robbers also took several expensive dresses and the store receipts before leaving.

The robbers were thought to range in age from the 20s to the 40s. They stayed in the store about 20 minutes, an unusually long time, Nebus said.

### ARSON SUSPECTED

Damage was estimated at \$500 when a condominium under construction on Orchard Lake Road, near 11 Mile, was vandalized and the carpet set afire shortly after 1 a.m. Jan. 1.

Officer Daniel Luoma extinguished the carpet fire about 1:40 a.m. He then discovered holes in the drywall, three feet of water in the basement, abandoned trash and broken windows.

Small burn marks were found on walls in different locations, apparently the work of an arsonist, according to Farmington Hills police and fire reports.

### THEFTS REPORTED

Three violins and a guitar valued at \$1,900 were reported stolen from a house on Nine Mile near Orchard Lake Road Dec. 2-4.

Construction materials valued at \$600 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Holly Hill Dec. 10-15.

An in-dash radio valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked on Cordoba between Dec. 30 and Jan. 3.

A 1986 Ford Thunderbird valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from a house on Rockledge Dec. 31.

A stereo system, a video recorder, alcohol and personal items of undetermined value were reported stolen from a house on Robinwood between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

A VCR and a color TV valued at \$900 were reported stolen from a house on Wheeler between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

A snowthrower valued at \$438 was reported stolen from a garage on Jefferson between Dec. 31 and Jan. 3.

A radar detector valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a car parked at Valley View Condominiums Jan. 1-2.

An in-dash radio and a radar detector valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a car parked on Tulane Jan. 1-2.

Ski equipment valued at \$450 was reported stolen from a storage bin at Independence Green Apartments Jan. 2-3.

A radar detector and sunglasses valued at \$550 were reported stolen from a car parked on Perrys Crossing Jan. 3.

A radar detector, cassette tapes and a leather gloves valued at \$175 were reported stolen from a car parked on Heritage Hills Jan. 3.

### DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$200 when a concrete block was hurled through a window at Electro Mechanical Associates, 28525 Orchard Lake, Dec. 30-31.

Damage was estimated at \$1,000 when a car was driven into the front window of the 7-Eleven, 22323 Middlebelt, Jan. 1.

Damage was estimated at \$350 during the attempted theft of a 1983 Chevrolet Camaro from Cedar Ridge Apartments Jan. 3-4.



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# A salute

## Judge leads cast in dramatization



District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington will portray Judge Lemuel Lunt in heading a cast of local residents who will enact "The Trial of Elizabeth Ross."

The dramatization, first in a series of constitutional forums, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills.

Based on the "Right to Bear Arms and Go to Jail," the series celebrates the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"We, The People," written by the American Bar Association, provides a chance to discuss leading constitutional questions of 1988.

The Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Farmington Area Committee is sponsoring the series.

As enacted at O.C.C., the drama focuses on an elderly woman on trial for illegal possession of a firearm. Among the cast members are signers of the Constitution, resurrected as material witnesses by the prosecution and the defense.

Characters will be:

• Judge Lemuel Lunt, Grove County Judge — District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington.

• Bart Fox, district attorney — Don Millington, Farmington Hills Historic District Commission.

• Randolph Tucker, counsel for the defense — David McCabe, Farmington Players and local mortician.

• Mary Motley, Grove County Police Department — Stacey Holter, North Farmington High student.

• Elizabeth Ross, defendant — Nancy Leonard, Farmington Historical Commission.

• James Madison, former U.S. president and one of the Constitution's framers — Dennis Phency, Farmington attorney.

• Roger Sherman, statesman from Connecticut, member of the Constitutional Congress and one of the Constitution's framers — Gerald Faye, O.C.C. political science professor.

• Alexander Hamilton, statesman from New York and one of the Constitution's framers — John Donohue, Farmington Hills attorney.

• The Jury — the audience. At the end of the dramatization, the audience will vote to decide whether Elizabeth Ross is or is not guilty, according to constitutional principles.

Refreshments will be served. There is a nominal admission charge, said Jean M. Fox, who chairs the local bicentennial committee.

## Sheriff's lieutenant graduates from FBI National Academy

Oakland County Sheriff's Department Lt. Ronald McLellan, a 1971 Farmington High graduate, has graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.



The Waterford Township resident attended the 151 session, which ended Dec. 18. Calling the graduates the "future of law enforcement," William Sessions, FBI director, concluded in his address, "This is what the National Academy is all about: leaders in the field who care; leaders who commit themselves and their resources to training

and new technologies; and leaders who look beyond the crime problems of today to anticipate the crimes of tomorrow."

Established in 1935, the academy has evolved to a prestigious 11-week program offered quarterly to up to 250 select law enforcement officers worldwide. Thirty-five students from 23 foreign countries were among those who graduated last month.

The curriculum is designed to provide for the needs of contemporary law enforcement. Selected academic courses, accredited through the University of Virginia, are offered in management science, police administration, constitutional law, education and communication arts; forensic and behavioral science; and

health and fitness training.

More than 21,000 officers have graduated. More than 14,000 are still active with one of every eight serving their agency in the top executive position.

After graduating from Farmington High, McLellan earned an associate's degree in law enforcement from Schoolcraft Community College, a bachelor's degree in political science from Wayne State University and a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit.

McLellan was a Farmington Department of Public Safety cadet in 1973. He joined the sheriff's department two years later.

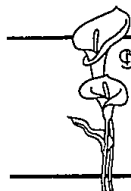
His parents, Norma and Don McLellan live in Farmington.

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