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## Elusive suspect frustrates area police in rape cases

Area police say they're just as frustrated as residents that the nine sexual attacks in Birmingham/Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills haven't been solved.

A community meeting at Birmingham Seaholm High School Feb. 3 brought hundreds of area residents out to hear police and a social worker talk about sexual offenders and how to avoid them.

The session followed the Jan. 26 rape of a 17-year-old girl at her home in northwest Birmingham, the sixth sexual attack since April in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills. Hyatt, president of the Farmington Hills Township United Homeowners Association, said it was "a horrible meeting."

"Here they've got an audience of kids wanting to know how they were going to get a rapist off the streets, and they're giving them a clinic on rape," Eby said.

IN RESPONSE, Bloomfield Township Lt. Jeffrey Werner said: "We certainly can feel for their frustration. Actually, we're just as frustrated. We wish we had an answer, but we don't have the answers."

Birmingham police refused to comment, other than saying the investigation is continuing.

Eby criticized the meeting's format and criticized police for not finding the attacker. He had organized a question/answer rally with police last spring when the attacks started.

Although he didn't have official approval, Eby pledged a \$2,500 reward on behalf of the township homeowners' group and challenged Birmingham's homeowners' group or city commission to match that reward to bring it up to \$5,000, for information leading to the conviction of the rapist.

"One of the poor ladies who was attacked called me the other night and thanked me for what I'd done," Eby said.

THE ATTACKS may or may not be connected. Police aren't sure.

Common links in descriptions include that he wears a ski mask and carries a knife. He apparently stalks his victims before assaulting them. He is described as white, about 5 feet 11, with a thin to medium build. Many of the victims have also been robbed.

Some evidence indicates these might be individual incidents, "maybe more so" after the recent event, Werner said.

"I'm not going to conclude they are all done by the same person," he said.

CHIEF WILLIAM Dwyer said Farmington Hills police are committed to working as part of a task force with Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township and Franklin police to identify and arrest the rapist or rapists.

"We're meeting and sharing information constantly," Dwyer said. "It's a priority investigation with us because of the viciousness of the attacks against two of our residents on Thanksgiving night."

Two Farmington Hills women in their 20s were raped in a house in northwest Farmington Hills on Thanksgiving night by a knife-wielding man wearing a ski mask. He had broken into the house earlier that night and later left with cash and a musical keyboard.

The Oakland County Chamber of Commerce Silent Observer Program is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to a conviction in any of the sexual attacks. Tip givers can remain anonymous.

Just call the police in the area where the crime occurred and identify yourself as a silent observer. They will tell you how to proceed. If your tip leads to the arrest and conviction of the felon, you may be eligible to receive a reward.

## police/fire calls

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

### ● COUNTERFEIT BILLS

A 21-year-old Farmington Hills man was turned over to U.S. Secret Service agents after trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at McFrocks, 27820 Orchard Lake, Feb. 6.

A doorman discovered the bogus bill when the man tried to use it to pay the \$3 cover charge. The doorman detained the man until police arrived. Another \$40 counterfeit \$20 bills were found on the pavement outside the front door. The bills had the same serial number, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● MAN ROBBED

A 71-year-old Farmington Hills man was robbed of \$750 in the parking lot at Kendallwood Apartments about 1 a.m. Feb. 7.

He had just gotten out of his car when a gunman approached and demanded money. The gunman left on foot after obtaining money, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● GUNS STOLEN

Farmington Department of Public Safety detectives are investigating the reported theft of three guns from

a house on Smithfield between Jan. 23 and Feb. 1.

A loaded .380-caliber, a loaded 9mm and a 9mm Luger semiautomatic pistol were taken from the house, according to a public safety report.

### ● HOUSEBURGLARIZED

About \$2,225 in personal property was reported stolen from a house on Lamar Feb. 1.

Two color televisions, three telephones, a stereo receiver, a video recorder and jewelry were stolen sometime during the day, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

Neighbors reported seeing an unfamiliar older-model car near the house at about noon.

### ● TICKETS ISSUED

Three Farmington Hills teenagers — two 18, one 19 — were ticketed for possessing beer, in violation of city ordinance, outside Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile, Feb. 5, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A 29-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for possessing marijuana, in violation of city ordinance, during a traffic stop on M-102 near Power Feb. 8, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● THEFTS REPORTED

Computer equipment valued at \$3,275 was reported stolen from Management Development Co., 31500 13 Mile, Jan. 1-16.

Two speakers, two wheel rims and one hubcap valued at \$275 were reported stolen from a car parked on Countryway between Jan. 31 and Feb. 7.

Tools valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a pickup parked at Town Square Pub, 27406 Eight Mile, Feb. 4.

A 1986 Buick Electra valued at \$19,000 was reported stolen from outside D. Dennison's, 27909 Orchard Lake, Feb. 5.

A radar detector valued at \$100 was reported stolen from the seat pocket of a car being washed at Jax Kar Wash, 31500 Grand River, Feb. 7. One employee was fired following the incident.

### ● DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$1,500 during the attempted theft of a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass from Gateway Apartments Jan. 26.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 when ball bearings were fired into two windows at Town & Country Dodge, 31015 Grand River, between Jan. 29 and Feb. 1.

**Hours set  
for area  
municipal  
services**

Farmington Hills City Hall and the 47th District Court will be closed Monday in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Farmington City Hall, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Community Library will be open as usual. Trash will be picked up as usual.

The Farmington and Farmington Hills post offices will be closed.

Special Delivery, Express Mail and post office box service will be provided. Limited caller service will be available only for customers who regularly pick up their mail at both facilities from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

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