

police/fire calls

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

SEARCH DELAYED

Michigan State Police divers May 5 temporarily ended their search for a Farmington Hills college student, presumed drowned after climbing a catwalk fence near the crest of the spillway and falling into the Upper Tahquamenon Falls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula April 22.

Divers scoured the Tahquamenon River for three days last week, the second week of their search for the body of Christopher Reinke, 21. Strong currents cut short search efforts the previous Saturday.

"Ever since the day of the incident, we have dredged and dived in places where we can," Luce County Sheriff Kevin Erickson said.

Unfortunately, he said, divers can't get close enough to the falls' spillway, which features many deep dropoffs and rocks — and where Erickson believes Reinke's body is trapped.

A special scent dog used in underwater recovery failed to locate Reinke's body, Erickson said.

When water levels recede this spring, divers will continue searching until they find the Lake Superior State College sophomore, who lost his footing on the rocky cliff and fell into the falls' turbulent waters 50 feet below. Water levels are at their highest this time of year.

Reinke was on an informal outing with schoolmates from Lake Superior's Sault Ste. Marie campus, some 50 miles away, when the early evening incident occurred.

COCAINE SEIZED

Two Detroit brothers are charged with possessing a controlled substance over 25 grams after their arrest outside a Farmington Hills luncheon.

Arrested later that day before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Leo Thomas Mahoney, 32, and Patrick Barry Mahoney, 30, pleaded not guilty. Bond was set at \$25,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. They face up to four years in prison and a \$25,000 fine if convicted.

The two were arrested outside the Quality Inn of Farmington Hills, 31325 12 Mile, at 5:25 a.m. May 4, said detective David Lee of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

ARMED ROBBERY

A gunman took \$275 from the Union 76, 22063 Farmington, May 6.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

A man thought to be in his mid-30s who had been seen in the station earlier that morning came out of the restroom at 9:55 a.m. and stood by the counter. He then brandished a handgun, ordered two employees and a customer to lie on the floor

and grabbed the money from behind the counter. He left on foot.

MATRESS FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$300 when bedding too close to electricity caught fire in a house on Meadowlark Court at 10:55 p.m. May 4, investigators said.

The mattress ignited when an extension cord touching it shorted. The homeowner dragged the mattress, blankets and pillows downstairs and out the front door. Damage to the interior was minimal, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

ROBBERY ATTEMPT

A man who tried to rob the Union 76, 29510 Orchard Lake, was foiled when the attendant broke free from his grip May 5.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

A man thought to be in his late 20s took a soft drink from the cooler at 5:50 p.m., placed the bottle on the counter and handed the attendant coins.

As the attendant counted the coins, he was grabbed by the shirt and ordered to empty the cash

drawer. When he tried to pull away, he was punched in the face. When he managed to free himself, the would-be robber left with just the bottle of pop.

THEFTS REPORTED

Meats, a lawnmower and a floor jack valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a garage on Tulane between April 29 and May 5.

A microwave oven, coffee and lumber valued at \$480 were reported stolen from Clear Creations, 23399 Commerce, between April 30 and May 5.

A clock radio and a toaster oven valued at \$50 were reported stolen from Great Lakes Process Controls, 23373 Commerce, May 3-4.

A 1985 Chevrolet Corvette valued at \$25,000 was reported stolen from a driveway on Raleigh May 3-4.

Cocaine possession brings prison term

A Farmington Hills man who fled to Canada hours before being convicted of possessing about a half pound of cocaine was sentenced to a mandatory 10-20-year prison term Wednesday.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn also sentenced Fran Nikola Sinishta, 32, to a mandatory 3-5-year prison term for possessing a firearm while committing a felony.

Sinishta is being held in the Oakland County Jail pending a habitual offender-third offender trial. No trial date has been set.

On March 17, Sinishta, hoping he would be deported to his native Yugoslavia, waived his request for political asylum in Canada. But the next day, Canadian Immigration authorities deported him to the United States.

Windsor police arrested Sinishta

without incident 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 Sinishta.

The arrest came nine hours after Sinishta failed to return from a lunchbreak to his Oakland County trial for closing arguments. He was free on \$5,000 bond at the time.

Later that afternoon, an Oakland County Circuit Court jury found him guilty of possession with intent to deliver more than 50 grams of cocaine and of carrying a pistol in a motor vehicle.

Sinishta was originally arrested March 30, 1986, when Farmington Hills police found 150 grams of cocaine, with a reported street value of \$15,000, in a suspicious car parked at Walnut Creek Apartments.

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