

Drug analysis service off to slow start

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Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer is optimistic despite meager participation in the first month of the department's drug analysis program. It's simply going to take time.

"I was surprised there were only six tests," Dwyer said. "I think there is hesitation on the part of parents to come into the police department. All I can do is assure them that the program is anonymous. There is no way we will prosecute or have people identify themselves."



Of the six tests conducted through the department's anonymous and no-charge drug analysis, only two were determined to be cocaine, Dwyer said.

The new program is part of what's expected to be more than a yearlong substance abuse program established by the department's Citizens

Crime Prevention Advisory Committee. It is a facet of the committee's 19-point action plan to educate and combat substance abuse in the community.

When an unknown substance is taken to the department, a preliminary test to determine if it is heroin, cocaine or marijuana is conducted.

If it's not one of the three popular drugs, the substance is sent for further testing to the Detroit Police Department Crime Lab, which conducts the tests free.

THE ANALYSIS program also covers pills and tablets, which, if they feature a name brand or serial number, can be identified at the department with the use of a Physicians Desk Reference. If the pills don't have any markings, they too will be sent out for testing.

Throughout the testing process, anonymity is the rule and education the anticipated result.

Residents who want a substance or pills analyzed should take the items to the police department's command desk and say they want to participate in the anonymous drug analysis program. Residents need

not give their name for the items to be analyzed. Police will provide residents with a code number they may use when calling, about five working days later, for results.

Participation in the program does not bring police action should the substances prove to be illegal drugs. But all substances taken to the department will be destroyed after analysis.

When residents call for the substance results, they will be provided with educational materials, tips and other necessary help for parents to help their children, Dwyer said.

"Members of the community who have availed themselves have been very complimentary and appreciative of the service," Dwyer said. "At least we served six people who felt they had a problem in their households."

police/fire calls

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

WALLET RETURNED

A 41-year-old Livonia man who found a wallet containing credit cards and more than \$200 on top of a newsrack outside the Elias Brothers Big Boy, 20788 Farmington, Saturday morning returned it to the rightful owner.

The man found the wallet on top of a newsrack and took it to the Farmington Department of Public Safety. Officers then contacted the restaurant and located the owner, a 37-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, said officer Thomas Daniels.

"It was one of those nice stories you like to tell," he said.

THEFTS REPORTED

A video movie camera valued at \$1,400 was reported stolen from Video Enterprises, 30903 Northwestern Highway, July 8-9.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a bike rack at Putt-Putt Golf and Games, 30749

Woman dies from crash

A 38-year-old Southfield woman was killed and her 15-year-old son and another driver were hurt in a two-car crash at Eight Mile and Inster at 6:45 p.m. Monday.

They Le Smith died of multiple injuries at 8:35 p.m. Monday at Eastern General Hospital, Farmington Hills, according to Dr. Bill Brooks, Oakland County medical examiner.

Her 15-year-old son, Sidney, was treated at Botsford for injuries sus-

tained in the collision and released. The other driver, a 23-year-old Westland man, sought his own medical treatment, said Sgt. Ray Cranston, Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Section supervisor.

Smith's car was struck on the driver's side by the other motorist's car, which was westbound on Eight Mile and had the right of way, Cranston said.

Grand River, July 7.

A 1987 Pontiac Grand-Am valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, 38123 10 Mile, July 8.

A moped valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a bike rack at Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile, July 8.

Tires and wheels valued at \$3,800 were reported stolen from three cars parked at Holiday Chevrolet, 30250 Grand River, July 8-11.

A gas grill valued at \$200 was reported stolen from Kensington Manor Apartments July 9.

A telephone and an answering machine valued at \$310 were reported stolen from County Glen Condos July 9-10.

A 1988 Oldsmobile valued at \$20,000 was reported stolen from Buddy's Pizzeria, 31646 Northwestern Highway, July 10.

Cigarettes valued at \$1,450 were reported stolen from Shell Oil, 37500

12 Mile, July 10.
Plywood valued at \$440 was reported stolen from a construction site on Kennedy July 10-11.

TICKETS ISSUED

Two 19-year-old Farmington Hills men were ticketed for possessing beer during a traffic stop on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road July 8.

A 35-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for possessing marijuana when two baggies of it were found during a traffic stop on Orchard Lake Road 13 Mile July 8.

A 41-year-old Farmington Hills woman was ticketed under the city's host liability ordinance when officers responded to a loud party complaint on Ontaga and found minors drinking beer July 9.

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman was ticketed under the city's host liability ordinance when officers responded to a disorderly party complaint on Hayes and found minors drinking beer July 10.

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