

police/fire calls

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

● FUGITIVE FOUND
 Federal, county and local law enforcement officials executing a federal arrest warrant at Mulwood Apartments took into custody a 21-year-old Detroit man who failed to surrender following a 1988 cocaine conviction.

Investigators from the U.S. Marshall's Office in Detroit, the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Farmington Hills police arrested Christopher Wilson last Monday night after an 11-month search for him.

On Feb. 11, 1988, U.S. District Judge Ralph Freeman sentenced Wilson to two years in prison following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

When Wilson failed to voluntarily surrender to the federal correctional institution he was assigned, Freeman signed an arrest warrant March 7, 1988, said Greg Vartanian, deputy U.S. marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit.

In connection with Wilson's arrest, a 23-year-old Farmington Hills woman was taken into custody on a charge of harboring a fugitive, investigators said.

● KNIFE SEIZED
 Two 18-year-old men face felony charges in connection with the discovery of a knife after Farmington Hills police investigated a suspicious car at 1:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at St. Paul Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit, 30523 12 Mile.

Arraigned Tuesday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the men — one from Detroit, the other from Oak Park — stood mute to single counts of carrying a concealed weapon (a double-edged knife shaped somewhat like a gun). Innocent pleas were entered.

Schaeffer set cash/surety bond pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. The men face up to five years in prison if convicted.

Police filed Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division petitions charging the 16-year-old brother of the Oak Park man with the same offense.

● CAR RECOVERED
 Farmington Hills police recovered a car stolen from Novi but the driver disappeared down a steep hillside in Farmington early Wednesday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After spotting a suspicious car with an Illinois license plate near the Pizza Hut at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Road at 2:15 a.m., officers followed it eastbound on 10 Mile to Haynes. Before reaching Fink, the driver dimmed his headlights.

Officers tried to stop the car on Springbrook but it sped off.

They followed it back to 10 Mile, to Middlebelt, to Eight Mile and north on Farmington Road, where Farmington officers joined the pursuit.

Officers lost sight of the car at Shawwassee but it was soon found, abandoned, behind the First Baptist Church of Farmington. The ignition and steering column were intact.

A steep hillside abuts the parking lot.

The 1987 Nissan is valued at \$15,000.

● MOLOTOV COCKTAIL
 A molotov cocktail was tossed through the driver's window of a car parked on Sky Drive West Feb. 15-16.

The vandal tried to ignite it but there were no burn marks inside the car.

The bottle, found on the passenger seat, contained two ounces of gasoline and a saturated piece of newspaper, with a scorched tip, protruding. Damage to window was estimated at \$125, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● THEFTS REPORTED
 Construction materials valued at \$2,890 were reported stolen from a trailer at Expert Pools, 20731 Robinson, Feb. 12-13.

Two shotguns, a pellet gun, a safe, jewelry and two binoculars of undetermined value were reported stolen from a house on Connaught Feb. 14.

Lumber valued at \$500 was reported stolen from Tania Hills Condomos, Grand River at Gill, Feb. 14-15.

A videocassette recorder valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a ballroom at the Clarion Hotel, 31525 12 Mile, Feb. 15.

A color TV, a videocassette recorder and jewelry valued at \$1,825 were reported stolen from a house on Tredwell Feb. 15.

Construction materials valued at \$1,455 were reported stolen from a building under construction at 30955 Northwestern Highway Feb. 15-16.

Kitchen floor pieces, custom wall cabinets and a track light valued at \$4,075 were reported stolen from a nearly-complete condominium on River Pine Trail at River Pine Condomos Feb. 15-16. Damage to the building was estimated at \$1,000.

A wallet and a purse containing \$320 were reported stolen from a dining room table in a house on Whittington Feb. 16.

● DAMAGE REPORTED
 Damage was estimated at \$250 when the driver's windows of two cars parked on Raleigh were shot out with BBs Feb. 14.

● TICKET ISSUED
 A 26-year-old Southfield man was ticketed for transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle when beer was found in his car outside McFrocks Tavern, 27820 Orchard Lake, Feb. 17.

Man charged with felonious driving

A 24-year-old Farmington Hills man is charged with felonious driving after his car crossed a double-yellow line and struck an oncoming car head-on at the Grand River overpass to M-102 Feb. 13, police said.

In a bedside arraignment Tuesday in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills Kevin Rigby, who suffered multiple injuries in the collision, pleaded not guilty.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington set cash/surety bond at \$5,000, pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

The driver of the other car, David S. Weingarten, 60, of Novi, and his wife, Esther, 56, also were admitted to the hospital with multiple injuries.

No conditions were available Friday.

At 7:25 p.m. Feb. 13, a Novi police officer responded to a call at Grand River and Seely, three-quarters of a mile west of Haggerty, to investigate a possible drug deal, Novi Capt. Richard Faulkner said.

"As the officer arrived, a suspect fled the scene, eastbound on Grand River, in a pickup without the headlights on," Faulkner said.

The officer ended the pursuit at Haggerty — the Novi-Farmington Hills border. Farmington Hills police were also notified of the incident.

SGT. RAY Cranston, Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Section supervisor, picks up what happened from there.

The suspect, later identified as Rigby, continued eastbound on Grand River until the head-on crash involving the Weingartens' car at 7:37 p.m. The weather was clear but the pavement was wet, police said.

A car driven by Dennis L. Carnes, 39, of Novi, struck the rear of Weingartens' car but neither he nor his wife, Barbara, 36, were hurt.

All were wearing seatbelts except Rigby and alcohol wasn't a factor, according to police.

Rigby faces up to two years in jail if convicted.

Chamber slates workshops

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a tax workshop and a business mixer.

The tax workshop is at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, in the Roman Terrace Restaurant, 27822 Orchard Lake Road at 12 Mile.

Fee is \$5 per person and a continental breakfast will be served.

Al Senchuk, tax manager at Marol, Sheplew, Weinstein & Co. of Farmington Hills, will be the speaker. Reservation deadline is Feb. 22.

The business mixer is 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at American House, 24400 Middlebelt (north of 10 Mile). Bring business cards. The fee is \$5.

For reservations, call 474-3440.

Werba buys into marketing company

The Werba Group of Farmington Hills has acquired a substantial interest in Meretsky/Response, Inc., Southfield.

Werba Group chairman Gabriel Werba will be chairman of the board of Meretsky/Response. Stanley Meretsky will continue as president and chief executive officer.

The Werba Group is a holding company formed last year by Werba when he left Anthony M. Franco Inc. Public Relations of Detroit. Werba

had been the Franco's firm's president and chief operating officer.

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When these other compounds proved to be of limited long term value, rheumatologists renewed their interest in sulfasalazine.

The drug has toxicities similar to its predecessors: lowering the white count, a possible dangerous drop in platelets, and intestinal irritation leading to nausea and loss of appetite.

Like the other new drugs for arthritis, sulfasalazine is possibly helpful to some people and potentially dangerous to others: the outcome depends on whether the drug's efficacy outweighs its toxicity.

ATTENTION: ALL DOG OWNERS CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
 1989 Dog Licenses are available December 1, 1988 through February 28, 1989 at the Farmington Hills City Hall on 31555 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48016.

Oakland County fees are:
 \$5.00 for Unsexed Animal License
 \$7.50 for Male or Female
 \$15.00 for Delinquent Licenses, as of March 1, 1989

Rabies and unsexed animal certificates, signed by an accredited veterinarian must be presented when applying for a license. The certificate must show vaccine as being effective through the date of application. A copy of a receipt from the veterinarian is NOT acceptable.

Note: Dog license can also be purchased through the mail. Please send proof of rabies/neutered or spayed and check or money order for the correct amount to the above address.

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Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for Gymnasium Re-lighting at East Middle School until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 14, 1989, at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48024, addressed to Beverly Hausman. They will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Education meeting at 7:30 P.M. on the same date.

A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany our bid proposal form which may be obtained from our purchasing department.

It is strongly recommended that bidders attend a prebid meeting at 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 22, 1989, at East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48016. Contact Mr. Robert Kutachke at 474-9393 for further details.

JANICE HOLNICK, Secretary Board of Education


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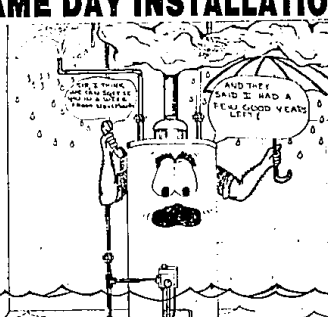


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