

police/fire calls

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

HEADED TO TRIAL

Two Wayne County men face trial in Oakland County Circuit Court in connection with the break-in of a Farmington Hills house Feb. 17.

After a preliminary exam last Monday, District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington ordered Ronald Kevin Dickey, 26, of Livonia and George Hadjian, 31, of Redford Township to stand trial on single counts of breaking and entering of an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny.

The two pleaded not guilty at their earlier arraignment.

Hand continued cash/surety bond at \$5,000 for each defendant pending arraignment March 16 before Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert. The defendants face up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

According to Farmington Hills police:

Two men were arrested after a homeowner on the 21200 block of Tuck reported that a strange man banged on the kitchen door, then moved a shop-vac valued at \$100 from an attached kitchen porch into a van about 8 a.m. Feb. 17.

The man and the van's driver were walking back toward the kitchen when officers arrived. The driver dropped a large screwdriver.

SUSPICIOUS ACTION

A man drove up to a 7-year-old boy playing outside a house on Plum Brook at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday and motioned for the boy to approach the car.

The boy quickly backed away and ran inside the house.

The driver was possibly a teenager wearing black sunglasses. The brown car had front-end damage, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

PAROLE VIOLATOR

Police reported apprehending a 31-year-old Farmington Hills man who had violated his parole following an armed robbery conviction.

When Officer John Markey made a traffic stop on Farmington Road, near 13 Mile, at 11 p.m. Wednesday, the man ran from his car into Meadowplace Condos.

Officers saw him lying by a tree, then chased him across 13 Mile, where he was caught.

The felony warrants are for breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

HOTEL SMOKE

A defective blower motor in a roof heating-air conditioning unit caused light smoke in the hallway and inside a meeting room at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills Tuesday.

Damage from the 2 a.m. fire was estimated at \$300, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

BOMB THREAT

A bomb threat called in at 7:30 a.m. Thursday turned out to be a hoax at Kinder-Care Learning Center, 38520 Nine Mile.

But the day care center was still closed for the day. Students and staff were taken by van to other Kinder-Care centers in the area, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

KNIVES SEIZED

Two illegal weapons were seized when found in the glovebox of a car parked in a no-parking zone at Botsford General Hospital, 38050 Grand River, Feb. 27.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

A Botsford hospital security supervisor investigating a suspicious car at 1:30 p.m. looked in the unlocked glovebox to find ownership papers and also found a World War I trench fighting knife and a folding knife with a 5-inch blade.

The car's owner, a hospital employee in her 20s from Detroit, told police her boyfriend gave her the knives for protection because she lives in an unsafe area.

SCHOOL LOITERING

A 20-year-old West Bloomfield man was ticketed for loitering on school property when he was found sleeping in a parked car in the lot at Warner Middle School, 30303 14 Mile, at 1:45 a.m. Feb. 26, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

MARIJUANA FOUND

A 25-year-old Detroit man who matched the description of a man who left a Farmington gas station without paying was ticketed by a

Farmington Hills officer for possessing marijuana Feb. 25.

After stopping the man at Eight Mile and Grand River at 9:30 p.m., officer Patrick Conini ticketed the man for possessing marijuana when a quantity of the suspected substance was found in his wallet. He also was ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

The man was turned over to Farmington officer Vince Zeigler on the fail-to-pay charge stemming from a purchase at the Amoco station at 22420 Farmington, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

MONEY SNATCHED

Two incidents of purse and wallet snatchings occurred at grocery stores in the city of Farmington Feb. 24:

• A wallet and contents valued at \$150 were reported grabbed from a customer at the Kroger store, 37025 Grand River.

• A purse and contents valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a customer at Farmer Jack, 22128 Farmington Road. The customer was tricked after another customer asked her help in selecting a cake.

THEFTS REPORTED

A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a garage on Kilreigh Feb. 15.

A generator valued at \$514 was reported stolen from a garage on Lundy Feb. 24-26.

A microwave oven valued at \$270 was reported stolen Feb. 24-27 from an apartment being renovated at Chatham Hills.

A personal computer and diskettes valued at \$1,210 were reported stolen from Laser Lab Sales, 23014 Commerce, Feb. 25-26.

A 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass was reported stolen from outside the Clarion Hotel, 31525 12 Mile, Feb. 25-26. It was recovered in Detroit.

A cellular telephone, a VCR, a CD player, a stereo receiver and jewelry valued at \$3,630 were reported stolen from a house on Howard Feb. 26.

Appliances valued at \$4,050 were reported stolen from a house under construction on E. Huntsman Feb. 27-28.

Copper piping valued at \$600 was reported stolen from a house under construction on Village Green Drive Feb. 27-28.

More than \$100 was reported stolen from a house on Colgate March 1.

Appliances and light fixtures valued at \$2,290 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Lancaster March 2.

OPEN INTOXICANTS

• Six young men received ordinance violations for open intoxicants after they were seen congregating and drinking beer in the Chatham Hills Apartments parking lot in Farmington Feb. 20.

Open enrollment asked for 3 schools

By Casey Hana
staff writer

The superintendent for Farmington Public Schools has proposed an "open enrollment" policy for the district's three high schools.

A limited open enrollment policy is already in effect this year at Harrison High and Warner Middle School, due to low enrollment.

"I would like to see our high schools for the coming year be open to all students," Graham Lewis told the school board Feb. 28.

"I think people need to have the freedom to enter schools, just as they can enter the supermarket of their choice."

THIS YEAR'S limited open enrollment policy designates that any Farmington student can enroll at Harrison or Warner. Both had lower enrollments than other schools in the district, and officials thought the policy might help alleviate

problems at other, crowded schools without boundary changes.

That didn't happen. "The change was of no real consequence as to population shift," he said, citing statistics which showed only 15 students transferring to Harrison in September.

After surveying eighth graders, Lewis said there would be only minimal shifts of students to Harrison who might normally attend North Farmington or Farmington High.

BOARD PRESIDENT Jack Cotton questioned whether students were shifting high schools to possibly get on a better sports team. That issue was raised by several trustees during an open enrollment discussion last summer, because of the strong football team at Harrison.

"There's been no problem with the athletics," Lewis said. "It was anticipated there would be big shifts, for whatever reason."

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