

police/fire calls

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

GUNSHOTS FIRED

Two motorists reported gunshot damage to their cars as they traveled westbound on Grand River, between Middlebelt and Inkster, early Saturday, Farmington Hills police said.

Neither man was hurt nor saw any suspects.

A Detroit man accelerating after the light in front of Botsford General Hospital turned green reported seeing a flash of light from the south side of Grand River at 3:20 a.m. He then heard something hit the lower left corner of his car's windshield. Police found what appeared to be a gunshot hole. Assuming someone was shooting at his car, he leaned across the front seat but could still see over the dash.

At 3:23 a.m., another Detroit man westbound reported seeing a gunshot hit his windshield, shattering it. The shot appeared to come from the south side of the road.

ARMED ROBBERY

The assistant manager of the Dress Barn in downtown Farmington was robbed at gunpoint of \$225 Monday, shortly before the store closed.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, a man who entered the Dress Barn, 33025 Grand River, shortly past 8 p.m., approached the check-out counter, produced a revolver and demanded money. With money in hand, he ran toward Grand River.

The store is at the corner of Grand River and Grove, in the Downtown Farmington Center.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT

A Livonia man and a Farmington Hills woman feared for their lives when another motorist forced them onto the shoulder of M-102 Saturday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report, The 28-year-old man and 25-year-old woman were westbound on M-102, near Drake, about three car lengths behind a van keeping pace with a vehicle in an adjacent lane at 7:45 p.m.

Suddenly, the van slowed, forcing the Livonia man to brake. Normal speed was then resumed but the driver of the van soon braked hard again. This time, the Livonia man switched lanes, passed the van and

pulled in front of it. Near Drake, the van pulled alongside the Livonia man, then veered off his lane, clipping the right front quarter panel and forcing his car into a spin on the soft shoulder.

The van continued westbound on M-102 but the Livonia man was able to catch up to it at Grand River and Halsted, where he got a license plate number.

Damage was estimated at \$60.

CAR STOLEN

A 31-year-old Farmington Hills woman who agreed to give two men a ride had her car stolen when she left it running outside Andy's Market, 22595 Middlebelt, early Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report: As she arrived at 2:40 a.m., two men in their 20s asked for a ride to Grand River and Beech Daly because their car had broken down.

She agreed, then went to make a purchase. When she went back outside, she saw her car southbound on Middlebelt. The men knew the woman's maiden name but she was not sure she knew them.

The 1979 Chevrolet Malibu was valued at \$500.

VAN STOLEN

Two women hitchhikers who a 33-year-old Westland man had picked up at Michigan and Beech about noon took his van after the three drove around and eventually stopped at the Travelodge, 21100 Haggerty, Sunday.

The three re-entered the van at 9 p.m. The man left the engine running, then went back upstairs to get his wallet. When he returned to the parking lot, the van and the women were gone.

The 1983 Chevrolet van was valued at \$9,000. A shotgun and a rifle inside the van were valued at \$1,200, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

WALLET TAKEN

A wallet containing \$335 was stolen from the kitchen table in a house on Hancock at 1:10 a.m. Sunday, the homeowner told Farmington Hills police.

The man was upstairs when he heard a crashing noise from the first floor. When he went downstairs to investigate, he saw the screen door wall open, the door wall window shattered and a log on the floor.

Damage was estimated at \$400, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

JAIL DAMAGE

A Southfield man was ticketed for disorderly conduct and malicious destruction of property after allegedly driving over three lawns and ripping the receiver from the pay phone in his jail cell, Farmington Hills police said.

The 26-year-old man was arrested on a MDOF charge after allegedly driving over and damaging three lawns on St. Francis at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, "with no regard for the safety of property or persons," police said.

He later was charged with disorderly conduct after he appeared to be intoxicated, abusive and a threat to himself and officers. The charge also covers the \$80 in damage he allegedly caused to the phone in his jail cell after making a call, police said.

The man must answer the charges in 47th District Court, Farmington.

SUSPICIOUS ACTION

A man in a car backed into a parking space Friday at Woodcock Office Center, 19 Mile and Northwestern Highway, leaned out, looked at a 5-year-old girl sitting on the front steps and asked, "Do you want to come with me? Do you want a puppy or a kitty?"

Within moments, the man then drove away quickly when the girl's mother and sister pulled up. They had gone to get the car when the 5-year-old stubbed her toe leaving the office building at 5 p.m., according to a Farmington Hills police report.

WEAPONS SEEN

A Southfield man driving past the Broadway Plaza, 14 Mile and Middlebelt, reported seeing a man darting between vehicles with what appeared to be a saved-off shotgun in his right hand Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report: The motorist saw the man, thought to be in his 30s, darting between three tree-trimming trucks parked in the lot's northwest corner, near the Shell station, at 6 p.m.

After driving into the lot, the motorist saw what appeared to be a club in the man's right hand. The motorist then saw the man get into an Olds Tornado driven by another man and leave the area.

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