

police/fire calls

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

WOMAN ROBBED

A Farmington Hills jeweler was robbed of jewelry and cash Wednesday after agreeing to meet a man who had called and said he wanted to give her money for her imprisoned boyfriend.

The robber got \$23,000 worth of jewelry and \$1,000 in cash, police said.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

The 45-year-old woman agreed to meet the man at the Ram's Horn, 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway, in

Southfield. But when she arrived at 7:15 p.m., she felt something was wrong when a man approached her car.

She began to back out, but he entered the passenger door, produced a handgun and ordered her to drive home. He said he didn't want to hurt her, he just wanted gold.

Once inside her Woodcreek Village condominium at 13 Mile and Middlebelt, the man covered her eyes and hands with duct tape. He then looked for jewelry. Before leaving, he bound her hands and feet.

He left when an accomplice honked a car horn. After breaking free, the victim went to a neighbor's to call police.

Police are looking for a man de-

scribed as white, in his 30s, 5-9, 150 pounds with brown, medium-length, curly hair, a mustache and a medium build. He was wearing a black trench coat.

WEAPON FOUND

A 26-year-old Farmington Hills raking a vacant lot behind his house on Rockwell found a loaded machine gun at noon Wednesday.

The .50 mm hand-held weapon came back clear after a Law Enforcement Information Network check.

Police are holding the weapon as evidence pending further investigation, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

Radar detectors, in-dash stereos, sunglasses, cassette tapes and a purse are among the items stolen from three cars parked at Polo Club Apartments March 21.

Tools valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a garage on the 35400 block of Ribonwood March 21-22. Speakers and radar detectors were reported stolen from Mickey Shorr's, 30724 Grand River, March 23.

TICKET ISSUED

A 24-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for possessing narcotics paraphernalia when a marijuana pipe and a rolling tray were found in his car during a traffic stop at Silassee and Tuck March 23.

Man shot by officer had cocaine in his blood, tests show

The armed robbery suspect fatally shot by a Farmington Hills police officer Feb. 11 had cocaine in his bloodstream, toxicology tests showed.

Released last week by the Oakland County Medical Examiner, the tests showed traces of cocaine in Cecil Wilson's bloodstream but no alcohol, said Farmington Hills police inspector Ernest Miller.

Officer Michael Farley, 31, was cleared of any wrongdoing in the fatal shooting of Wilson, 42, of Marshall, Mo.

A former crack cocaine addict, Wilson shouted he wanted to die moments before he was shot and killed on Albion, a dead-end road near Grand River and Middlebelt, at 7:33 p.m. Feb. 11, police said. He died of a gunshot wound to the chest, the autopsy showed.

Police said they found crack cocaine pipes and residue in both Wilson's car and Detroit motel room.

FARLEY, A patrolman for five years, said he feared for his life when Wilson drove toward him.

Farley, standing outside his patrol car with shotgun in hand, three times ordered Wilson to surrender. The officer fired through the open driver's window of the car when he feared Wilson would drive alongside and either shoot him or pin him against his patrol car, police said.

Police Chief William Dwyer said

a department board of inquiry determined the shooting was justified and in self-defense.

WILSON'S WIFE, Lola, said it's possible her husband, who battled depression and crack cocaine, decided to commit suicide by forcing the officer to shoot.

Wilson rented the car from a Grand Rapids car dealership, where a job had been waiting for him all week. His wife thinks he came in contact with crack, which he had been free of for almost a year, while en route to Michigan.

Farley never saw Wilson brandish a gun. But he knew the robbery suspect could be armed and he saw the man reaching with his right hand toward the passenger seat, police said.

A loaded black pellet gun, identical in appearance to a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, was found on the passenger seat of Wilson's car, lying next to his outstretched arm, police said.

Farley had followed Wilson onto Albion after learning that a car matching Wilson's had been chased but lost by Livonia Police.

A Livonia officer, trying to stop Wilson for a traffic signal violation, determined the car and driver matched the descriptions of the getaway car and robber involved in at least seven armed robberies, including a gas station stickup in Livonia that morning.

obituaries

GERALDINE ELIZABETH AMENDT

Mrs. Amendt, 84, of Farmington Hills died March 11 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Bristolville, Ohio, Mrs. Amendt was a retired secretary for the United States government.

Survivors include her son, Alan; a sister, Eleanor; and two grandchildren.

Services were March 15 in the Alpha Building at Detroit Baptist Manor with the Rev. Ron Cary officiating.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

Michigan Humane Society.

BERYL L. DOBES

Mrs. Dobes, 66, of Farmington died March 14.

Born in Holcomb, Ill., Mrs. Dobes was a secretary.

Survivors include her sons, William J. III, James and Paul; daughters, Carol Dobes and Marjorie Schloss; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were March 16 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Charles Fox of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

DONALD A. JACKSON

Mr. Jackson, 66, of Farmington Hills died March 20 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mr. Jackson was a claims supervisor for an insurance company.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine; a son, Matthew; daughters, Deborah and Jill; and three grandchildren.

Services were March 25 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Norbert Kuzdzierski officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

ROBERT GODFREY STARR

Mr. Starr, 91, of Novi died March 20.

Born in Newark, Ohio, Mr. Starr was a salesman.

Survivors include his son, Robert; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were March 22 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Victor H. Mesenbring of Hope Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

LOUIS ANDREW FRANCHINI

Mr. Franchini, 75, of West Bloomfield died March 20.

Mr. Franchini was a salesman in the automobile industry.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a daughter, Kathleen Gerich; sisters, Victoria Hutchinson, Eleanor Pafumi and Elvera Mennick; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were March 23 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. William J. Dowell of Prince of Peace Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

GEORGE H. POERTNER

Mr. Poertner, 59, of Farmington Hills died March 21.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. Poertner was a teacher in the Southfield School District for 30 years. He organized the first special ed program in Southfield High School.

Mr. Poertner was a member of the Farmington Democratic Club, Southfield Education Association, Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association. He was past chairman of Regional Education Political Action Committee, Board of Canvasers of Farmington, and delegate for Precinct No. 2, Farmington. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Survivors include his wife, Judi; parents, Harold and Harriet of Milwaukee; three sons, Brian, Peter and Matthew; and a brother, Charles.

Services were March 24 at Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Gary Johnson and the Rev. Ernest Worman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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