

Police/fire calls

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

ARMED ROBBERY

A man who came up behind a woman outside Little Caesar's Pizza, 3274 Grand River, forced her into her car, but she slid out the passenger door before he drove away late Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report.

The 39-year-old Detroit woman had just bought a pizza and was getting into her car when a man who approached from behind put a long-

bladed knife to her throat and ordered her to get inside. As she did, the man, thought to be in his 30s, grabbed her purse, giving her time to slide across the seat and out the passenger door. He drove west on Grand River. The 1980 Ford Fairmont was valued at \$1,500. The purse contained \$108.

AWAITS TRIAL

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man was bound over for trial on a charge of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny. After a preliminary exam Friday,

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington bound Richard Charles Isbell over for trial before Oakland County Circuit Judge Robert Anderson. At his March 29 arraignment before District Judge Michael Hand, Isbell stood mute and an innocent plea was entered in his behalf.

Schaeffer continued Isbell's \$5,000 cash/surety bond pending trial. Isbell faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted. The charge stems from a break-in at a house on Pink Feb. 18, said Farmington Hills Sgt. Charles Nebus.

Earlier, Isbell waived his right to preliminary exam on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property of up to five years in prison if convicted.

When arrested March 12 at Putt Golf & Games in Farmington Hills, he allegedly was in possession of a car stolen from the house on Pink. Keys to the car were stolen during the break-in, police said.

At his March 14 arraignment before Magistrate James Brady of Farmington on that charge, Isbell pleaded not guilty. Brady set \$500 personal recognizance bond, police said.

SUSPECTS NABBED

Farmington Hills officers Sandy Schrage and Michael Farley nabbed two suspects after they heard a police broadcast describing the van believed involved in a larceny from a

car in Redford Township Saturday night.

They spotted a van matching the description at Inkster and Byron at 7:55 p.m. The two male occupants — a 17-year-old from Livonia and a 16-year-old from Farmington Hills — were turned over to Redford Township police, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

CAR STOLEN

A woman who left the key in the ignition as she went to pay for gasoline at the Speedway station at 33430 Eight Mile Saturday morning had her car stolen.

The 32-year-old Farmington Hills woman turned the car off as she went to pay but left the key in the ignition. A man thought to be in his 20s ran to the car, got in and drove off.

The 1987 Chevrolet Celebrity was valued at \$8,500, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

TEENS TICKETED

A 17-year-old Farmington youth was ticketed under city ordinance early Sunday when he knowingly allowed minors to drink at a house party under his control and didn't try to stop it, Farmington Hills police said.

Officers investigating suspicious circumstances in a model house under construction on Fleetwood found six young people drinking beer and wine coolers at 12:01 a.m. A 18-year-old Farmington man was ticketed

for possessing alcohol, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

MEDICINE STOLEN

About \$70 worth of controlled substances were stolen from the basement pharmacy at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, April 6-7.

They were later recovered in the hospital, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

LAWNS DAMAGED

Farmington Hills police officers Mark Meredith and Craig Hurt assisted in capturing a man fleeing from Southfield police Sunday night.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

Southfield officers pursued the suspect's car east on 10 Mile, then south onto Scott, where it ran over at least eight lawns before becoming stuck in mud in a wooded area behind a house. The suspect, a Farmington Hills man, was arrested and turned over to Southfield police.

Lawn damage was estimated at \$1,000.

HOME BURGLARY

A handgun was stolen, several rooms were ransacked and five fish died when an aquarium was shattered during a burglary on Mayfair April 6.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

A 25-caliber pistol valued at \$200 was reported stolen.

Jewelry was dumped on the floor by the main door, a 25 caliber handgun was thrown on the foyer floor and a portable TV was dropped on the kitchen floor.

The aquarium, in a bedroom, contained 15 gallons of water.

A silver Pontiac Fire was seen circling the house as a resident arrived home about 8 p.m.

Damage was estimated at \$450.

BUILDING ARSON

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 when arsonists set fire to paper in one of the courts at the vacant Racquet Time building, 24383 Halsted, between March 24 and April 4.

Fire extinguishers were sprayed and other vandalism was found throughout the building, unoccupied for 1½ years, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

GUN FOUND

A man walking on Nine Mile at 7:30 a.m. April 5 found a 32 caliber revolver inside a hollowed-out book laying in the roadway, just east of Indian Creek Apartments.

The gun was loaded, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

Business machines valued at \$10,200 were reported stolen from William H. Nash Co., 23910 Freeway Park Drive, April 4-5.

Stereos were stolen from seven cars stored at A&M Auto, 24755 Hathaway, April 1.

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Vandals hurled rocks through at least three windows of houses and ignited at least eight mailboxes or newspaper boxes last weekend in Farmington Hills. Damage was estimated at \$3,000, police said.

The weekend before, vandals caused about \$5,000 in damage after hurling cement chunks, bricks or burning windows of six houses and eight windshields in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"We have no idea if it's the same vandals," Farmington Hills Lt. Gordon Ross said. "A detective is looking into it."

According to Farmington Hills police reports:

At 11:15 p.m. Friday, a homeowner on Forest Hill heard glass break, then found a rock had been thrown through his living room window. He spotted a car, without headlights, leaving on Petersburg.

On Saturday evening, a homeowner on Springfield discovered a bowling ball-sized rock had been used to smash two windshields of cars parked in his driveway, then had been thrown through his front window.

A homeowner on Orchard Lake Road, near Springfield, heard his doorwall glass break, then went outside, only to hear a car leaving and find the windows of his car parked in

the driveway smashed. It was the second such incident in a week.

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