

police/fire calls

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

UNARMED ROBBERY

A 35-year-old Detroit man is charged with unarmed robbery in connection with the theft of \$200 from a Farmington Hills motel room.

At his arraignment Friday before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, Dorian Crandell Bonner stood mute to a charge of unarmed robbery. An innocent plea was entered in his behalf.

Hand set cash/surety bond at \$10,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. The defendant faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

Shortly before 4 a.m. April 13, a guest at the Clarion Hotel, 31525 12 Mile, called an escort service number he found in a newspaper. He agreed to pay an escort \$175 for three hours.

A short time later, the guest answered a knock at the door. A man entered, grabbed two \$100 bills on a table and ran from the room after a brief struggle with the occupant.

The victim alerted a security guard, who detained the man in the lobby. There, the man threw down one of the bills, then motioned for a companion waiting in a car to come inside. When his companion was inside, the man fled.

Officer Dan Luoma arrested Bonner, who matched the robber's description, using a pay phone at 12 Mile and Rollcrest.

ARMED ROBBERY

A man who implied he had a gun took \$300 from the Clark gas station at 24205 Orchard Lake Road Sunday night.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

A man, thought to be in his 20s, approached the counter at 8:25 p.m. The attendant asked him if he wanted a pack of cigarettes, but the man announced a stickup and demanded money, implying he had a gun.

The attendant complied with the demand. As he left, the robber knocked on the window and waved goodbye. No vehicle was seen.

The same man had entered the station earlier that day. He asked for a brand of cigarettes that wasn't available there.

3 CHARGED

Three 17-year-old men pleaded guilty to attempted larceny from a van, then were released on personal recognizance bond Saturday.

Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce of Farmington Hills, Carl Arthur Johnson of Farmington Hills and Jeffrey Alan-Carter of Southfield entered their pleas before District Judge Michael Hand in Farmington's 47th District Court. Hand took the pleas under advisement. Cayce pleaded not guilty to a charge of resisting arrest.

Farmington public safety officer Terry Purves responded to a call on Floral, north of Nine Mile, where two men were seen looking into vehicles with flashlights early Saturday.

With assistance from other officers, the suspects were arrested at the scene about 12:15 a.m.; Cayce required transportation to the hospital

because he was hyperventilating, according to police reports.

Police are investigating to determine if there's any connection between the suspects and more than 10 larcenies in Farmington and possibly 20 other larcenies in Farmington Hills, Novi and Southfield since October. The larcenies occurred between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. No charges have been filed in those cases.

Car stereo equipment, tools and CBs were among the property police seized from Johnson's apartment and a car of one of the suspects. The property was believed stolen, police said.

BOMB THREAT

Office workers voluntarily evacuated their suites at 30500 and 30600 Northwestern Highway Monday morning following a bomb threat.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

When one of the suites opened at 8:30 a.m., a woman caller said a bomb would go off at 10:34 a.m. Employees there checked for unusual or out-of-place items but found none.

The voluntary evacuation followed. Workers returned to the buildings at 11:30 p.m.

VIOLATION REPORT

Farmington Hills police will submit a violation report to the Liquor Control Commission against the Grand Square Liquor Shoppe in Grand Square Mall, 38441 Grand River.

Police officer Craig Hurt said he saw the owner sell a bottle of whiskey to a 17-year-old Novi youth at 7:35 p.m. Monday. The owner told he thought the youth was 22.

An LCC hearing in Lincoln Park awaits the owner. He faces a fine of up to \$1,000 if found in violation of LCC laws.

The teenager, ticketed for possessing alcohol, must appear in 47th District Court, Farmington. He faces a fine of up to \$25 if found guilty of a first-time civil infraction.

DISORDERLY STUDENT

A 18-year-old student at the Farmington Training Center on Thomas Street was released to the custody of his father Monday, after his actions during the school day caused administrators to contact police.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the young man had been put outside the classroom for disciplinary reasons, where he began slamming doors, throwing furniture and hitting walls. As he waited outside the school for his father, he reportedly shouted obscenities at senior residents of the Farmington Place Apartments next door.

No charges were filed.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Damage was estimated at \$700 when pellets were fired through windows of five cars parked on Independence and Rockwell, in southeast Farmington Hills between midnight and 3 a.m. Sunday.

Three of the cars were at Botsford Terrace Apartments.

Police are following up leads but no arrests have been made. Farmington Hills Lt. Gordon Ross said.

In Farmington, \$100 in damage

was reported Monday when the window of a car parked on Folkstone was shot out.

STUDIO DAMAGED

Damage was estimated at \$1,600 when 10 windows at Pursuit Studio, 29134 Grand River, were pelted with BBs between March 18 and April 17, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

A lawn mower valued at \$6,000 was reported stolen from a garage on the 28100 block of Wellington, Farmington Hills, between Jan. 15 and Feb. 1.

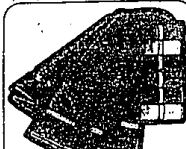
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Hills lawyer found guilty in insurance fraud scam

A Farmington Hills attorney was convicted of defrauding a Southfield insurance company of \$6,500 by resubmitting a claim for a death benefit denied two years earlier.

On April 7, an Oakland County Circuit Court jury found Thomas Smith guilty of false pretenses over \$100 and conspiracy to commit gross fraud and cheats for taking part in a scheme to defraud American Way Insurance Co. of Southfield of \$157,000 in already-denied death benefits.

Smith, 44, who represented himself, denied he knowingly defrauded the insurance company. He stands to lose his license to practice law be-

cause of the felony conviction.

Assistant Oakland County prosecutor Errol Shifman said Smith signed a claim-payment check for an estate he didn't represent. The death occurred in 1984.

TWO OTHERS were previously convicted in the scam, Shifman said.

Robert Earl Reeves, 34, of Farmington Hills, and James Alvin Robinson, 39, of Detroit pleaded guilty to 24 counts of conspiracy to commit gross fraud and cheats and 24 counts of false pretenses over \$100. Reeves entered his plea June 18 and Robinson Nov. 25 in Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien's courtroom.

Reeves was a claims manager for American Way when he paid off already-denied death benefits to Robinson. Twenty-four fraudulent claim checks were paid between May 1, 1986, and March 5, 1987. Armed with a search warrant, investigators found the stolen files for these claims under a mattress in Reeves' home, Shifman said.

Reeves' share of the \$157,000 that Robinson fraudulently received was \$55,000. Smith was tied to only one fraudulent check, Shifman said.

Last summer, Judge O'Brien sentenced Reeves to 1½-10 years in prison. Reeves is now on parole.

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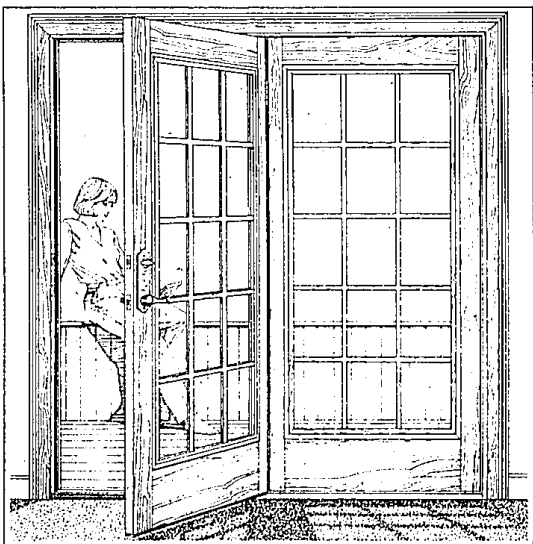
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