

police/fire calls

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

CAR RECOVERED

Three men face felony charges in connection with the recovery of a 1984 Audi stolen from a Muskegon car repair shop. The suspected driver of the stolen car remains at large.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

At 2:15 a.m. Wednesday, officer Brad Schwartz saw a car slowing down and speeding up while eastbound on 12 Mile, near Farmington Road.

He stopped the car on southbound Farmington Road and ordered the four occupants, who appeared nervous, to keep their hands in plain view.

The driver was ordered to turn off the ignition key but instead sped off. Officers pursued the fleeing car eastbound on 11 Mile, through a red light at Orchard Lake Road, then southbound on Middlebelt and westbound on 10 Mile.

At Creekside, the car hit a stop sign. The car was found, running and with the doors open, on Moran. Three suspected occupants were found nearby and arrested. The driver could not be found.

Arraigned Thursday before Magistrate Dennis Phelan of Farmington, Lorenzo Eldred Rhea, 18, of Inkster, stood mute to charges of receiving and concealing stolen property over

\$100 and carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle (a knife), both five-year felonies.

Maurice Monnow, 19, of Detroit, and Antonio Lee Harrison, 22, of Detroit, stood mute to charges of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, a two-year misdemeanor.

Phelan entered innocent pleas pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. He set cash/surety bond at \$5,000 for each.

"We believe we have the driver identified," said Sgt. Charles Nebus. "We're pursuing him and expect to obtain a warrant."

DRIVER FLEES

A police officer pursued a reckless driver along several streets in south-east Farmington Hills Wednesday night before the man bailed out and fled behind houses.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

Officer Al Patterson was on patrol near Independence and Roosevelt when he saw the driver of a pickup make a wide turn onto Independence and accelerate quickly and begin to swerve. After turning onto Ontaga, the driver disregarded a yield sign at Emmett.

The car stopped in front of a house on Rensselaer, where the driver bailed out with a bottle of beer in hand. He disregarded an order to stop and ran behind houses.

A half-empty bottle of beer was found inside the pickup. The truck was impounded for obstructing traffic.

The picture of the 22-year-old Livonia man on a driver's license found in the truck matched the description of the man he was pursuing, Patterson wrote in his report.

JEWELRY TAKEN

A homeowner on Pillsbury interrupted three burglars at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday. They fled with at least two pieces of jewelry but left behind a VCR camera they had taken from the family room.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

When the woman arrived home, she saw a strange car parked in the driveway. She went inside through the garage and confronted a man holding the VCR camera.

The man dropped the camera and ran out past her through the garage. The woman saw two other men run out through the front door. All three left the area in a car, possibly with West Virginia plates, last seen headed toward Farmington Road.

The master bedroom was ransacked.

WEAPONS CHARGE

A 22-year-old Oak Park man is charged with carrying a concealed weapon in connection with the discovery of a loaded gun in his car during a traffic stop at Grand River and M-102 on May 1.

Marcel Kenyatta Mays pleaded not guilty when arraigned Tuesday before Magistrate Dennis Phelan of Farmington. Mays was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

The 9 mm handgun was found in a handgun behind the passenger seat, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

WEAPONS CHARGE

A 39-year-old Walled Lake man is charged with carrying a concealed weapon in connection with the discovery of a survival knife in his car during a traffic stop at 14 Mile and Halsted Tuesday night, Farmington Hills police said.

Donald Allen Holowski stood mute when arraigned Wednesday before visiting District Judge James Hand of Farmington. The judge entered an innocent plea in the defendant's behalf and set cash/surety bond at \$5,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.

Holowski also is charged with drunk driving, punishable upon conviction by up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

KNIFE FLASHED

A 30-year-old Redford Township woman told police a man pulled alongside her car and flashed a handgun while she was southbound on Middlebelt, near Nine Mile, at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday.

At a red light at Nine Mile, the man exited his car but the woman didn't see the knife. She drove around him but he later passed her car by driving on the road shoulder, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Man stands mute in coin dealer robbery

An 18-year-old man awaits trial on assault and robbery charges in connection with a Farmington Hills incident in which a bullet grazed a teenage swimmer during gunfire between a coin dealer and a man with a semiautomatic weapon.

Naal Ashab Butris of Detroit stood mute at his arraignment before Circuit Judge Fred Mester Friday. A not guilty plea was entered for him. He is being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

A resident alien from Iraq, he is charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, one count of armed robbery and three counts of possessing a firearm while committing a felony.

Michael Alan Weaver, 40, of Madison Heights, is charged with armed robbery. Police suspect him of driving the getaway car during the aborted robbery. He is set for circuit court arraignment May 12.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington bound both over for trial April 21.

AT 5:05 p.m. April 9, the coin dealer was ordered at gunpoint from his van, parked in the lot at Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, where a coin, stamp and baseball card show had just ended. The

van contained \$40,000 in rare coins.

An off-duty Detroit police officer who's also a coin dealer watched the gunfire and gave Farmington Hills police a description of the suspects and the getaway car.

The suspects were arrested shortly after 5:30 p.m. April 9 when they bailed out of a car on a dead-end street near Grand River and Middlebelt. Police from Farmington Hills, Farmington, Livonia and Detroit gave chase from the Mercy Center and surrounded the area.

Butris is charged with attempting to murder both the coin dealer and the teenage swimmer.

The bullet that struck the swimmer had pierced the pool window, near the doorway from where the coin dealer fired first in hopes of disabling his van. The robber returned the gunfire but couldn't find the van's keys so fled with the man he had come with.

The teenager was climbing out of the pool when struck in the chest by one of three bullets fired by the gunman. He was not seriously hurt.

The assault and robbery charges could bring penalties of up to life in prison on conviction. A felony firearms conviction carries a mandatory two-year prison term.

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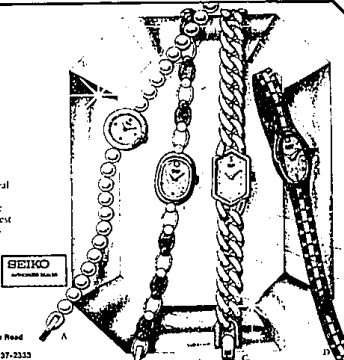
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