

Officer hurt in pursuit that ends with arrests

A Farmington Hills undercover officer was slightly hurt when a car he was pursuing, on I-375 in Wayne County, crashed into his unmarked patrol car early Saturday.

The pursuit stemmed from the suspected theft of cars from Independence Green Apartments, Grand River and Halsted, at 3 a.m. Saturday.

The pursuit ended with the arrest of two men on felony charges in connection with the theft of two cars, Farmington Hills police said.

Sgt. Al Havner was treated for minor injuries sustained in the pursuit, detective Brian DeGrande said.

DEGRANDE GAVE the following account of what happened:

Havner was on patrol at 3 a.m. Saturday when he saw four cars exit Independence Green Apartments, all in a row. The driver's window on at least two of the cars appeared broken, signaling the cars may have been stolen.

Havner radioed for assistance and followed the cars from westbound

M-102 to southbound I-375. Near Eight Mile, Farmington Hills officers Gary Bradley and Robert Burkart joined the pursuit.

At Eight Mile, Bradley, in a marked patrol car, tried to stop one of the cars, but the driver fled instead.

Near I-98 in Plymouth Township, the fleeing car crashed into Havner's car. That made Havner lose control of his patrol car, which then hit both the guardrail and Burkart's unmarked patrol car.

The fleeing car, meanwhile, went out of control, spun and went north in the southbound lanes before hitting Bradley's car. The driver was then arrested.

Officer William Maffacoli, in an unmarked patrol car, followed the other three cars, stopping one and arresting the driver at I-98 and Davison in Detroit, with assistance from Detroit police officers and Michigan State Police troopers.

Police recovered a 1984 Pontiac Firebird and a 1988 Chevrolet Z-24, both valued at \$14,000. Police be-

lieve both cars were stolen from Independence Green Apartments.

Havner's patrol car was heavily damaged.

AN INNOCENT plea was entered when one suspect, John Powell Green, 19, of Farmington Hills, was arraigned on four counts before Magistrate James Brady of Farmington later Saturday.

Green is charged with three counts of felonious assault, a fourth-year felony, one count of unlawfully

driving away an automobile, a five-year felony; and one count of fleeing and eluding, a one-year misdemeanor. He was remanded to the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash or surety bond.

Brady also entered an innocent plea for a second suspect, Rolando Landry, 17, of Detroit, charged with one count of unlawfully driving away an automobile, Farris was remanded to the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash or surety bond.

police/fire calls

Below are some of the Farmington Hills police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

TRAFFIC ENCOUNTER
A 18-year-old Farmington Hills woman was threatened by a man trying to pass several cars on Middlebelt, near 10 Mile, Monday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

The woman was northbound on Middlebelt at 10:25 p.m. when she saw a man driving a 1987 Toyota trying to pass several cars. When he was unable to do so, he got behind her car and began to flash his lights.

At 12 Mile, he pulled alongside and said she'd be in trouble if she didn't get out of her car. When he got out of his car, she drove off.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT
The night manager at Taco Bell, 29225 Orchard Lake Road, was nearly hit by the open driver's door when a belligerent motorist sped from the parking lot Friday night.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

At 11:15 p.m., the manager ap-

proached a motorist whose car was blocking the south lot. When asked to move, the man, who appeared intoxicated, became belligerent. He got out of the car and threatened the manager with his arm.

When he got back inside the car, the man backed up quickly, forcing the manager to jump back to avoid being hit by the open driver's door.

The man drove to the nearby ACO parking lot, from where he taunted the manager and revved his engine before leaving the area.

WEAPONS CHARGE
A 21-year-old Southfield man is charged with carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle in connection with the alleged discovery of a butterfly knife in his car during a traffic stop on Northwestern Highway at 140 a.m. Monday, Farmington Hills police said.

Arraigned Monday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Bruce Mitchell Walrad pleaded not guilty. Schaeffer set cash/surety bond at \$2,500 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

Walrad faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

TICKETS ISSUED
A 20-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for possessing narcotics paraphernalia when rolling papers and a roach clip were allegedly found in his car during a traffic stop in the parking lot of McFrook's Tavern, 27810 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, May 7.

A 20-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle when beer was allegedly found in his car during a traffic stop at Orchard Lake Road and I-696, Farmington Hills, May 7.

TREES UPROOTED
Seven trees valued at \$500 each were sawed down in the north commons area of Kings Point subdivision, off High Valley Court, Farmington Hills, May 6.

BRUSH FIRE
A brush fire blackened a 20-by-20-square-foot area of woods behind Longacre Elementary School on Arundel at 8 p.m. May 4.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, two fire lines and brush brooms were used to extinguish the flames. The source of the fire is unknown.

BREAK-IN DAMAGE
Damage was estimated at \$1,100 from an early morning break-in April 30 at Stocker's Market, 35243 Grand River, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The front door and cash register were both damaged in the break-in, which occurred at approximately 6:15 a.m. Management told police that \$250 worth of cigarettes were stolen.

THEFTS REPORTED
A rifle and a frying pan, valued at a total \$100, were reported stolen from a house on Fendi April 28-27. Cash and a radio valued at \$243 were reported stolen during a break-

in at Have One Pizza, 23331 Orchard Lake, Farmington, April 26-27. An estimated \$300 in damage was done to the store's door.

A purse and its contents valued at \$75 were reported stolen from an employee at Oak Hill Care Center, 34225 Grand River, Farmington, April 29.

Twenty cartons of cigarettes valued at \$333 were reported stolen during a break-in at Sunkist Party Store, 32330 Grand River, Farmington, April 29. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the store.

Three evergreen-type bushes valued at \$300 were reported stolen from the front yard of a house on Glenbrook May 2.

A 6-foot-high bush valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a house on Dorchester May 2-3.

Two pruned shrubs valued at \$370 were reported stolen from a house on Wilton May 2-3.

A dirt bike valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a garage on Skye Drive, Farmington Hills, May 5-6.

Tools, a CB, a beeper, stereo equipment, a radar detector, work clothing and other items valued at more than \$2,000 were reported stolen from a pickup parked at Greenhill Apartments, Farmington Hills, May 5-6.

Tools, garden equipment and an outboard motor valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from a garage on Rockycreek May 5-6.

A dirt bike valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a garage on Springbrook, Farmington Hills, May 6.

Nominations needed for beautification awards

Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc., the statewide, non-profit, educational organization whose purpose is to promote beautification and anti-litter in Michigan, is accepting nominations for its annual awards presentation in Ann Arbor Oct. 25-26.

Nominations for the awards will be accepted at the Keep Michigan Beautiful office through June 30. Anyone interested in nominating a group, individual, organization, governmental unit, school or the media, may contact Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc., P.O. Box 664, Farmington 48332 (or call 477-6647).


An official entry form must be used for the nomination to be accepted. Each entry must be documented with substantiation.

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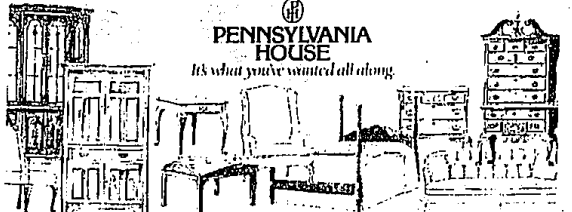
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