

police/fire calls

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

AWAITS TRIAL

A Farmington Hills party store owner awaits trial on charges of selling pornographic magazines to a minor.

Arraigned by mail Friday in Oakland County Circuit Court, David Toma Sorok, 41, stood mute to two counts of distributing obscene materials to children, a high misdemeanor, and two counts of violating the state obscenity law, a misdemeanor.

Circuit Judge Fred Mester entered an innocent plea on Sorok's behalf. He continued Sorok's \$1,000 personal recognizance bond pending a pre-trial conference Aug. 11.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington bound Sorok over for trial June 29.

If convicted, the Farmington Hills resident faces two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for each of the high misdemeanor counts and up to one year in prison and a \$5,000 fine for each of the two misdemeanor counts.

The two high misdemeanor counts stem from a Farmington Hills police sting June 8 in which a 15-year-old undercover decoy bought three pornographic magazines on display in the Grand Square Liquor Shoppe, police said.

The state obscenity law charges stem from an early June investigation of party stores and book stores by an undercover police officer.

WEAPON SEIZED

An Arizona man faces a felony charge after a .357 Magnum revolver was found in his possession outside Wendy's at 24140 Orchard Lake Road Saturday night, Farmington Hills police said.

Arraigned Sunday before Magistrate James Brady of Farmington, Paul Schaad, 32, pleaded innocent to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Bond was set at \$5,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Schaad faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

Schaad was arrested outside Wendy's after three Farmington Hills auxiliary officers who had stopped to place an order learned that a patron told others he had a gun. A loaded gun was found in a rolled-up

sweat shirt next to where Schaad was seated on the sidewalk, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

HOUSE FIRE

Two people were hurt trying to extinguish a house fire on Tulane early Sunday. Both were treated and released.

Damage was estimated at \$2,300 when a trash fire of suspicious origin spread to the aluminum siding of the two-story house. The fire caused minimal damage inside the house, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

TRASH FIRE

The trash room sustained smoke and water damage when a fire broke out in a trash compactor behind the K mart at 38000 Orchard Lake Road about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Employees tried unsuccessfully to put out the fire. Two sprinkler heads inside the stock room activated, preventing the fire from spreading inside. It took about 30 minutes to extinguish the fire, said Farmington Hills Deputy Fire Chief Peter Baldwin.

Investigators believe the fire started when smoking materials

were improperly disposed of, Baldwin said.

TRAILER FIRE

A fire of suspicious origin destroyed a Parliament Construction Co. trailer at Northwestern Highway and Wellington late Friday. No dollar loss was available.

SEXUAL CONDUCT

A man was seen fondling a 12-year-old girl in a craft tent during the annual Founders Festival July 15.

The man was seen coming up behind the girl and fondling her. The witness contacted police, who continue to investigate the incident.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Farmington public safety officers are investigating a July 17 incident in which a resident of Chatham Hills apartments was found naked in a public hallway. Upon arriving home, another resident saw the man standing in the hallway and contacted police.

THIEF FLEES

A homeowner surprised a thief in a house on Kilnarian late Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

A homeowner was asleep upstairs when his dog, also in the bedroom, began to bark at 1:15 a.m. Soon, the dog ran downstairs, where the homeowner's wife was watching TV. When the dog continued to bark, the homeowner went downstairs, where he confronted a man in the living room, who fled through a window.

HOT TICKETED

An 18-year-old man was ticketed under Farmington Hills' host liability ordinance when officers responding to an injured-person call found minors drinking at a house party on the 32000 block of 13 Mile early Saturday.

FIREWORKS SEIZED

A 16-year-old Farmington Hills youth faces possible charges after marijuana and fireworks were found in a car parked on Ontaga Saturday night.

The prosecutor is reviewing the matter," said Farmington Hills police Sgt. Charles Nebus.

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for possessing marijuana in connection with the in-

cident, Nebus said.

THEFTS REPORTED

A diamond pendant valued at \$1,575 was reported stolen from a house on Brittain Hill in Farmington between May 30 and June 21. The report was made in July.

An antique 10-gauge shotgun, a World War II-vintage 9mm German Lager pistol, cash and jewelry valued at \$7,000 were reported stolen from a house on the 37600 block of Rhonwood, Farmington Hills, July 12-14.

A VCR and a TV valued at \$1,700 were reported stolen from a house on Springfield in Farmington Hills.

A VCR, binoculars, a fifth of Vodka and cash valued at \$510 were reported stolen from a house on San Souci, Farmington Hills, July 14-15.

Cash was reported stolen from Joe's Feed Store, 29636 Nine Mile, Farmington Hills, July 15-16.

Tools valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a storage locker on Gateway Drive East at Gateway Apartments, Farmington Hills, July 15-18.

A moped valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a garage on Peppermill, Farmington Hills, July 17.

Pro-life banner spurs review of parade rules

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tion. But he said the responsibility for the parade was passed along to John McAlpine of Southfield, pro-life director for the group.

Stong said the application was turned in "a couple of months ago." The application said the group would have "knights marching with banners" and that the theme would be "respect life."

The St. Francis Council is at 21800 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Soronen said the council had participated in previous parades, but only with neutral banner messages.

McAlpine said his group viewed their statement as a moral issue, not a political one. "We don't view it that way," he said. "This is a longstanding tradition of the Catholic Church. We must respect life — we've always had this position."

McAlpine said the group first used the banner earlier this year in a St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Detroit and received no criticism.

He said no one from the chamber of commerce in Farmington asked for the banner content. "Had they asked, we could have told them what was on it. It was no secret," he said.

group by pulling them from the lineup, Soronen said.

MANY RESIDENTS lining the route Saturday were heard to heckle the mostly male group carrying the banner. But McAlpine said he heard only two negative comments, and heard much applause along the route.

The 600-member St. Francis Council is known nationally for its pro-life stance relating to abortion, according to McAlpine. They have members from all across southeast Michigan and from other states as well. About a dozen active members participated in recent pro-life demonstrations in Farmington Hills and Livonia.

McAlpine said he's encouraged by the recent Christian upsurge against abortion, but is upset by opposing comments. "If we just roll over and play dead, then we're good Catholics," he said. "If we are true to our beliefs, then we are considered divisive and political."

"They try to dismiss you as some kind of kooks."

Quadriplegic moved to undisclosed site

him on TV and sit back and say, 'What can we do about this? I think people forget he's a human being.'"

Paralyzed since 1971, Rivlin wants to be disconnected from his life-sustaining ventilator. He has been moved to another location for that purpose. He won't name the doctor, experienced in euthanasia, who will disconnect the machine that draws his breath for him.

MEDIA ATTEMPTS to locate Rivlin, a former Oak Park resident, have been futile. News reports that Rivlin is part of the home care program through the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, Southfield, are not true, according to chief executive officer Carolyn Fitzpatrick-Cassin. "David is not our patient," she said. "He has not become part of our program."

Fitzpatrick-Cassin did say Rivlin had called the hospice program and shown an interest, but had made no plans as of Wednesday.

Rivlin said last week he will spend time with a few family members and friends, enjoy a last meal and listen to music before his ventilator is turned off.

"I don't think about it too much,"

'I think people forget he's a human being.'

— Robin Sullivan
WMUZ disc jockey

he said. "I know it's going to happen, because I'm going through with it. I have peace of mind about the whole thing."

"There are no miracles for David," one family member said.

In May, Rivlin petitioned Oakland County Circuit Court to be sedated and disconnected from his life-support system after his doctor, Edward Blumberg of Farmington Hills, refused to do so without court approval.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Hilda Gage, citing a lack of opposition, said July 5 she would not rule on the petition and that he was a competent adult entitled to make the decision.

FRIENDS AND family support David Rivlin's desire to die, but none know how they may react when he's actually disconnected

from his life-support system.

Rivlin's attorney, David Rosin of Detroit, said Rivlin and his family want privacy; advance announcement of the disconnection procedure is not expected.

Rivlin severed his spinal cord in a 1971 surfing accident in his native California. The accident paralyzed him from the waist down. A former hospital caregiver, he learned to live independently, with the help of an aide, but his condition started declining in 1979. In 1988, an aneurysm cost Rivlin the use of both arms and his ability to breathe.

His one-time girlfriend, Zoe Dixon of California, said she would be at his bedside when the life-support machine is turned off.

"His aunt asked me if I could handle this," Dixon said. "I think

so. As David said, 'We're all first-timers at this.' I've tried to prepare myself. I'm going to miss him."

"David has always made his own decisions, and that's been vital to him whether he was able-bodied or disabled," she said. "I've watched him become less and less mobile and sicker and sicker. His world is very small at this point."

RIVLIN'S AUNT, Marlon Gornbein-Melton of Florida, and her husband, Joseph, also will be there with several friends when the ventilator is disconnected.

Pepi Lucas, an old friend of Rivlin's, came from her Toronto home to join those who will be with him when he dies.

She said Rivlin might never have decided to end life support if he were able to leave the nursing home. "I tried to talk him out of it, but I finally realized I was doing that for me and not for him."

Rivlin said he knows how his death will affect others, but it can't be avoided. "Mourning is natural. At least they're prepared," he said.

The Associated Press and staff reports contributed to this story.

JAN DOLAN, R-Farmington Hills, freshman state representative for the 69th district who rode in the parade in an antique car, was upset following the parade because of the entry. The former Farmington Hills councilwoman and longtime community activist does not recall any similar political statements made by other groups in the 25 years of festival history.

"It's unfair to the festival," she said. "To me, it's not the issue (that's important). It was wrong to do on anybody's part. If it would have been pro-choice carrying a message, that would have been wrong too."

"That parade has been kept non-political and non-issue-oriented."

Festival officials said they were not aware of the banner's message until the parade was lined up and nearly under way Saturday morning. The decision was made to let it go, to avoid any confrontation with the

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