

police/fire calls

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

• HANDGUNS SEIZED

Four men face concealed weapons charges after two handguns, one loaded, were found in their car during a traffic stop on Northwestern Highway at 13 Mile Aug. 31, police said.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After the traffic stop, police spotted a 38-caliber special through the hatchback window.

A subsequent search turned up a .44-caliber magnum special, a bag of 38-caliber special rounds and a box of .44-caliber special rounds. The 38-caliber special was loaded.

Arrested were a 26-year-old Indianapolis man, a 22-year-old Oak Park man, an 18-year-old Oak Park man and an 18-year-old Detroit man.

• GUNSHOTS PROBED

Four bullets were fired into the passenger door of a car parked in a circular driveway on the 25300 block of Middlebelt between 2:30 p.m. Sept. 31 and 6:30 a.m. Sept. 1.

Three of the bullets were fired into the metal; one bullet was fired into the glass. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Officers are investigating to determine the motive, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• DAGGER SEIZED

A 34-year-old Southfield man faces a concealed weapons charge after a 7-inch-long dagger was found in a sheath under his T-shirt while he was walking on Eight Mile near Willow Lane early Friday, police said.

Officers had stopped the man because of an attempted break-in at 1:25 a.m. at the nearby Five Brothers Party Store, 29010 Eight Mile. A young man was seen running from

the building, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• WINDSHIELD SMASHED

No one was hurt when a projectile hurled into the windshield of a car eastbound on M-102 at Drake at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Three people were in the car.

A slingshot may have been used to propel the projectile from Freedom Road. Damage was estimated at \$100, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• STORE BURGLARY

A smash-and-grab burglary at Radio Shack, 33037 Grand River, at 11:45 p.m. Monday netted only a disabled zoom lens camcorder on a tripod.

Strangely, the burglar also knocked over a TV on display in the front window. The tri-pod was on the floor, behind the window. Damage to the front door, broken

with a concrete chunk, was estimated at \$300, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

• CAR RECOVERED

A 19-year-old Detroit man faces a receiving and concealing stolen property charge after he was arrested in possession of a stolen car early Tuesday, police said.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report: While on patrol, officer Vince Ziegler spotted a suspicious man at the cashier's window of the Amoco gas station, at Grand River and Halsted. A new Jeep wagon was next to a gas pump.

Ziegler drove behind the Jeep to get the license plate number. He then waited elsewhere while running a check on the plate and the vehicle. Meanwhile, the driver returned to the car and drove off.

When he determined the vehicle had been stolen from Detroit, Ziegler, with assistance from Farmington Hills officers Al Soderlund and Dave Luoma, stopped it on 12 Mile, near Halsted, and arrested the driver.

The vehicle was valued at \$13,000.

• CAR RECOVERED

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man faces a receiving and concealing stolen property charge after he was arrested in possession of a stolen car early Monday, police said.

According to a Farmington Hills police report: Responding to the Nine Mile-Drake area following a reckless

driving complaint at 6:20 a.m., officer Al Soderlund came upon a 1981 Oldsmobile, with a flat tire and front-end damage, leaving Greenhill Apartments.

When the car was determined stolen from Livonia, the driver was arrested. The car was valued at \$1,800.

A juvenile in the car was turned over to his mother.

• CAR RECOVERED

A 1989 GMC Jimmy stolen from a driveway on Regency was recovered in Detroit — the steering column punched, a tire slashed and the windshield broken.

Detroit police had two 20-year-old suspects in custody. The car was valued at \$19,000, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• MARIJUANA FOUND

Officers returning a lost wallet to its owner ended up ticketing a 24-year-old Farmington Hills man for possessing marijuana when a quantity of the leafy green substance was found inside.

A passerby who found the wallet at Nine Mile and Farmington Road turned it into Farmington police, who, in turn, called the owner.

When he came to retrieve his wallet and confirmed everything in it was his, he was ticketed, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

• PROWLING CHARGE

A 27-year-old Farmington Hills man faces a prowling charge after he acted suspiciously in the Middle-

belt-Eldred area early Friday, police said.

Officers watched as the man walked between houses on the east side of Middlebelt toward the road. He then crossed the road, walked along the side of and behind a business, scaled a wall into the yard of a house on Eldred and bent down at tall grass.

He was found lying face down, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

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Help sought tracking intruder

Police are seeking the public's help in finding the masked intruder who broke into a Farmington Hills house and assaulted a resident while other family members were asleep.

The break-in occurred about 5:30 a.m. on Aug. 26 near Johnston and Hopkins, in the Drake-11 Mile area. The intruder entered through a basement window.

The homeowner pursued the intruder but he got away. A police dog tracked him to Constitution and Johnston, where a getaway car may have been parked.

"No one was kidnapped," Police

Chief William Dwyer said, quelling a rumor that's circulating in the neighborhood. "It's a sensitive, ongoing investigation."

The victim, whose age police would not release, was treated at an area hospital and released.

The attacker was thought to be 18-18, 5-7 and 140-150 pounds with a medium build. He was wearing a pillowcase mask and a blue and beige checkered shirt with some type of backpack.

The getaway car possibly was an Oldsmobile or Buick Regal — two

door, light in color, possibly tan. It was seen parked in the area before the break-in.

Dwyer sent a letter to 900 homeowners in the neighborhood in an effort to gain suspect or vehicle information. Call tips to the police: 477-0911.

"Anybody who saw anything out of ordinary, or who knows a possible suspect or suspect vehicle, should call us immediately," Dwyer said.

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