

police/fire calls

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

ARMED ROBBERY

A man who struck up a casual conversation with the night managers at a motel soon revealed a handgun and demanded money while threatening to shoot late Tuesday, Farmington Hills said.

The gunman fled with several hundred dollars from Motel 6, 38300 Grand River. No one was hurt.

According to police: At 10 p.m., a man thought to be in his 30s approached the desk and chatted with the two night managers. At 10:30, he left to get a pop. When he returned, only one of the

managers was still at the desk. He approached, put \$1 on the counter and asked for change.

When the cash drawer was opened, he pointed a revolver at the manager and demanded money while threatening to shoot. His jacket was draped over the gun. Cash in hand, he backed out the door and ran between buildings.

GUNSHOT DAMAGE

Two bullets fired through an outside window of a just-vacated kindergarten room at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church bounced off two doors before falling to the floor Sunday morning.

No one was hit. The incident occurred 9:30-10 a.m., after a group of kindergartners left the room for 30

minutes, Farmington Hills police said.

The .22-caliber bullets penetrated a glass pane five feet off the ground, traveled across the room and grazed the open wooden entrance door. They bounced off an adjacent wooden hallway door before falling to the floor.

A bullet hole also was discovered in several sheets of plywood propped against the rear side of the building, 20 feet west of the damaged window. Damage was estimated at \$101.

The church is at 28000 New Market. It backs up to an open field.

VEHICLE DAMAGE

A man drove a company truck into five parked cars, including his car, in the lot at Prototype Automotive Ser-

vices, 24700 N. Industrial, at 10 p.m. Friday, Farmington Hills police said.

Damage to the six vehicles — including the van — was estimated at \$7,500. The vehicles ranged in age from 4-18 years.

Officer Dan Herrick saw a man driving erratically in the lot, said Farmington Hills police detective David Lee.

The man eventually left in his car, but police stopped him in Novi. The vehicle damage at Prototype was discovered soon after.

The Oakland County prosecutor issued a warrant charging a 23-year-old Walked Lake man, a former employee, with malicious destruction property over \$100, a four-year felony, and unlawful use of a motor vehi-

cle, a two-year misdemeanor.

LODGE DAMAGE

Damage was estimated at \$225 when party-goers went wild in three rooms at the Travelodge, 21100 Hagerity, Friday night.

Pictures were ripped off the walls, telephones were ripped from the cords, a smoke detector was pulled from a wall and a TV base was broken during the spree.

Alcohol was poured and sprayed throughout one room.

CAR STOLEN

A burglar who broke into a Farmington Hills apartment Nov. 12 or 13, took a purse containing car keys from the kitchen and left with a 1987 Ford Tempo parked in the garage.

The burglar entered the apartment, on Kingswood Square at Hunters Ridge Apartments, through a window, took the purse from a kitchen chair and left through the same window.

The car was valued at \$8,200.

THEFTS REPORTED

Stereo equipment valued at \$1,520 was reported stolen from two Jeeps parked in a driveway on Scott, Farmington Hills, Nov. 12.

A VCR, instant lottery tickets, cash, and a strongbox valued at \$1,007 were reported stolen from Union 76, 22063 Farmington Road, Nov. 12-13.

A TV, a mobile phone, coins and jewelry of undetermined value were reported stolen from a house on Dohany, Farmington Hills, Nov. 14.

Stretch of I-696 expected to carry economic changes

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time and frustration from Farmington Hills to, say, St. Clair Shores or Warren.

"We always been sensitive to where I go and when I go because of traffic. The 'cross-town' extension hopefully will take the load off local roads," said Mary Bush, Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce president.

Accessibility and faster travel will prompt changes in the economic arena. Office, industrial development

and retailing are the most likely to be affected. Market areas — and competition — are expected to grow.

"With office, there will be more direct competition. Southfield and Farmington Hills will now compete with Troy, for instance. Before, people would avoid moving to certain areas because of traffic," Draker said.

EXPANDED ACCESSIBILITY for labor and housing markets and suppliers and shippers is expected with

the new route.

"The lack of an east-west route and congestion has hampered business location in the west. Businesses are sensitive to employees. They want to maintain access for employees," Bush said.

Costick believes Farmington Hills' long-burgeoning growth along the I-696 corridor will be maintained.

"We're on the fringe of urbanization. We've kept up a pace of development despite the transportation problems. The expressway will

cause a continuation of growth. But I think we would have experienced it anyway," Costick said.

MARKET AREAS also are expected to increase for retailers and shoppers.

"There could be a lot more competition. Those protected by traffic congestion will be faced with more competition. The wider market could tend to reinforce larger developments and merchants. It could

come down to a big versus small," Draker said.

Yet the "virtue of variety" offered by smaller shopping areas, such as downtown Farmington and Royal Oak — more accessible with an expanded freeway — could be a boon, Draker said.

Farmington city manager Robert Deadman believes Farmington

might be too removed from I-696 to experience a direct benefit. But as the doors of accessibility open and more development occurs along the east-west route, Farmington's housing market will be waiting for the commuter.

"There's a lot of spinoff benefit that has nothing to do with going up and down the road," Deadman said.

Campbell looks back on election defeat

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laced about Campbell's accomplishments.

"We're sorry to see him go," Tupper said. "He was just starting his career in city activities. He attended all the functions he possibly could. He was extremely friendly, always willing to help and always

accommodating. "He was active and dedicated. Anyone who comes to the city council takes time to become oriented. After he came to the city council, he dedicated a lot of time. Maybe in a year or two, he will get back at it again."


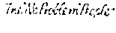
Of his lost opportunity to be mayor, Campbell said: "I've worked so diligently for the opportunity. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

His philosophy? "If I'm going to commit, I will put everything I have into it. I stand by my record. I'm not a grandstander by any means."

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