

At Farmington Hills police headquarters, Sgt. Farmington Hills Fast Photo on Orchard Lake Charles Nebus examines photographic and Road. photo processing equipment conflicated from

# Brothers charged with making false licenses

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Sgt. Charles Nebus, Farmington Hills Pollec Department Detective Section supervisor, denied the length of time in providing arrest warrants was unusual.

"This was a complicated investigation," he said.

"There was nothing out of the ordinary. We are diligent in getting people arraigned by the next day.

On Friday, Fast Photo was open for business. Some nearby businesses were awaiting the store's reopening because they were waiting for film to be developed that had been taken there before the brothers' arrests.

The arrests — between 1:30-2 p.m. Tuesday — capped a Farmington Hills police investigation begin the last week of December with a tip from West Bloomfield police that a Farmington Hills business was providing teens with false driver's licenses, Nebus said.

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THE BROTHERS were arrested after the second of two undercover police cadets younger than 21 bought fake driver's licenses at the store, according to police. The first cadet bought a fake license for 350 Friday, Dec. 29. The second cadet bought a fake license for 350 Friday, Dec. 29. The second cadet bought a fake license for 350 Friday, Dec. 20. The second cadet bought a fake license for 350 Friday, Dec. 20. The second cadet bought a fake license for 350 Friday, Dec. 20. The second cade to bught a fake license for 350 Friday Dec. 20. The process was to cut out the photo of the old license and place it on the other license. Basically, it's someone else's 10."

The store was closed when the two were arrested and remained so while Farmington Hills police and U.S. Secret Service agents searched the business at 7 p.m. Police said they confiscated photographic and photo processing equipment and false IDs. Nebus said.

We're booking at counterfeit and fraudulent confiscation of the search of the sea



This is an example of a forged driver's li-cense conflicated from Farmington Hills fast Photo on Orchard Lake Road, The photo and address information were blocked out by police to protect the identi-ties of two officers.

The Slobins were not previously under Secret Service investigation. Police believe the store is not part of a larger, regional counterfeiting and forgery ring, Nebus said.

BUT THE federal agency asks local police to contact them on cases involving fraudulent identification be-cause it's "the backbone of the criminal element," Britt said.

said. The Secret Service is interested in the counterfeiting or forgery of driver's licenses, Social Security cards, birth certificates and passports.

Although police are still investigating the forging of driver's licenses in Farmington Hills. Chief Dwyer doesn't believe the probe will extend to other types of public records.

### Use of phony licenses is common, students say

With police help last year, Chris Kessel, owner of the 7-Eleven convenience store on Orchard Lake Road just south of 13 Mile, stopped rowdy teens from making his

south of 13 Mile, stopped roway teens from making his place a hang-on much know that if they try to use it (a fake ID), they're not going to be able to buy or they'll lose it (the ID)." Kessel said.

Though minors still try to use fake IDs in his store, Kessel said his employees have been trained to spot them. "We're pretty aware of the situation and are doing our best."

Exemplacing Hills Police Chief William Davoer said in

the bar for icentification to ensure they are at least 21, the legal drinking age. In November, Mr. Sports took the practice a step further, In what's called a reverse sting, police not only confiscated minors' fake ID, but irkketed them under city ordinances.

The system works for Mr. Sports, McNamara said. But saif still sees the same teens refused entry on a fake ID only return six months later with someone else's ID. "The kids these days are smart. If they want fake ID's, they will get them one way or another," she said.

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Farmington Hills Pollee Chief William Dwyer said in the last year, "We've seen a significant increase in the last year, "We've seen a significant increase in the use of fraudulent IDs."

Sill, he holds out hope for an eventual decrease in the making and use of fraudulent IDs by minors. But the raid of the photo store, he said, "there's always somebody to come along and replace it."

DESPITE SIX undercover liquor enforcement erack-downs on liquor licensees in the city as well as the new reverse sting program, underage drinking is still popular in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Sports for two years has checked patrons outside

#### Hills wants state to cut price on site near I-696

y Joanne Maliszewski aff writer

Farmington Hills city manager William Costick will begin negotiat-ing the \$810,000 price tag on 45 acres of land owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which the city wants to buy for com-

munity sports.
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The acreage is just south of 1-694, between Farmington and Drake roads. It's also adjacent to 27 acres the city purchased in 1989 from Jack Peliz for approximately \$820,000.

The \$810,000 price tag, the result of an appraisal, is a far cry from Mayor Terry Sever's hope carlier this year that perhaps MDOT would donate the state land to the city, "According to the policy of MDOT, they must receive a fair market value for the property," Sever said. Based on the appraisal, the price tag

is less than \$20,000 an acre.

IN A LETTER to Sever, MDOT property management manager Joy ann Kime said the property is available at \$810,000 on a land contract with 20 percent down. City officials expect to use a star Department of Natural Resources matching grant to help purchase the property. Kime said MDOT would waive a 10 percent deposit until closing because the city has applied for public funding.

Sever also said that be's confident
the parks and recreation millage
fund (revenue from the five-year 0.8mill levy) will have more than it
million in it with the next collection
that's not been appropriated to belp
purchase the acreage.
Though no development plans
have been made, Costick and Sever
said the acreage will be designated
for parks and recreation use. Provisions for some type of community

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Other state grants will be considered to develop both the MDOT and relizarerage on the freeway, which is pretty level, would make it easy to develop into play fields.

Because he acreage is near residential area, efforts will be made to discuss any development plans with neighbor. Oestick path which was a control and the property of the same of the sam

## Hopes fade for saving Chesley wire plant

"We gave a lot of jobs to a lot of people, and they're going to have a hard time finding jobs in this industry," said Callahan, himself a 23-year employee of Hussman There's a lot of good people here. Obviously, I wish we could find jobs for all these people. "There's still a hope a buyer might sarface."

surface."

HUSSMANN PLANS to provide outplacement program for employees if the plant is closed.

Callahan blamed the decision on the high overhead of a larger comparation from smaller firms, which could operate on smaller profit margins.

"We had to reduce our prices, considerably, to meet the competition, he said. "That hurt our earnings." "Six months ago, they (Hussmann) taiked about selling. They hope to wind down orders in-house then, if they don't get a seller, they will close."

they don't get a seller, they will close." Started as a family business in the 1940s and in Farmington since 1963, Chesley Industries is the second largest company, by size, in the city and the 11th largest taxpayer, ac-cording to city assessing records. Hussmann, a division of the Chicago-based Whitman Company, acquired the company from the Chesley family in 1972.

CHESLEY INDUSTRIES is on Chesley Drive, north of Eight Mile and east of Farmington Road. It was one of the first companies to locate in the small industrial park.

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The street was named because
Bob Chesley, who took the reins at
Chesley Industries from his father,
was active in the Farmington community and sat on a city industrial
commission that formed the southside industrial park, city officials
said.

said.

The Chesley Industries building is owned by Hussmann. It was built in 1963, with additions in 1964, 1968 and 1982 — during the height of a recession, Callaban said.

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According to city assessor John
Sailer, the 90,900-square-foot office
and warehouse building sits on near-

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> - Robert Deadman Farmington city manager

ly three acres. The building has a state equalized value of \$951,000, making it worth nearly \$2 million on the open market. They pay \$51,586 in real properly taxes on the building and site, and another \$572,500 in personal property taxes, based on equipment and other items in the plant.

THE ONLY way the city would be hurt financially, is if the building sits vacant and no personal property tarses are collected, city officials said. But, they added, traditionally, that industrial park has a quick turnover. Because they started the year in business, Hussmann will owe for 1990 personal property taxes, Sailer added.

"I suspect if they don't already have a buyer (for the building) they will have one in six months to a year," Sailer said, adding that he had

City manager Robert Deadman agreed. "In the buildings along that corridor, there's been very little va-cancy," he said. "And If there's any,

it's been short term."

BUT DEADMAN said the human clement to the planned closing will hit the hardest. "I'm disappointed in the corporate decision," he said. "We don't, and the state of Michigan doesn't, want to lose businesses, which are not related to the auto sector.

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"The impact is broader than Farmington," he added. "It reduces buying power to some degree. I can't put my finger on it. But you're prob-ably pulling one and a half or two million dollars in payroll" out of the community.

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Deadman said he had already been in touch with the state Department of Commerce to see if it could intervene in finding a buyer for the business or building, or possibly keep things going at the key industrial lo-

#### Chesley Industries was family-owned business

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the employees became with the com-munity, such as the Goodfellows, and how family oriented the company truly was.

FAMILY MEMBERS did every-thing from working in the stop io mowing the grass. Bob Chesley died in 1974, two years after selling the company to the St. Louis-based Hussmann company and after many years of pouring his heart and soul into his work.

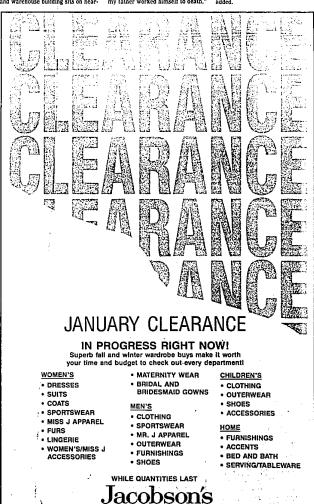
"The sad part is, quite literally, my father worked himself to death,"

Scott Chesley said. "In a lot of ways, it really was a blessing. I think my father had a premonition."

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George Chesley started the company as a tire recapping business in the 1940s. When Bob graduated from Purdue, he came into the family business and worked with his father to get into the wire products business. The two Chesleys developed the first baby seat-style shopping cart, Scott Chesley recalled.

"Everybody was involved with that thing from the inception," he added.



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