

police/fire calls

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

● Pleads guilty

A 20-year-old Detroit man pleaded guilty to larceny and conspiracy in connection with the stickup at a Farmington Hills Taco Bell in 1987.

Appearing before Circuit Judge Robert Anderson Feb. 22, the day his trial was to start, Erik Hans Rasmussen pleaded guilty to larceny from a person and conspiracy to commit larceny from a person. He faces up to 10 years in prison when sentenced by Anderson this week.

He is being held in the Oakland County Jail pending sentencing and his return to the Ionia Reformatory, where he is serving time for burglary in Livingston County.

Rasmussen and two alleged conspirators originally were charged with armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

A man wearing a werewolf mask and holding a long-barreled pistol wrapped in newspaper confronted the manager outside the restaurant at 1:10 a.m. in November 1987 and ordered him inside.

After the gunman ordered four employees into the cooler, the manager was ordered to put the receipts into a garbage bag. The manager then was ordered into the cooler and the gunman left.

There were no customers at the time. No one was hurt. More than \$1,000 was taken. Part of the stolen money was recovered.

Still awaiting trial on robbery and

conspiracy charges in connection with the incident are former manager David Bradley, 22, and the suspected getaway driver, Dennis Lee Koval, 20, both of Farmington Hills. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf during their arraignments.

● Cars attacked

Bbs or pellets were fired into windows of 15 vehicles parked on Ashley, Doreen, Tredevel, Ontario, Tuck, Astor and Stockton in Farmington Hills last Thursday and Friday. Total damage topped \$2,300.

● Unarmed robbery

When his knock on the door was answered, a man yanked a gold chain from the neck of an 18-year-old woman in an apartment on Fink early Sunday.

The woman sustained neck scratches in the 2:25 a.m. incident on the 30800 block of Fink. She was on the phone when she heard the knock and went to the door, she told Farmington Hills Police. The man, in his 20s, ran from the building after taking her chain, valued at \$300.

Police were trying to determine if there was a link between the robbery and a larceny earlier that night. Two visitors to the woman's apartment are suspected of possibly taking jewelry and a purse from the top of a bedroom dresser.

● Concealed weapons

A 29-year-old Farmington Hills man is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a five-year felony, in connection with the discovery of a meat cleaver, a steel broom

handle and a bone-handled knife during a traffic stop on Colgate Friday.

Two pocket knives and a straight safety razor also were found, Farmington Hills Police said.

The man was ticketed with driving with a suspended license, a one-year high misdemeanor, and an expired license plate, a 90-day misdemeanor, police said.

A 21-year-old Detroit man is charged with carrying a concealed weapon in connection with the discovery of a loaded .38-caliber revolver found during a traffic stop on 12 Mile Sunday.

The man was ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

Because he did not have proper car papers and a proper plate, and the car had a questionable vehicle identification number, the 1986 Acura Legend he was driving was impounded, Farmington Hills Police said.

● Thefts reported

A color TV, a black onyx glass tabletop, a diamond wristwatch, a cordless receiver and a gold wedding ring valued at \$2,100 were reported stolen from a residence on Independence

at Dotsford Place Terrace Apartments, Farmington Hills, Feb. 22-23.

Cash, a video camera, a diamond wedding ring and liquor valued at more than \$6,700 were reported stolen from a house on Sudbury Court, Farmington Hills, Feb. 27.

A jewelry chest, jewelry and cash valued at more than \$10,000 were reported stolen from a residence on Sierra Pointe at Sierra Pointe Condos, Farmington Hills, Feb. 28. CFR equipment and a baby dummy valued at \$1,640 were reported stolen from a car parked in a drive-

way on La Muer, Farmington Hills, March 1-2.

An answering machine, a briefcase, stereo equipment and jewelry valued at \$390 were reported stolen from a unit on Doverhill at Fairmont Park Apartments, Farmington Hills, March 3-4.

● Damage reported

Two vehicles had their car windows shot out in Farmington March 1-2, causing some \$200 in damage in each incident, according to Farmington Department of Public Safety reports. The cars were parked on Leelane and Loomis streets.

Coin con artist cashes in at Hills cleaners

A popular con job involving bogus coin rolls has resurfaced in Farmington Hills and other area cities.

The swindle involves a con man approaching merchants, saying he's from a neighboring business and exchanging rolls of "dimes" for paper money. Merchants later find the rolls filled with pennies, with dimes on each end.

Similar incidents have been reported over the last three weeks in Dearborn Heights and Livonia. "They definitely appear to be related," said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police. "In each case, the exact same description of the con man and method of operation was reported."

One-Hour Martinizing, 27893 Orchard Lake Road, was hit Saturday afternoon. Sixteen rolls of

dimes actually containing \$9.02 were exchanged for \$80 in cash, leaving a resulting theft of \$71.92.

ACCORDING TO a Farmington Hills police report:

At 4:50 p.m. Saturday, a man thought to be in his 20s and 16 rolls of what appeared to be dimes on the counter and asked for cash.

He said he worked nearby and his boss asked him to request the exchange. Two employees checked a few rolls, saw dimes on each end and the exchange was made. The man left in a four-door Chevrolet compact, about 1987 vintage.

One of the employees then opened the rolls and found all had dimes on the end and pennies in between.

The con man was described as black, in his 20s, 6-2 and 165 pounds.

NEBUS ADVISED Farmington Hills merchants to "think twice before accepting any coin rolls from strangers."

If you'd like to extend the courtesy of making the exchange, he said, "request identification. In addition, if the person says he's from a neighboring business, make a phone call and confirm that."

The last major investigation into larcenies-by-trick in Farmington Hills was two years ago, Nebus said.

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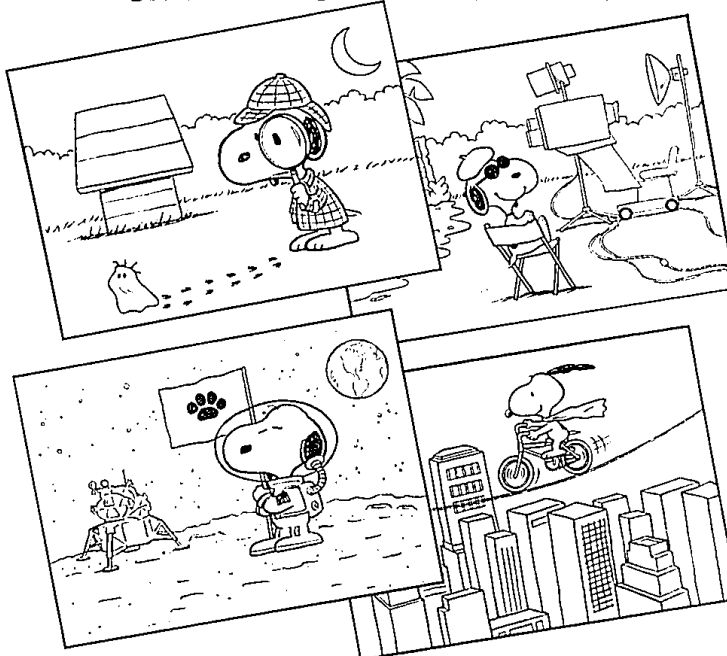
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