

police/fire calls

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

• **ring taken**
A diamond wedding ring valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from the finger of an 81-year-old woman who died at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills police said.
The theft, sometime between Feb. 19 and 20, was discovered by the Southfield woman's son-in-law. The ring had been forced from the woman's finger.

• **officer threatened**
A Farmington Hills detective investigating a stolen car complaint was threatened while trying to interview a man at his Highland Park home March 7.

Detective David Lee said he was not hurt when the 32-year-old man struck the driver's window of an unmarked patrol car with a plastic snow shovel blade mounted on an oak handle.

The blow dented the chrome trim around the window, causing \$30 in damage.

Lee gave this account:
When he took the man's identification to examine it at the front door of a house on Pilgrim at 3:35 p.m., the man demanded it back.

When he continued to examine it, the man ran inside. Fearing the man may get a weapon, Lee retreated to his car. He then saw the man running toward his car with the shovel.

At first, the man pounded on the driver's window with his fist, demanding his ID. He then raised the shovel and threatened to strike the car as well as Lee.

Moments later, the man swung the shovel and struck the driver's window. The man struck the passenger window with the shovel.

Highland Park police arrested the man soon after, charging him with felonious assault on a police officer.
• **concealed weapon**
A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon when he used, semiautomatic, .25-caliber pistol was found in an open duffel bag next to him on the seat during a traffic

stop at 7:50 p.m. Friday.
The stop was made at Grand River and Tulane, Farmington Hills police said.

• **alcohol seized**
Three minors were caught with alcohol in their vehicles in the east lot at Harrison High, 28995 12 Mile, during a school dance Friday night.

A 16-year-old Farmington Hills boy was ticketed for possessing a partially filled bottle of wine cooler. A 17-year-old Farmington Hills boy was ticketed for possessing a case of beer and a wooden pipe with marijuana residue.

A 16-year-old Farmington Hills boy was turned over to his mother after two cans of unopened beer were found in his van, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

• **host liability**
A 17-year-old Keego Harbor girl was ticketed under Farmington Hills' host liability ordinance when minors were found drinking at a party she was hosting in a room at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, 38123 10 Mile, at 12:05 a.m. Saturday.

Officers found eight minors, ages 17-20, drinking beer at the party. The host apparently used fraudulent identification to buy the beer, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• **felony charges**
Two Livonia teenagers face felony charges after burglar tools were found on two men outside a collision yard Saturday night, Farmington Hills police said.

The teens — ages 18 and 19 — face a charge of possessing burglar tools, a 10-year felony. The older man also faces a charge of possessing marijuana — a 1-year misdemeanor — after a baggie of the controlled substance allegedly was found in his boot.

The two were arrested at 9:25 p.m., outside the car storage yard at Maxie Collision, 32581 Northwestern Highway.

Patrolman Craig Hurt spotted two men emerging from behind a dumpster in the alley along the fence line at Maxie Collision. The 18-year-old was carrying a nylon bag.

Suspicious of their actions, Hurt looked in the bag. He found tin snips,

a slimjim and a bolt cutter. Pliers and two screwdrivers were found in the 19-year-old's pockets.
Their car was parked nearby.
Hurt found the fence wire cut near the dumpster.

• **smash and grab**
A smash-and-grab burglary netted thieves 10-15 pairs of sunglasses from the sunglasses/goggle rack in the accessory room at Farmington Cycle World, 34600 Eight Mile, Sunday night.

Responding to an alarm at 11:30 p.m., officers found a damaged door, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• **car broken into**
Three teenagers — two 17-year-olds and a 16-year-old — were arrested in connection with the breaking of a car parked on the 28600 block of Clubhouse Lane in northern Farmington Hills Monday night.

Officers responded to a report of three suspicious males near the driveway of a house on Clubhouse Lane, near Fernhill, at 9 p.m.

Officers found three teens matching the description in the K mart lot

on Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 mile.

A radar detector, a stereo headset and cassette tapes believed stolen from a car parked on Clubhouse Lane were found in the suspects' car, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• **thefts reported**
Four boats valued at \$7,200 were reported stolen from a fenced yard at National Boat Land, 28400 Grand River, Farmington Hills, between Nov. 1 and March 9.

Two mopeds valued at \$550 were reported stolen from a rear storage shed on the 34500 block of Rhonwood, Farmington Hills, between Feb. 10 and March 7.

Stereo equipment and two CD players valued at \$1,820 were reported stolen from a unit on Hampton Court at Fairmont Park Apartments, Farmington Hills, March 7-9.

A color TV, a VCR, tools and jewelry valued at \$2,045 were reported stolen from a house on River Ridge Trail, Farmington Hills, March 9.

Fisher center worker charged in sexual assault

A Detroit employee at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center was ordered to stand trial Friday in connection with the sexual assault of a center volunteer, Farmington Hills Police said.

After a preliminary exam in 47th District Court Friday, Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington bound over for trial Jerome Edward Patton, 27, Detective Sandie Rochford said.

Patton is charged with assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct-third degree (involving penetration) — a 10-year felony.

The victim, a woman in her 20s, is a center volunteer. She did not seek immediate medical treatment.

Following an internal investigation, the center, at 27400 W. 12 Mile, put Patton on a leave of absence, with pay, pending outcome of the criminal charge, said Jackie Kelsey,

center spokeswoman.
Schaeffer continued Patton's \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. He will be arraigned March 21 before Oakland County Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper.

"EVERY PERSON is entitled to a day in court," said defense attorney

Clarence Ledwon of Southfield.
"That's what we're going for," he said. "We'll wait for Judge Cooper's pretrial and see what happens."
The assault took place Feb. 20 in a kitchen storage room. It was reported to the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's administration the next day and to the police Feb. 22.

Patton was arrested March 2. The next day, he pleaded not guilty to a charge of criminal sexual conduct-third degree at his district court arraignment before Magistrate James Brady of Farmington.

"WE TRY and screen our people very carefully," Kelsey said. "No

one knows what really happened. We'll just have to wait until that investigation is complete."

Patton has worked at the center for more than a year. But he previously visited the center on occasion as an employee of a dietary service hired for special functions, Kelsey said.

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