Con man foiled in bid to fool restaurant

The coin roll con artist struck again this week in Farmington Hills.

Last week in Livonia, he went right to the source and tricked a but was thwarted by an alert business employee.

Michigan National Bank branch out of \$177.

Kelly donates temporary help.

Kelly Temporary Services in Farmington Hills donated free temporary help to local non-profit organizations in the area during the company's annual worldwide Kellyweek calebration, March 11-17.

Over the past five years, Kelly Temporary Services, a division of Kelly Services, has donated more than 4,000 days of temporary help to 15,000 non-profit organizations in North America. This year, more than 4,000 days of temporary help was donated during Kellyweek.

"Charitable organizations within Farmington Hills have always appreciated a helping hand and we're

Hermanoff wins Beacon

Sandra Hermanoff, president of Farmington Hills-based Hermanoff & Associates, received a Lighthouse founded in 1973, is a social service agency providing free Lighthouse. Hermanoff was one of nine to receive the award, which recognizes exceptional benefactors to the mission of Lighthouse, according to Norrem Kealing, executive director. "These people have enabled the work of Lighthouse to grow and flourish and meet the growing de-

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In at least a dozen recent incidents, a man has approached areas business and exchanged rolls of "dimes" for paper currency. Later, the merchants found that the rolls actually were filled with pennies, with dimes on each end.

Farmington Hills, Livonia, Southfield and Death are all been targeted.

AT 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, a man approached an employee of the Tivoli Restaurant, 31525 12 Mile, in the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills. He said he was from the nearby JW's

He said he was from the nearby JW's Saloon and wanted to exchange excess colns for bills.

He handed the employee a brown paper bag with 10-15 "dime" rolls. She took the bag to the back room, but when she opened two of the rolls, she found each had pennies. When he refused to make the exchange, the man left.

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In Farmington Hills on March 3, One-Hour Martinizing, 27893 Orchard Lake Road, was taken when 16 colls of dimes actually containing \$9.02 were exchanged for \$80 in cash. The con man said he worked nearby and his boss asked him to request the exchange, police said.

"It sure sounds like the same guy,"

FOUR LIVONIA businesses fell victim to the scheme in February, and two of them were taken for a combined \$170. Alter employees the other two stores refused to make the extension and instead called the continuous stores refused to make the extension and instead called the case before officers arriced. The latest Livonia case was March 15, during the lunchtime rush at the bank branch. According to reports, a man approached the counter and handed a teller a canvas bag supposedly containing \$5 rolls of dimes.

The man identified himself as an employee of a party store in Detroit, and provided what he claimed to be an account number for the party store.

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The teller agreed to make the transaction, and the man left in an unknown direction. An hour later, a teller checked the trolls and found them to be bogus.

A bank employee described the suspect as black, 6-9 and 210 pounds. It was dressed all in black and wore

a black baseball cap with the word "PARTY" printed in white.

IN THE February incidents, a black man of similar height and weight identified himself as employ-ec of a video rental store when persuading clerks to accept the coin rolls for paper currency.

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An Amoco gas station attendant was tricked out of \$95 on Feb. 18, and three businesses on Eight Mile and Farmington Road were targeted Feb. 26.

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The man struck out in his attempts to work his con on employees at Papa Romano's Little Bambino and the Subway restaurant.

On his third attempt at the Block buster Video store, the man changed his story and claimed to be an employee of another nearby business. The con worked and the man walked off with \$75, leaving behind a handful of fake dime rolls.

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IN 1988, a "dime bandit" operated in Livonia and surrounding communities for a number of months. The man was responsible for at least six theits in Livonia alone before being captured by Redford Township police.

Police recommend that merchants





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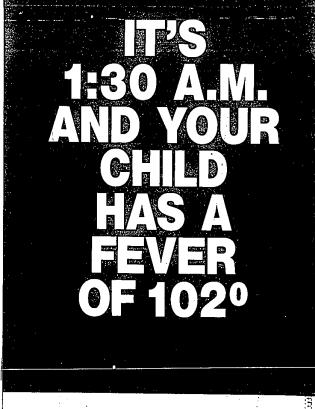


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