

police/fire calls

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

GUN FOUND

A police lieutenant found a 9mm handgun under the trash container outside the front entrance of the Farmington Hills Police Department at 3:45 a.m. Friday.

Lt. Martin Bledsoe had just parked and was approaching the door when he found the .400 gun. The clip had live rounds of ammunition but an empty chamber.

Police are trying to determine if there's a connection between the gun and a 22-year-old man who was brought in moments earlier.

The man, carrying two handbags, went outside momentarily in between two trips to the lobby phone, according to a police report.

CAR RECOVERED

Two Detroit men face up to five years in prison if convicted of a felony charge that they teamed to steal a used car from a Farmington Hills car dealership Friday night.

The men, ages 29 and 60, face a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile in connection with the theft of a 1982 Pontiac 6000, valued at \$3,995, from Bob Sellers Pontiac, 38000 Grand River, police said.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

At 8 p.m. Friday, two maintenance men saw two men, one in a tow truck, acting suspiciously in the used car lot at Bob Sellers.

One man soon smashed a window

Crow freed from tree but is later put to sleep

Fire marshal Joe Schornack freed a crow hanging by a mangled wing from a tree branch on Lamar Monday afternoon.

"The Michigan Humane Society later put the bird to sleep."

"The wing was really mangled and broken. It wasn't mendable," said Jackie Kunze, Westland Shelter assistant manager. One neighbor in the 10 Mile-Orchard Lake area volunteered to give the bird a home if the veterinary exam had found it healthy enough.

Lamar residents saw the crow hanging from a front-yard tree Monday morning and called the Farmington Department of Public Safety,

which did not respond immediately because of a backup of emergency calls, said Commander Tom Cox.

"Everything that goes through this agency is prioritized," he said. "A bird in a tree would certainly be a lower priority than most things going on."

Both the department and residents, meanwhile, called the Michigan Humane Society, which sent two employees, who tried unsuccessfully to free the crow. Neighbors gathered around the tree, some searching their garages and houses for long poles and nets.

Laurie Bergebin, a clerk at the Westland shelter, climbed the tree,

but couldn't reach the bird because it was so far out on the tree limb.

WHEN THE humane society employees called the public safety department for help, Cox alerted Schornack, who interrupted a training session to free up a fire truck.

About 2 p.m. Schornack, wearing protective gloves, climbed the truck ladder and clipped the branch the crow was hanging from.

Cox said the department is obligated by ordinance only to respond to animal incidents involving dogs. But, he said, "We do what we can do and provide the service we can with the tools provided."

Officers responded to 19 calls on the day shift Monday.

"It gets to be a balancing act — prioritizing things, deciding what runs are to be held," Cox said. "That's standard operating procedure in any police agency."

"Our resources are limited," he added.

He said if the crow had been stuck in a house, the priority would've been higher. "We'd go out to help open windows and doors to get the bird out."

Staff writers Amy Rauch and Bob Sklar contributed to this report.

Livonia and Novi, were ticketed for possessing alcohol during drag racing along Hills Tech Drive, between Halsted and Haggerty, at 10 p.m. Sunday.

When Farmington Hills police arrived, they found 300 young people standing along the road or sitting in cars. Beer containers littered the roadside. Tickets also were issued for drag racing.

MAN FLEES

A 24-year-old Livonia man was detained in connection with an escape from a Farmington Hills scout car at 11 p.m. Sunday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After being interviewed in connection with a malicious destruction of property complaint on the 30500 block of 10 Mile, a man kicked in a side window of the scout car and crawled out. He fled across 10 Mile, disappearing behind houses. But he was soon caught and arrested.

CARS ATTACKED

Cassette tapes, golf clubs, a radar detector valued at \$900 were reported stolen from two cars parked on Vacri Lane, Farmington Hills, April 19-20.

HOUSE BURGLARY

Tools, a remote control truck, a telephone, tires and rims valued at \$3,620 were reported stolen from a house on the 21500 block of Roosevelt, Farmington Hills, April 19-21.

DRAG RACING

Three teenagers, ages 17-18 from

ton Oaks Apartments, 21900 Farmington Road, in which a radar detector valued at \$200 was stolen and damage of \$150 was reported to the car.

In another incident, a radar detector valued at \$250 was stolen from the Kensington Manor Apartments, 33225 North Manor Road, and \$300 in damage was done to the car's roof trim.

ALCOHOL SEIZED

Four teenagers, ages 17-18 from Redford Township and Farmington Hills, were ticketed for possessing alcohol when wine cooler was found in two cars parked at the Taco Bell, 29925 Orchard Lake Road, at 10:50 p.m. Saturday, Farmington Hills police said.

VCRS TAKEN

Nine VCRs valued at \$2,893 were reported stolen from Pace Warehouse, 24600 Haggerty, Farmington Hills, Sunday.

Also over the weekend, personal items including tools and two motorcycle helmets valued at \$780 were reported stolen from a basement storage area at Chatham Hills Apartments in Farmington.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Windows in two Farmington Public Schools buses were shot out sometime over the weekend, school officials told Farmington police. The incident occurred at the district's bus garage off of Raphael Street. No damages estimates were available.

3 NABBED

Farmington Hills police assisted Northville police in arresting three suspects in connection with the break-in of cars in Northville Township early Tuesday.

Surveillance officers followed the suspects from Farmington Hills to Novi to Northville Township at 12:50 a.m. There, they saw three men on foot, looking into cars at Northridge Apartments.

Three radar detectors were among the items found in their car. The Northville men are ages 17-18, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

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