

# Students arrested after school gets bomb threat

Two 16-year-old Farmington High School students were arrested Friday for inciting to riot after they used a school pay phone to call in a bomb threat to the school's attendance office and waved a photograph of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein at other students chanting "Saddam's Number One."

Police believe the two may have thought they could prompt school officials to evacuate and close the school.

School officials and Farmington's

deputy public safety director Gary Goss said police took the matter seriously, especially in light of the war in the Middle East and the cultural mix of the student population at the high school. One of the young men was reportedly of Arab descent.

STUDENTS apparently overheard the two practicing what they would say in a bomb threat while at a pay phone near the school cafeteria. The threat was called in at about 12:20 p.m. during the school lunch hour. The school was not evacuated, be-

cause students alerted administrators to the situation and police were called.

"Given the situation, it was potentially dangerous," said Goss. "It was clearly raising the emotional level of the students. We feel it's a serious offense."

Petitions have been filed with the Oakland County Prosecutor's office to determine if the two will face charges. Farmington High School principal Gerald Potter said the two boys were suspended and that an investigation was continuing.

# Police investigate Sunday's armed holdup at Knight's Inn

Farmington Hills police continue to investigate the armed robbery of the Knight's Inn, 37527 Grand River, just before 9 p.m. Sunday.

When police arrived, an employee at the front desk described what happened. While he was talking on the telephone at the front desk, an unidentified man came in armed with a small, silver revolver. He had a nylon stocking over his head and face, according to a police report.

After the man asked the employee where the money was kept, the employee opened a drawer. The man took the money. He then asked the employee where the drop box and safe were located.

"Come on, come on. If you continue to waste time, I will kill you," the man reportedly told the employee.

After the man took money from a drop box, he made the employee kneel on his hands and knees in a back office.

WHILE IN the back office, the employee heard the cash drawer box drop and doors slam. After waiting another minute in the back office to be sure the robber was gone, the employee called police.

The employee told police the robbery lasted 45 seconds to one minute and he didn't see the man come in a car or leave in one.

But a motel guest told police he saw a suspicious-looking man and woman slouching in a blue Skylark or Beretta in a parking space for one of the motel rooms. He provided police with their descriptions.

The employee told police that the armed robber spoke with an accent. He was described as five-foot, seven-inches tall and 140 pounds. He has dark brown hair and may have a mustache and was wearing black jeans and a red and black heavy flannel shirt. He left with a "Metro Bank" bag.

## police/fire calls

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

### Station robbed

An armed man robbed a Mobile gas station, 29411 12 Mile, of about \$200 just before 7 p.m. Monday.

According to a station employee, a man came up along the side of the building and walked in with a small silver revolver. "Gimme all your money," the man reportedly told the employee. The man was given the money, which he put in a purple drawstring bag with gold trim, similar to a Crown Royal whiskey bag. The man then left.

The employee described the man as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and 200 pounds. He had short brown hair.

### Oven fires

Two residential oven fires were reported in the city of Farmington Sunday.

The first, which occurred shortly after noon on Orchard Lake Road, caused \$100 in damage to a Magle Chef oven, the other, which happened at 1:38 p.m. on Hayden Street, started in an electrical heating element in a Kenmore oven and caused \$200 in damage.

### Car fire

A Grosse Pointe Farms resident

was not injured when his car caught fire Saturday as he drove westbound on I-696, near the Orchard Lake Road exit, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

While the man was driving, another motorist informed him his 1977 Chevrolet was on fire. He pulled off the freeway and saw the fire under the passenger side of the car.

Farmington Hills firefighters responded and extinguished the fire, which caused an estimated \$500 property damage and \$100 in damage to contents.

### Thefts reported

Jewelry, ski jacket, jeans and cash valued at \$6,375 were reportedly stolen from a residence in the Farmington Village Co-Op on Longacre between Jan. 10 and Jan. 16.

A television valued at \$500 was reportedly stolen from a house on Lyncroft Jan. 12 or 13.

Assorted CD's valued at \$675 were reportedly stolen from an Independence Green apartment on Jefferson Court Friday.

Jewelry valued at \$1,039 and credit cards were reportedly stolen from an apartment at Botsford Manor, 30150 Nine Mile, between Jan. 14 and Friday.

The front grill of a 1989 Ford Bronco valued at \$250 was reportedly stolen while parked at Country Lanes bowling alley, 30250 Nine

Mile, Friday.

A color television valued at \$325 was reportedly stolen from a unit at Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted Saturday.

A mink stole, earrings, a recon-verted Army gun, an automatic shotgun and a rifle valued, valued at \$1,698 total, were reportedly stolen from a unit at Detroit Baptist Manor on 13 Mile Saturday.

Power tools valued at \$175 were reportedly stolen from the storage area at Chatham Hills Apartments in Farmington Jan. Sunday or Monday.

### Damage reported

About \$400 damage resulted when someone broke and kicked in lamp posts on Bradley sometime between Jan. 15 and Friday.

The taillights and windows of a 1991 Ford on Bunker Hill were smashed Friday. Damage was estimated at \$500.

The windows of a car parked at Antonio Hair Salon, 29657 Orchard Lake Road, were broken with BB pellets and a side mirror also was broken Friday or Saturday. Damage was estimated at \$500.

Damage to two cars was estimated at \$2,000 Sunday after someone tore a sunroof, broke windows and spray painted the cars with pink paint. Black paint also was dribbled down the front of one of the cars.

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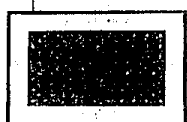
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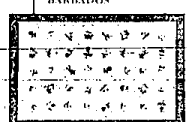
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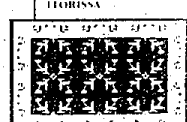
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