police/fire calls

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

● **ASSAULT CHARGES**

A 37-year-old Romulus man faces two felony charges in connection with the slashings of two men at the Chalet of Farmington Hills, 30689 Grand River, just before midnight Friday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Police who were at the banquet hall, taking a property damage report were told two men inside were cut and bleeding. The man apparently argued with a girlfriend and then waved a knife at other guests. Two of the guests were slashed in the face and ear, according to the report.

The man stood mute to two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf at his arraignment Saturday in 47th District Court. A $2,500 cash or surety bond was set. A preliminary exam on the charges is scheduled for June 21 in 47th District Court.

If convicted, the man could face a maximum 10 years in prison on each count.

● **ASSAULT REPORTED**

Two unidentified men waved pistols at a small group of people in the parking lot of Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shiawassee, about 2:30 p.m., June 13, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The men drove up to the group and tried to start a fight. They left the lot for a few minutes. When they returned they opened the trunk of the car they were driving and got out two pistols.

When members of the group saw the pistols they got into their cars. The two men walked up to the cars and aimed the pistols at the people.

● **EXAM DELAYED**

A preliminary examination on a felony firearms charge against a 33-year-old Farmington Hills man was adjourned from Monday to Wednesday, June 26.

William Rice of Ontaga Street faces one count of discharging a firearm at a building in connection with the shooting of a woman by a bullet fired from a neighboring house.

The preliminary examination was adjourned to give Rice time to get an attorney. He is free on 10 percent of a $2,500 bond. If convicted, Rice could face a maximum four years in prison.

A 23-year-old Wyandotte woman was shot in the thigh by a bullet that traveled through a bathroom wall and hit her as she got out of the shower at her fiance's house on Rensselaer.

When police tried to talk to the neighbor whose house the bullet apparantly came from, but he refused to talk.

The neighbor was arrested when Farmington Hills officer Jim Knittel saw him returning home one day, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department detective bureau.

● **VEHICLES RECOVERED**

Two stolen vehicles — one taken from a monastery in Detroit and the other from Farmington Hills — were recovered in the city of Farmington after the two drivers and one passenger fled the scene leaving the cars behind.

On June 16 at about 4:39 a.m., Farmington Officer Richard Hennessy was on patrol when he spotted two cars speeding westbound on Grand River near the city center. As he stopped them, he noticed a broken window and punched ignition in one. As the driver of the second vehicle, a Pontiac, exited his car, the first car, an Oldsmobile, left the scene. Hennessy pursued the fleeing man on foot and radioed the fleeing car into the station.

Officer Terry Purves gave chase west on Grand River, where two men in the Oldsmobile deserted the car at Wilmarth and ran.

The passenger, a 24-year-old Detroit man, was captured in a residential area north of Grand River by Officer Mark Worch. Both drivers escaped, but the two cars were recovered.

● **CAR FIRE**

A $7,500 loss was reported to a 1983 Porsche June 14 after it caught fire while sitting in the parking lot at Sunshine Acura, 34900 Grand River. Fire officials believe the fire could have been started by a faulty catalytic converter. The incident occurred shortly before 2 p.m.

● **THEFTS REPORTED**

Tires valued at $536 were reported taken from a U-Haul vehicle June 11 from the Shell station at 32340 Grand River.

A tool box and tools valued at $500 were reported stolen a car on Duncan Drive, June 6-7.

A rototiller valued at $400 was reported stolen from a house on Tulane, June 13-16.

An AM/FM cassette disc radio, car phone, amplifier and radar detector valued at $3,560 were reported stolen from a 1990 Ford from Diamond Forest Apartments, 23260 Halsted, June 16-17.

Golf clubs, a briefcase and watch valued at $1,000 were reported stolen from a 1988 Volkswagen at Bill Cook auto dealer, 37911 Grand River, June 13-14.

Two TVs, VCR and gold watch valued at $2,600 were reported stolen from a house on Drake Road, June 17.

Cassette tapes valued at $600 were reported stolen from a 1991 Ford at Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington, June 15-16.

Adults have slugfest at Little League game

Sportsmanship and teamwork weren't primary on the minds of some parents June 13 when a fight broke out among adults as their sons' baseball teams played at Kenbrook Elementary School.

There were no arrests, although Farmington Hills police continue to investigate a fight between two Farmington Hills men who, according to witnesses, began hitting a 57-year-old third base coach from West Bloomfield Township.

The fight began during a game between the 8-year-old boys teams of the White Sox and Yankees just after 7 p.m. June 13 at the school's baseball diamond, 32130 Bonnet Hill, according to a police report.

Witnesses told police that the two Farmington Hills residents, a father and his adult son, began arguing with the third base coach. The older Farmington Hills resident pointed his finger at the coach and then began hitting him in the face.

While the coach tried to cover his face from the punches, the younger Farmington Hills man came up behind him. The coach was punched in the face and forehead and knocked to the ground.

THE FARMINGTON Hills residents reportedly got on top of the coach and punched him in his back, neck and face, according to the report.

An off-duty state police trooper from Louisiana — the brother of another White Sox coach — ran to the beaten man's aid and tried to pull off one of the Farmington Hills men.

The man got off the coach and punched the state trooper in the ear.

With his ear heavily bleeding, the trooper left to seek medical attention. That's when another five to 10 adults who were watching the game joined the fracas to help the coach.

When the fight ended, the two Farmington Hills men shouted obscenities as they left the game, according to the police report.

Those who were injured in the fight also sought medical attention.

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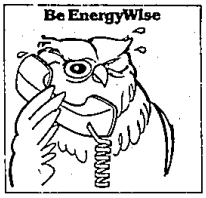

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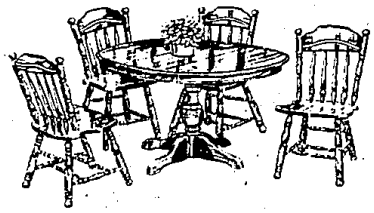
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