

# Man faces charge in traffic death

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

A 57-year-old Farmington man faces a high misdemeanor charge in connection with the traffic death of a 43-year-old Farmington Hills bicyclist May 21.

Meanwhile, the Oakland County Prosecutor is reviewing evidence in the death of a 81-year-old Farmington Hills man who was killed in a head-on crash on Farmington Road near 13 Mile May 24.

William Corliss stood mute and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf at his arraignment on one count

of negligent homicide before 47th District Judge Fred Harris on June 14.

Corliss is charged in connection with the death of Darryl Busser who was riding his bicycle on Freedom Road, west of Gilt, when he was struck from behind by a pickup truck on May 21.

Negligent homicide carries a maximum penalty of two-years in prison and \$2,000 fine.

A THIRD traffic fatality on 14 Mile Road, near Halsted on June 1, is also under review and expected to be given to West Bloomfield. The

"first harmful incident" of the one-car accident that killed Jeffrey J. Pike, 19, of Walled Lake, occurred on the north side of 14 Mile, which is West Bloomfield. Farmington Hills, however, has maintenance responsibilities for 14 Mile.

"There won't be any charges levied in this case at all," said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department's traffic section.

Alcohol was involved in the accident, which also injured Pike's passenger, Amy Marie Kemp, 19, of Walled Lake. Kemp was wearing a seatbelt but police do not believe

Pike was wearing one. Police also believe Pike lost control of the vehicle.

Gerald Willard of Farmington Hills died after a southbound car crossed the center line and hit Willard's car, which was northbound on Farmington Road. The pickup, which crossed the centerline, was driven by Emanuele Mancini, 22, of West Bloomfield. Mancini and a passenger, Lisa Arnone, 20, of Livonia, were seriously injured in the May 24 accident.

"The drivers in both cars and the passenger were unbelted," Cranston said.

## police/fire calls

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

### • AUTO LARCENIES

Three cars belonging to 12th Estate Condominium residents were broken into July 13, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

One of the residents was awakened by a neighbor after the resident's car alarm was activated. The resident found the window of his 1989 Cadillac smashed.

Two other residents found their radio cassette players stolen. One in-dash AM/FM cassette stereo that was reported stolen from a 1986 Pontiac was valued at \$800. Another was valued at \$1,000 and was reported stolen from a 1987 Cadillac.

### • NOISE COMPLAINT

Farmington Road resident Donald Stolberg reported a noise complaint at the Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile early July 13, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The report said the resident heard a group gathering in the center's parking lot. Stolberg told police he heard hollering, screaming and fireworks.

Police found one used Roman Candle, numerous plastic cups and damage balloons but no one at the center. Stolberg has filed several noise complaints against the center in the last couple years.

### • ETHNIC INTIMIDATION

Three Farmington Hills teenagers told police that as they were driving southbound on Orchard Lake Road near 13 Mile, July 13, an unidentified man drove up close and shouted anti-Semitic remarks, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The unidentified man then turned westbound on 12 Mile. The teens provided police with a license plate number of the car driven by the unidentified man. Police found the car licensed to a Brighton man.

### • THEFTS REPORTED

Wheel covers valued at \$240 were reported stolen from a 1989 Toyota on Braeside Circle, July 12.

Three telefacsimile machines valued at \$2,700 were reported stolen from the Fax Express, 31800 Northwestern Highway, July 11-12.

Tires and wheels valued at \$600 were reported stolen from Bob Saks Olds, 35300 Grand River, July 10-12.

Golf clubs valued at \$220 were reported stolen from a condominium on Vista Drive, July 10-12.

Wheel covers valued at \$180 were reported stolen from a 1987 Toyota on Green Hill, July 11-12.

A tailgate valued at \$600 was reported stolen from a 1984 Ford on Northwestern Highway, July 11-12.

Hubcaps valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a 1990 Toyota on Freedom Road, July 11-12.

Speakers valued at \$700 were reported stolen from 1984 Jeep on Innersbrook, July 12-13.

Roofing products valued at \$3,450 were reported stolen from JKM Enterprises, 34545 Old Timber, July 3-9.

A 1990 Ford Ranger valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from a house on Creekside, July 14.

### • DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$1,100 after someone threw rocks and shattered windows on a 1985 GMC van parked on Eastfield, July 12.

The driver of a 1991 Jeep found three of the four tires slashed July 12. Damage to the Jeep on Orchard Lake Road was estimated at \$300.

## Turn the lights on to keep burglars away

By Kim Kemske  
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Security lighting both in and around your home is the first line of defense against home burglary. Nighttime burglaries occur for good reason: It's easy for a burglar to see when there is no one home. If you don't have lights on inside your home at dusk, you're setting yourself up as a potential victim.

At least one lamp or other light in your home should be set on a timer that turns the light on a little before dusk each night — not just when you're on vacation. It's best if your light shines through to both the front and rear of your home. If necessary set two lights on timers.

A light on a timer in at least one upstairs bedroom along with at least one downstairs light, is essential for good security when you're vacationing even if it comes on only for an hour or two in the early morning.

You also need to light up other areas that you would normally light when you're home. This includes an office, den, kitchen, bathroom or din-

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ing room. Overhead light fixtures can be set on timers that are wired into the switch. Remember that night lights don't count. They're not bright enough to make the room look occupied.

**IF YOU DO** not leave a light on all night when you're home, don't let it when you're away. It sends a signal to the outside world.

Whole-house remote control lighting systems are now on the market that work on modules wired into interior and exterior fixtures and electrical outlets.

You can also set radios and appliances on timers using this type of system. An advantage to this method

is that you can set all your lights from one central location and turn on all your lights at once from one remote location.

For exterior lighting, your front porch light should be set on a photoelectric sensor to provide security lighting every night from dusk to dawn. This has the added benefit, in most cases, of also illuminating your driveway. If you ever require emergency response, this could prove a life saver.

It is not necessary to use flood lights all around your home every night for good security lighting. But some lighting, front and back, is recommended.

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Regardless of types of light fixtures, all Farmington Hills residents are asked to participate in National Night Out Against Crime Tuesday, Aug. 6, by turning on your porch lights 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and joining your neighbors outside.

Help us to send our crime prevention message to burglars by participating in this one-night program.

Kim Kemske is a crime prevention technician with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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