

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**
A Farmington gas station was robbed of \$500 Monday by a man who threatened an employee with a pop bottle.

The incident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. at the Cligo station at Grand River and Orchard Lake. The cash was stolen from the station's cash register.

According to Farmington Department of Public Safety reports: The man entered the store and filled out a job application. Then, after all the customers had left the store, he got pop from the cooler and used it to threaten the 21-year-old Livonia man working there telling him he was going to "bust his head open."

The victim was ordered to go into the bathroom and not come out for five minutes. He told police he heard the subject at the register.

Several minutes later, a customer opened the bathroom door and the man reported the theft.

The man is described as a 20-year-old white man about 6 feet tall, 230 pounds. He was driving a 2-tone older gold or orange car.

● **HUBCAP THEFTS**
Two hubcaps valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a 1985 Oldsmobile parked at Buddy's Pizza, 31648 Northwestern Highway, July 21. That same day, wheels valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a 1991 Buick at Buddy's, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

● **BREAK-INS REPORTED**
Breaking and enterings of three cars parked on Hemlock July 18-19 were reported to Farmington Hills police. Reported stolen was a medical supply kit valued at \$1,500 from a 1989 Ford; a beeper valued at \$140 from a 1989 Mercury; \$5 in change from a 1987 Ford.

● **KITCHEN FIRE**
Overheated grease ignited causing a fire in a unit of the Mulwood Apartments at Grand River and Drake roads July 19, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived they found that the apartment tenant had extinguished the fire by putting the pan in the kitchen sink. The fire was extinguished but some of the grease spilled. The tenant was taken to Providence Hospital in Novi for treatment.

Damage from the fire is estimated at \$500.

● **THEFTS REPORTED**
A furnace blower motor valued at \$700 was reported stolen from the room of Irene's Electric Dance, 35129 Grand River sometime between June 15 and July 11.

A rear axle assembly valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a 1985 Ford at Grand Haggerty Auto, 35000 Haggerty, July 18-19.

Speakers and 36 cassette tapes valued at \$680 were reported stolen from a 1991 Jeep on Glenmoor Heights, July 18-19.

Two chain saws and climbing line valued at \$1,550 were reported stolen from a 1990 Pontiac on Whitlock, July 9.

A ring valued at \$495 was reported stolen from the Route 10 Gallery, 32430 Northwestern Highway, July 19.

A generator, drills and table saw valued at \$1,230 were reported stolen from a 1990 Chevrolet at Ponderosa Restaurant, 38350 10 Mile, July 21.

Hills responds to man's charges about police

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Shocked is the best way to describe the reaction a week ago when a Farmington Hills resident surprised everyone when he publicly denounced the police department and accused some of its officers of being on the take.

The man told the Farmington Hills City Council that he had been fired from a local business — that he believed police officers were on the payroll — lost his home, and is now living at the Rainbow Motel on Grand River.

"Unless there's proof, I don't think you should be making allegations," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi warned the man.

CITY MANAGER William Costick read a prepared statement Monday about the allegations made by the resident, who apparently has had run-ins with the police before.

"The chief of police and other command staff members extensively interviewed this individual and found that his allegations were solely predicated on erroneous impressions he has formulated about officers whom he has had adverse contact with, or whose names he has seen on cards or papers," Costick said.

"The individual was totally unable to provide any firsthand knowledge, evidence, observations or investigative leads which would support his accusations."

CITY OFFICIALS said they are concerned that the man's accusations — aired live on cable television — would hurt the police department's reputation.

"... We must state that it is unfortunate when an individual publicly besmirches the image of a law enforcement agency and is then unable to substantiate his accusations."

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