

police/fire calls

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

WEAPONS FOUND

A Detroit man was arrested Aug. 16 after Farmington police stopped him for a routine traffic violation at about 11:20 p.m. and found a loaded revolver, ammunition and a knife in the car.

The 19-year-old man told police he had bought the .38 caliber gun at work that night for \$80. He was stopped on eastbound M-104 near Gill because his car had no license plate; it was also determined the man was driving with a suspended license.

Concealed weapons warrants are being sought.

CIGARETTES TAKEN

Twenty-two cartons of cigarettes valued at \$953 were reported stolen from a Mobil gas station, 33350 12 Mile, Aug. 17, after an unidentified man and woman entered the store and apparently pretended to be shopping, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The couple entered the store and remained there for about 20 minutes before leaving. They returned and while the woman put some items on the counter as though she

was going to buy them, the man and two small children walked in the store.

The man then went into the backroom of the gas station to take the children to the restroom. Meanwhile, the woman asked the store employee for a carton of cigarettes. When the woman was told she couldn't pay for the items with food stamps she left, but said she'd be back.

Another customer told the employee that the man and two children had already left the store with cartons of cigarettes.

CAR FIRE

A dropped match ignited 144 bottle rockets that were sitting on the front seat of a car traveling on Orchard Lake Road near Oakland Drive Aug. 13, according to a Farmington Hills fire report. A Farmington Hills police officer saw the fire in the car and used a dry chemical extinguisher to finish putting out the fire. The fire, which caused an estimated \$100, was confined to the interior of the car.

THEFTS REPORTED

A radar detector valued at \$60 was reported stolen from a car parked near the Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River, Aug. 19. A reported \$200 in damage was done to

the car window.

A 1982 Oldsmobile valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Farmer Jack store, 22128 Farmington Road, Aug. 17.

A router, four saws and a tool box valued at \$825 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 22000 block of Power Road Aug. 14-15. A reported \$100 in damage was done to the vehicle window.

A 1989 Ford valued at \$14,000 was reported stolen from the Taco Bell parking lot, 35330 10 Mile, Aug. 18.

A ring valued at \$600 was reportedly stolen from a woman as she slept at the Farmington Nursing Home, 30405 Folsom, Aug. 16-18.

A briefcase and its contents valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a car parked at Fairmont Apartments on Nine Mile, Aug. 16-18.

A bike, chain saw and hedge trimmer valued at \$900 were reported stolen from a garage on Balmoral Way, Aug. 18-19.

DAMAGE REPORTED

The rear window of a car was shattered with a pellet Aug. 17, while parked at the Towne Tub, 22804 Orchard Lake, Farmington causing \$800 in damage.

Hills council delays cat ordinance vote

By Joanne Mallazewski
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The Farmington Hills City Council isn't as swift as the cats they are considering regulating.

At the request of councilwoman Jean Fox, the council postponed enactment of an ordinance amendment that would control roaming cats. Fox asked for the postponement because she said residents called her opposing the proposed regulations and she wants to talk to them.

The council is expected to address the regulations at its next meeting Monday, Sept. 16.

Some residents Monday complained about the proposed rules and the near impossibility of keeping their felines indoors or on a leash.

But once again, the city council assured residents they are not considering a leash law.

"This isn't a leash law requirement or a requirement that cats be kept inside," councilman Larry Lichtman said.

City Manager William Costick called the proposed regulations a "practical approach" that would allow action to be taken when cats are a nuisance to neighbors.

THE AMENDMENT to the city code would require cat owners to:

- Use reasonable control, includ-

ing keeping their pet on a leash or under oral control unless the animal is confined.

That means that if your cat is on your property, there's no need for a leash. If the cat is off of your property, no leash is required as long as the cat remains under your control.

- Keep yards free of cat droppings and uneaten food so as not to draw flies or vermin.

- Keep pets confined to the owners' yard, unless given permission to roam on others' properties.

The proposed law would also limit the number of pets six months or older in each household to three dogs and three cats. This wouldn't apply to pet shops, kennels or veterinarian facilities.

Under the proposed law, residents would be able to sign complaints about nuisance cats. Currently, residents are given no recourse to file complaints about roaming cats, except under nuisance laws, which is time-consuming to pursue.

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