

police/fire calls

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT
A 26-year-old Ferndale woman told Farmington Hills police she was raped by a 40-year-old man at the Travelodge, 2110 Haggerty, Sept. 18, after she went to the motel believing she was hired to dance nude for a bachelor party, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

When she arrived at the motel room, she was greeted by a lone man whom she said agreed to pay the \$150 price for a nude dance. After she checked his identification and checked with her office, she began to dance, according to the report.

After she had taken off her top, the man grabbed her and tied her hands and feet with peach-colored cloth and put a sponge in her mouth. The woman told police that the man said, "Shut up, or I'm going to kill you," according to the report.

The woman was then blindfolded and laid on the bed. She said she believed he left the room for a short time and when he returned he twice forced her to have sex with him, according to the report.

The man later went through the woman's purse and reportedly took \$1,100. Police are continuing their investigation.

ASSAULT REPORTED
A 16-year-old Farmington Hills youth was assaulted by a man in the parking lot of the Orchard-10A Sept. 17.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the victim and two friends were standing in the parking lot when they were approached by two men in a car. The driver, who appeared to be about 45 years old, began a verbal altercation, then hit and punched the youth. After wrestling him to the ground, the passenger of the car pulled the driver off the victim and the two men left the area.

The youth sustained minor cuts and bruises in the incident.

INDECENT EXPOSURE
Two women reported seeing a naked man fondling himself in the Downtown Farmington Center Sept. 17.

At about 11:50 p.m. the women saw the man standing between the Cargo Express and A & P stores, wearing only tennis shorts, according to public safety reports. He ran south between the buildings and was not captured.

DRAG RACING
A Redford man faces charges in connection with drag racing on Hills Tech Drive after midnight Sept. 18, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Police were called to the area on the report of a suspicious vehicle and when they arrived saw some 150-180 hot rod-type cars on the road and in business parking lots. Spectators also congregated on the curbside.

When spectators and car drivers saw the police they dispersed. But police saw a brown Mustang make an abrupt u-turn on Hills Tech, which interfered with traffic.

Police pursued the car that was traveling at a high rate of speed and ended up over the curb. Another patrol car arrived and blocked off all eastbound traffic on Hills Tech, blocking the driver.

The man was charged with fleeing and eluding, driving with license suspended and making an illegal u-turn.

The first drag racing incident since May 1990. "It's very dangerous. You're depending on, in most cases, untrained drivers traveling at high speeds on a road not designed for drag racing. And you've got pedestrians nearby watching," said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department's traffic section.

Hills cop graduates from FBI academy

Lt. Martin Bledsoe has become the seventh command officer of the Farmington Hills Police Department to graduate from the FBI National Academy.

The 17 1/2-year department veteran graduated from the academy in Quantico, Va., on Sept. 13. The academy provides command officers from around the world with training in various aspects of executive management during the 11-week course.

Bledsoe's wife, Margie, and his two children, Daniel and Karen, attended the graduation ceremonies, as did Farmington Hills deputy police Chief Milt Spencer.

Bledsoe is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command. He is currently completing his master's degree in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Other command officers who have graduated from the national academy include Spencer, Chief William Dryer, Inspector Richard Niemisto, Inspector Ernest Miller, Lt. Richard Murphy and Executive Lt. Norman Kilmer.

Muer reclaims the Clamdiggers

By Ralph R. Echlinaw staff writer

Remember that out-of-business Charley's restaurant on Maple at Orchard Lake Road?

Well get a good last look, because it's going to be reincarnated as Chuck Muer's W.B. Pal's, then reopened in November.

Muer, president of the C.A. Muer Corp., said he plans to have small, unamplified bands perform in the place, a dance floor, and perhaps even a piano bar. But nothing is carved in titanium—it's all subject to a hell of a lot of work and therefore change," he said.

"We see the restaurant as a gathering spot. The public will recognize the Chuck Muer food. (But) it's a new menu. There will be a lot of new ideas."

Muer promises that the restaurant will be "a little more stylish than what was there before, (but) it's not going to be a trendy restaurant."

HE ACQUIRED the former Bloomfield Charley's earlier this month from Charley's Restaurants Inc. along with seven other restaurants Clamdiggers in Farmington Hills, Charley's in Harper Woods, Northville, Livonia, Dearborn and Toledo, Ohio, and Meriwether's in Southfield.

Muer had sold the same eight restaurants to Charley's Restaurants four years ago but got them back when the new owners couldn't keep up the payments.

Then he sold two of his new/old stores (Charley's in Livonia and Harper Woods) to Paragon Steak-House Restaurants Inc., owners of Mountain Jack's.

Clamdiggers is scheduled to reopen this week. Muer reopened Chuck Muer's Fairlane (formerly Charley's Fairlane) on Friday, Sept. 13; Meriwether's in Southfield on Monday, Sept. 16; Chuck Muer's Roadhouse (formerly Charley's Roadhouse) in Toledo Wednesday.

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