

Police seek leads on boy's assaulter

Farmington Hills police are still seeking information about an unidentified boy who sexually assaulted a 12-year-old boy on a bike path in the woods northwest of Beechview Elementary School shortly after 7 p.m., May 11.

The man is described as about 40 years old, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, with "a belly." He has light brown, short, straight hair and a mustache. He also wore glasses and is believed to smoke cigarettes, according to police. At the time of the assault, the man wore a dark-colored business suit.

The assault occurred on the bike paths around the Beechview Swim Club, 26850 Westmeath, north of 11 Mile, east of Orchard Lake Road — near the school. The boy told police he first saw the man standing by the club's swimming pool with a newer model red or burgundy station wagon, possibly a Volvo.

The boy rode his bike on a



path along the expressway and on returning to the area encountered the man standing on the bike path. As the boy passed him, the man reached out and grabbed his right arm, pulling him off the bike. The man then assaulted the boy.

Anyone with information, including anonymous tips, is asked to call Detective Rose Mackie of the Farmington Hills Police Department at 474-0181.

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

ARMED ROBBERY

Four unidentified men — one of them armed with an automatic pistol — walked into a Taco Bell restaurant on Orchard Lake Road late Tuesday night, held up the employees and left with an undisclosed amount of money from a charity jar, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Just after 11 p.m., four men walked into the restaurant, 29925 Orchard Lake Road, one walked toward the bathroom, three stood in front of the counter. One of the men had a chrome, automatic pistol and pointed it at one of the employees behind the counter.

The man with the gun ordered the employee to open the cash register and then the safe. The employee could not open either. The employee told the man that only the manager could open the safe. One of the men then went looking for the manager who was outside washing windows.

Even though the manager later entered the restaurant, one of the men went behind the counter and grabbed a plastic charity jar and walked out of the restaurant.

Oak Park police later saw the getaway car, described as a white or tan 1983 Mercury Lynx.

GAS LEAK

Farmington Hills firefighters responded to an odor complaint Monday at Grand River, near the I-275 overpass, and found it was a gas leak caused by a lightning strike, according to a fire report.

Consumers Power Co. arrived on the scene and found that it was a leak in a six-inch main in the road. The lightning strike apparently transmitted through the steel bridge girder and burned through the gas line, which passes under the bridge.

A portion of the road was dug up and both lanes of the roads were closed during repairs.

SHORT CIRCUIT

Damage was limited after a stove switch in a house on Bunker Hill shorted, causing an arc, according to a Farmington Hills fire report. The homeowner threw water on

the switch when it shorted, which may have compounded the problem. A portion of the kitchen floor was scorched from the arc and the wall was discolored from the arc at the switch.

THEFTS REPORTED

Approximately \$120 cash was reported stolen from Young Cleaners, 30870 Orchard Lake Road, May 20. Damage to the front door was estimated at \$200.

A radar detector and nurses stethoscope valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a 1991 Ford on Clear Lake, May 18-19.

A phone, radar detector and AM-FM cassette stereo valued at \$145 were reported stolen from a 1991 Ford on Sandra Court, May 18-19.

A phone valued at \$230 was reported stolen from a 1991 Oldsmobile on Clear Lake, May 18-19. A bracelet valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from a purse at

Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, May 18.

A 1992 Pontiac valued at \$19,000 was reported stolen from Bob Sellers Pontiac, 38000 Grand River, May 19.

Tools valued at \$2,500 were reported stolen from a garage on Lundy, May 16-19.

A radar detector and camera valued at \$100 were reported stolen from a 1992 Ford on Clear Lake, May 18-19.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Sisterhood to meet on Tuesday

The sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold its final meeting of the season at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.

There will be an ice-cream social. Bingo will be played and prizes given. Admission is the donation of a kosher food product, which will be sent to Yod Ezra.

Cranbrook has insect exhibit

A new insect exhibit will be unveiled June 13 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Giant, robotic insects, hands-on activities and more than 1,000 real insect specimens make up the exhibit, which is on a national tour.

Special events scheduled this summer to coincide with the exhibit is a "Snug As A Bug" sleep-over at the museum amid the insects, "Going Buggy" July 18-19 and "Without Insects" Aug. 8-9.

The exhibit continues through Sept. 7. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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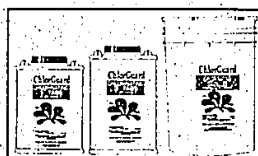
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