Customs confiscate bogus goods

STATE WHITER

U.S. Custom's officials seized approximately \$65,000 worth of alleged counterfeit designer merchandise from a Farmington Hills bulk food store Tuesday morning.

["There were no arrests. This was a custom's piyal seizure warrant," sald Richard Hoglund, special agent in charge.

["Agents seized 150 watches, 500 flat good, including wallets and purses, 50 items of clathing, including T-shirts from Bulk Food Warehouse, 27883 Orchard Lake Road, at about 9:15 a.m., Hoglund said.

Items that were seized featured trademarks of

Coach, Movado and Cartier, "Trademarks are of significant concern to fashion designers. They register them with the custom's service," Hagland said.

"We have one item, a Cartier watch, that says it was made in Japan. Cartier doesn't make watches in Japan," Hogland said.

The civil search warrant stemmed from an investigation that begon with a citizen call to the custom's service about three weeks ago. The citizen complained about the sale of counterfeit designer merchandise, Hoglund sald.

"The merchandise was made autide the country and it was of a reasonably sizable commercial amount," he added.

While retail value of the merchandise seized tops \$65,000, Hogland said the items are counterfeit. "In reality we don't consider it to have any commercial value," he added.

Ingland said a decision has not yet been made whether to take the information and evidence to the U.S. Attorney's office, "We will move forward, however, to furfeit the merchandise and then dispose of it," Hogland said.

In recent weeks, the U.S. Customs Service had conducted three similar types of actions and all based on citizen complaints. Hogland urges ony-one who believes they are being sold counterfeit one who believes they are being sold counterfeit designer merchandise to contact the U.S Cus-toms Enforcement at 226-3166.



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SCHOOL VANDALISM

Two youths were arrested July 4, alter being found on the roof of Larkshine Elementary School, 23800 Tack, with a pump action BB rifle. Seven school windows had been shot out "mouther \$1 may be a serious and the second of the second serious serio been shot out, causing \$1,000 in

damage.
The boys were apprehended at Stockton and Larkshire shortly after 1 p.m. after running from the po-lice. One is a 16-year-old Farmington Hills youth on probation for lareny and assault; the other was a oung friend who had run away from home and was staying with the

CAR LARCENIES

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Two incidents of car break-ins were reported July 4 in the Cross-winds Comboninhums.
In the first, in rudar detector valued at \$250 was stolen. In the second, \$1,800 in cassette tapes were taken. A total of \$550 in damage was done to the cars.

■ JAR TOSSED

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A driver reported a Mason jar wa thrown through his open car win-dow July 4, striking him and crack-ing his windshield causing \$750 in damage. The man was traveling on Grand River near Cora when the inThe man was making a telephone call in the Nine Mile/Middlebelt area earlier, when he was harassed by two other men. As he left the area, the two apparently followed, prompting the alterestion.

■ THEFTS REPORTED

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Two cassette stereo systems valued in \$700 was reported stolen from cars parked at F&M Distributors, 30100 Grand River, July 2.

A July 2 break-in at the Farming ton Mobile Manor Trailer Park, 30030 Eight Mile, netted thieves in \$400 and backleag and same cash.

\$400 gold necklace and some cash. Over at Independence Green

Apartments, Grant (Aver om)
Habited, two microwave ovens, a
television and a gold necklace, all
valued at \$650, were reported stolen
during a break-in.
A \$600 steren system was reported stulen from a Jeep parked on Ra-

venscroft July 3.
A total of \$5,000 in plumbing items including sinks, toilets and pipes were reported stolen from a storage shed on Meadowridge July

o. A 1987 Pontise Fiero valued at \$17,000 was reported stolen from the Timber Ridge Apartments July 2-3.



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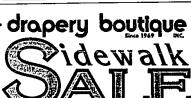
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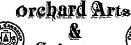
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