

# Hills man dies

## Four others injured in head-on collision

A Farmington Hills man was killed and four people injured Tuesday night when a driver fleeing an accident in Plymouth Township collided head-on with a second car at Schoolcraft and Eckles in Livonia, police said.

Killed was a 23-year-old, front-seat passenger in the second car, a 1985 Buick Skylark headed west-bound on Schoolcraft.

Police on Wednesday declined to identify the victim, saying relatives hadn't been notified.

The victim wasn't wearing a safety belt, police said.

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Sgt. Kevin Dawley

The driver and two additional passengers in the Buick, as well as the driver of the fleeing car, a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass, were injured in the 8:30 p.m. accident, said Sgt. Kevin Dawley of the Livonia Police Department traffic bureau.

The injured included a 20-year-old Livonia man and two Northville residents, 24 and 25, all in the Buick; and the driver of the Oldsmobile, a 35-year-old Northville man.

All were taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Boteford Hospital in Farmington Hills. The Livonia man was admitted to University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, in critical condition with unspecified injuries, police said.

The accident was still under investigation Wednesday and police were unsure whether alcohol was a factor.

There were no injuries in the earlier accident, which Dawley termed "a fender bender" on Schoolcraft Road, west of Haggerty.

"He was driving at a high rate of speed and on the wrong side of the road when the cars collided" in Livonia, Dawley said.

"It looks like the other driver didn't realize it until they were less than 100 feet apart."



**Fatal crash: Livonia police and fire crews sift threw the wreckage of Tuesday night's accident which killed one person and injured four.**

### POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

**■ WOMAN DIES**  
An 80-year-old Novi woman involved in a June traffic accident in downtown Farmington died this week, according to Gary Goss, deputy public safety director for the city. Kate Katz of Novi died July 11 at 1:44 a.m. at Boteford General Hospital, where she had been taken with multiple injuries following the June 7 accident. She was never released. The cause of death was not available.

Police reported that Katz's vehicle was traveling west on Grand River when it crossed the center line and side-swiped another vehicle, then continued on, striking a third vehicle.

Two other people received facial lacerations in the accident.

**■ FELONIOUS ASSAULT**  
A 31-year-old Farmington man was arrested after threatening two

other people with an open pocket knife July 10.

According to Farmington Department of Public Safety reports, two victims were walking on Marblehead east of Leeland when a man approached telling them he was going to protect the neighborhood, flashing an open knife.

They then asked another neighbor to call the police.

The men were arrested and the knife confiscated. Charges are pending.

**■ THEFTS REPORTED**  
Some \$2,500 in computer equipment was stolen from the Otis Elevator Company, on Interchange in Farmington Hills during a forced break-in July 10.

A briefcase, a \$430 stereo system and a \$200 mobile telephone was stolen from one of two Jeep Cherokees parked in a driveway on Old Bedford July 10.

An \$800 car phone and a wallet containing \$30 was stolen from Essex Court July 10.

Someone forcibly entered a Quail

Hollow home July 12 and stole a \$190 stereo, a \$150 dual cassette tape player, \$250 in assorted CDs and a \$190 compact disc player.

A drill, bicycle and jacket valued at \$218 were reported stolen from a garage on Kirby July 11. Also on Kirby, a \$150 bike was stolen from a second house July 10-11.

On Birchwood on July 11, a bicycle valued at \$150 was stolen.

Two car phones and two drills, valued at \$962 were stolen from a home on Flanders during a break-in July 10-11. About \$250 of the property was later recovered on Larkspur.

**■ DAMAGE REPORTED**  
A screen at Flanders Elementary, 32600 Flanders, was bent and broken July 13, causing \$100 in damage.

At Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary, 23195 Power Road, a hood ornament and trunk emblem valued at \$150 were stolen from a car and damage of \$300 was done to the car's tires.

### OBITUARIES

**RUSSELL F. SCHIAPPACASSE SR.**  
Mr. Schiappacasse, 78, of Farmington Hills died July 10 in Boteford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born in Dearborn, Mr. Schiappacasse was self-employed.

Survivors include his sons, Russell Jr., Eugene and Stephen; sister, Rose Marie Hanke; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mass was celebrated July 14 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev.

Colum Morgan officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

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3 children: Jerry, Jen & Kate  
Farmington Hills resident for 17 years  
Member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish  
Served as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster - Troop 110  
Recipient of Catholic Youth Organization's "Ed Crow" award in recognition of "outstanding service to youth"  
Elected to University of Detroit Sports Hall of Fame  
Member of Polish Century Club  
Member of Catholic Lawyers Association

**EDUCATION**  
University of Detroit Law School - Juris Doctor Degree 1963  
University of Detroit, Ph.D. - 1960  
University of Detroit High School - 1953

**PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**  
Trial Attorney for over 25 years  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
Legal Advisor to Southfield Police and Fire Pension Board  
Experienced Appellate Counsel - Michigan Court of Appeals  
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