

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

THEFTS

A snow blower valued at \$200 and a power saw worth \$220 were stolen from a garage at a residence on Ontaga in Farmington Hills March 5.

Wire wheel hubcaps with red logos valued at \$500 were stolen from a 1985 Cadillac parked at a residence on 12 Mile between March 6-7.

The passenger-side window of a 1990 Ford Ranger parked on Washington Court in Farmington Hills between March 5-7 was smashed, causing \$175 in damage.

Stereo equipment valued at \$2,380 was stolen from a 1990 Geo Tracker parked on Madison Court at the Independence Green Apartments in Farmington Hills March 7. The break-in caused \$500 in damage.

A 1992 Pontiac was broken into causing \$800 in damage and resulting in the theft of \$3,675 in stereo equipment March 8 at a residence on Oak Valley. The passenger window and door were damaged.

A McIntosh computer valued at \$1,000 and an Apple monitor valued at \$1,000 were stolen from B & G marketing on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between March 8-9. A wooden door had been pried open at the business.

VANDALISM

The front windshield of a black 1987 Peugeot SOS parked in the rear lot of a restaurant on

Northwestern Highway was smashed March 6, causing \$200 in damage.

A 1988 blue Buick Regal parked on Haggerty in Farmington Hills was "keyed" with "X" marks on its doors and trunk, causing \$300 in damage March 6.

A witness told police someone drove a blue 1990 Pontiac over a curb and into a wall at the Timber Ridge Apartments on Timber Ridge in Farmington Hills on March 9. The car was not damaged, but a \$200 tree was destroyed and siding on the apartment complex sustained \$100 in damage. The witness described the driver as a blond female, 5-foot-6, wearing a red satin jacket. The driver was seen staggering from the car.

Tires on two cars were slashed in the parking lot of Mr. Sports on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills March 8 or 9. Tires on a 1991 Ford were slashed, causing \$135 in damage, and tires on a 1992 Saturn were slashed, causing \$300 in damage.

BREAK-IN

A break-in to steal \$100 in cassette tapes caused \$2,000 in damage to a 1987 Acura Integra parked at the service area of Sunshine Acura on Grand River in Farmington Hills between March 6-8. The windows were broken and the trunk was damaged. The car had been left for repairs.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

Farmington Hills Police are investigating an employee of Matt Brady's in the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile in connection with fraudulent credit card purchases of at least \$480.05, causing \$200 in damage.

A woman from Buffalo Grove, Ill., told the credit card company that she had not made several purchases listed on her American Express bill and that they were billed from Matt Brady's.

ETHNIC INTIMIDATION

Slurs against blacks and Arabs were spray painted on the door, lights and entry way at the Beach View Swim Club on Westmeath in Farmington Hills between March 6-7. Damage was estimated at \$1,500.

ILLEGAL ALIENS

Farmington Hills Police assisted U.S. Border Patrol agents in the capture of three men described as "illegal aliens" March 8. Officers stopped a car for faulty equipment and an improper plate. Three men, ages 26, 19 and 18, who told police they work at the Old Mexican restaurant in West Bloomfield, confessed to being in the country illegally. Border patrol officers were called.

RETAIL FRAUD

A Detroit woman, 21, was arrested and released pending a warrant for retail fraud March 6 after a shoplifting incident at T.J. Maxx in Farmington. Store security told police the woman left the store concealing two pairs of women's shoes, valued at \$54.99 a pair, and perfume.

CONCEALED WEAPON

A Taylor man, 32, was arrested and later released pending a warrant on concealed weapons charges March 5.

2 teenage girls charged in beating, robbery

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Two Farmington Hills 15-year-old girls could face prison sentences if a prosecutor decides to charge them as adults in the beating and robbery of a fellow Farmington High School student.

The two 15-year-olds have been charged with attempting to do great bodily harm less than murder in the beating of a 16-year-old. One has also been charged with theft of jewelry worth \$500 in the March 4 incident, which stemmed from an argument over an ex-boyfriend.

The 16-year-old teen was beaten and kicked, suffering injuries to her face and neck, and bruised ribs, police said. She lost consciousness and was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment. She returned to school Monday.

One of the alleged assailants was arrested on March 6 and charged as a juvenile with attempting to do great bodily harm less than murder. If she were to be charged as an adult, she could face up to 10 years in prison for the beating and 15 years for the robbery.

Referee Martin Alvin allowed her to be released to her parents for home detention.

The other alleged assailant was charged with attempting to do great bodily harm less than murder and was sent to Children's Village in Pontiac, where she remained as of Tuesday. Referee

Charles Ludwig set bond at \$50,000.

A pretrial exam is set for April 1 in Pontiac to determine if the two teens will be charged as adults, said Farmington Hills Police Detective Bert Cook. If so, they would be arraigned in 47th District Court.

Cook could not explain why one girl is at home and one is in custody.

"That is the \$50,000 question," Cook said. "One (referee) felt the situation was severe enough to order detention and a bond."

Cook said he was surprised the beating victim had returned to school.

"Her eyes were completely shut (from the beating)," he said.

Waterford man, 42, dies of electric shock at plant

A 42-year-old Waterford man died from heart failure after being electrocuted at work in a robotics plant in Farmington Hills.

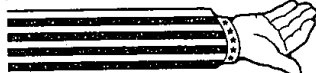
Pete Plourde was pronounced dead on arrival at Botsford Hospital at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Farmington Hills Police and medical crews could not revive Plourde after witnesses said he had yelled, then fallen unconscious while working on the elec-

trical control panel of a piece of equipment he was testing at Kawasaki Robotics U.S.A. on Sinacola Court.

Firefighters responded at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

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