

# Car-lease company probed

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Farmington Hills could be the last link in a chain of car subleasing scams that have covered several states and involved hundreds of victims, police said.

After receiving several complaints from people who said they had entered into an agreement to sublease a car through Universal Automotive on Grand River, Hills police found that the business was not licensed with the city or state. Police obtained a search warrant from 47th District Judge Martin Parker and raided the business Sept. 7.

"We seized records, files and 26 vehicles," said detective Tim Swanson. "People who were having difficulty making their payments would sublease their car to this company."

The man, whose name still is

not known, would not pay the leasing company, as the owners would still be in debt to the leasing company, Swanson said.

Swanson said the man would pocket the money and leave one step ahead of police. Friday he left with police for Illinois, one of several states where he is wanted. The man, who police believe to be about 50, was the reason Illinois lawmakers put a law on the books to stop fraudulent auto subleasing.

"He faces several felony charges for violating laws concerning financial institutions and auto brokers," said Lt. Lance Carlson of the Illinois Secretary of State Police. "He was active in the East St. Louis area in 1989-91 and in the Springfield area in 1991."

Police are not sure of the suspect's name. The suspect has gone under the names of Charles

Anthony and Charles Sabella in Farmington Hills. Skip Vincent and Skip Vincent in other Detroit-area communities from 1991 until this June, when he started his business on Grand River, and Charles Gabell in California, Swanson said. Police in Missouri are also investigating the man, Carlson said.

Police from the Southwest Oakland County Auto Theft Team, the Michigan Secretary of State's office and the Southfield Police Department took part in the investigation locally and the arrest. The suspect waived an extradition hearing and was taken to Springfield, Ill. Friday.

Hills police are still receiving reports from victims in the area and are compiling a case. But Carlson said it may be a while before he can return to Michigan to face charges.

hardly to expect any more from the Israelis."

Karoub said the agreement caught him by surprise. He thought the Palestinians wouldn't settle for Jericho and Gaza, but he believes both sides envision a Palestinian state.

"I believe Israel is going to benefit from it," Karoub said. "They can live side by side. They can be brothers."

Rabbi Sherwin Wine of Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills was also surprised. He ex-

pected Israel to work out agreements with surrounding Middle East nations first before reaching one with the Palestinians.

Wine said he's ecstatic nonetheless. He realizes the accord won't be easy to implement, considering opposition from both sides.

Yet, Wine is optimistic. For one, he thinks the end of the Cold War will foster peace between the two sides.

"The PLO is more afraid of the

(Islamic) fundamentalist among the Palestinians than they are of the Israelis," Wine said. "They share a common enemy now."

Wine believes opposition, especially from Israel, will be muted with time.

"Ultimately, I have learned that if you're going to succeed you have to have a realistic alternative," Wine said. "They don't have an alternative other than to continue the war. Israelis are exhausted from war."

## OBITUARIES

### PERCY W. SPALLER

Mr. Spaller, 84, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 6 in Alpena General Hospital.

Born in Farmington Township, Mr. Spaller was a retired printer

for Wimmer Printing Company in Detroit.

Survivors include his son, William; daughter, Patricia Bacon; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 10 at the Redford United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Covert officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

### MARCIA R. HIRSCHFIELD

Mrs. Hirschfield, 68, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 6.

Mrs. Hirschfield was a homemaker. She was a graduate of Michigan State University.

Survivors include her husband, George; daughters, Kristina Stecker and Julie; son, Wesley; brother, Richard Coon; four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sept. 11 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Peter Smith officiating.

### METRO DETROIT BAPTIST MANOR NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

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ROBERT E. McQUAID, Executive Director

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### CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:00 p.m. on September 7, 1993, in Council Chambers, 2300 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Richardson, Trupper, O'Donnell, DIRECTOR: Billing, Clerk/Treasurer: Cantrell, Attorney: Donohue, Director: Goss, City Manager: Lauboff, Admin. Assistant: Schultz. Minutes of the special and regular meetings of August 16, 1993 were approved as written.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed. Council denied a request for a fence variance at 33701 Grand River. Council authorized a sign variance for A & W Restaurant, 32504 Farmington Road.

Council passed a resolution opposing Senate Bill 4 amending control of Class C liquor licenses.

Yvonne Singer, Transportation Coordinator for Farmington/Farmington Hills presented an update on Senior Adult and Handicapped Transportation. Council approved a public information program regarding the April 1, 1994 elimination of clear plastic bags for compost disposal.

Council awarded the alternate bid of \$23,375.45 to P. J. LaPostolle & Sons for expansion at Oakwood Cemetery.

Council rejected the bid of Ferrara Fire Apparatus as non-responsive and awarded a bid of \$206,354.00 to Hatt Fire, Inc. for the purchase of a new fire truck.

Council awarded a bid of \$23,941.00 to Italia Construction, for street repair for Drakeville Place and Gill Road.

Council authorized payment of \$73,936.38 to Highway & Maintenance Construction Company and authorized retainer of \$3,891.39 against pending repairs for the slurry seal project.

Council passed a resolution supporting the Southeast Council of Governments voting proposal developed by Oakland County regarding the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Funds.

Public comments were heard. Council comments and announcements were heard. Council directed a letter to Senator Faxon and Representative Dolan asking for support in passing the Civil Infrastructure Package of Legislation.

Council approved the appointment of Maureen Paschke to the Farmington Area Commission on Aging. Monthly bills were approved for payment. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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### FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

7:00 P.M. Tuesday September 7, 1993

#### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - STUDY SESSION

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, September 7, 1993 in Council Chambers, 2300 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hartsock.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Richardson, Trupper.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer: Cantrell, Attorney: Donohue, City Manager: Lauboff, Admin. Asst. Schultz.

Council discussed proposed material for the fall newsletter. Council discussed the annual Christmas recognition dinner.

Council reviewed current policy on reimbursement of Council expenditures and requested the City Manager to draft a proposed policy for Council review. Council reviewed a communication from the City of Farmington Hills regarding facilities for a senior center. Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer

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### FARMINGTON SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for fence renovation until 1:30 P.M., Thursday, September 23, 1993 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 23100 Silvassee, Farmington, Michigan 48334, addressed to Beverly Hausman at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informal bid or for reason of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder. A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany the bid. Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Silvassee, Farmington, Michigan 48334, (313) 483-3318.

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JOSEPH A. SVOKE, Secretary  
DAVID E. BAKER, Director of Education

### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

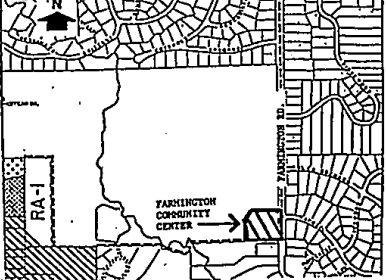
DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 1993  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

ITEM: Special Approval 82-6-88

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 82-6-88), which requests approval of an approved use to operate an outdoor theater in an RA-1A, One-Family Residential District. The property involved has an address of 13105 Farmington Road, between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads in Section 21 of the City of Farmington Hills, No. 23-31-401-005.

The applicant in this matter is Rosalie DeGregorio, Executive Director who seeks this reapproval for the Community Center of Farmington/Farmington Hills in order to use the property for live outdoor musical and theatrical performances.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application for Special Approval, and the Zoning Text and Map may be observed at the Farmington Hills Planning Department on any business day between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.



DALE A. COUNTESS, Director  
Planning & Community Development

Item: SA 82-6-88  
Phone: 473-9543  
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