

Motive sought in slaying

The last time family members saw Frank Cassar, there was no indication of any special danger. Cassar, 50, of Farmington Hills, was found in his van on the east side of Detroit Thursday morning bound and slain, execution style. A Detroit spokeswoman said nothing new had been reported on the case as of Friday and there was no determination of a motive.

Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills police said keys and about \$2,000 were found in Cassar's office on Greenfield in Detroit after his wife had reported him missing at 12:30 a.m. Thursday. She had last spoken to her husband at about 3 p.m. Tuesday, Murphy said, and everything seemed fine.

Cassar, who owned rental properties in Detroit, had last been seen at his office Wednesday at 5 p.m.

"He had been in the city checking on some of his properties and going over rental applications," Murphy said.

Tenants and others have praised Cassar as a real gentleman, Murphy said. The family had no comment.

Break-in spoils holiday, meat

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Memorial Day weekend is one Omar Elmasri would probably like to forget.

Elmasri returned to his business, King's Finger Mats on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills, to find that it had been broken into and equipment worth an estimated \$12,700 had been stolen.

Worse yet, the thief or thieves also damaged his electrical system, leading to the spoilage of all of the store's meat. The loss was estimated at \$13,000.

Elmasri said the right thing by calling the health department. But they told him to throw out all of the meat.

"I'm waiting for the insurance

adjuster's report before I can open up again," he said Thursday.

Meanwhile, some customers told the Observer they had gone to the store only to be greeted by state department of agriculture signs and a closed sign.

Dr. Riaz Ahmad, the building's owner, said it was the first break-in at the site in the 11 years his business, Michigan Therapeutic Services, has been there.

Elmasri, who has owned similar stores in Detroit and Novi, had opened his Farmington Hills store less than two months ago.

Meat cutting, cubing and hamburger patty machines were among the items stolen, police said.

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

THEFT
A dark green Huffy mountain bike worth \$250 was stolen from the Target store on Grand River in Farmington Hills June 7.

Two cash drawers (\$100) and \$150 in cash were stolen from Mancini's Pizzeria on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills June 7.

A \$550 saxophone was stolen from Harrison High School on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between Dec. 1, 1993, and May 23, 1994.

A portable phone (\$400) was stolen from a blue 1992 Honda parked on Vermont in Farmington Hills June 6-7.

A pedestrian traffic counter (\$350) was stolen from the Farmington Hills branch library on 12 Mile June 6.

A woman's diamond engagement ring (\$3,300) and wedding band (\$267) were stolen from a residence on Northwestern in Farmington Hills May 23.

A \$279 Harro silver dirt bike was stolen from a residence on Rhoadwood in Farmington Hills June 8.

Credit cards, a watch, shirt and \$120 in cash were stolen from the Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills June 8.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Six checks (\$11,153.02) to pay bills were stolen from a mail box at a residence on Millbrook in Farmington Hills June 3-6. The empty envelopes were found.

Two Gateway 2000 computers (\$6,300) were stolen from Engineering Services Group on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills June 8-9.

A Farmington Hills teen was ticketed for larceny under \$100 after he was found with two watermelons (\$1.99) taken from Cattleman's in Farmington Hills June 8.

A witness told police someone took the two melons and drove northbound on Mooney Street. Farmington police stopped a vehicle matching the description and found the melons.

AUTO THEFT
A red 1982 Audi 4000 worth \$800 was stolen from the Independence Green Apartments on Jefferson Court in Farmington Hills June 7.

A black and tan 1994 Acura worth \$75,000 was stolen from Sunshrine Acura on Grand River in Farmington Hills June 6-7.

BREAK-INS
The rear window of a blue 1985 Chevy pickup at Tom Holter Ford on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills was pried (\$200) and a Pioneer AM/FM cassette stereo (\$150), Kenwood equalizer (\$150), MTX

booster (\$300) and two MTX speakers (\$400) were stolen June 6-7.

Four feet of chain link fence were cut at Bob Sellers Pontiac on Grand River in Farmington Hills (\$100) and wheel covers from a maroon 1989 Cadillac Deville (\$300) and a silver GMC Sierra (\$100) were stolen June 8-9.

VANDALISM
The passenger window of a red 1991 Chevy Lumina parked on Halsted in Farmington Hills was smashed June 7 (\$250).

Three tires were slashed on a black 1990 Nissan 300ZX parked at the Fairmont Park Apartments on Maywood in Farmington Hills June 8-9.

Gang graffiti was spray painted on the east wall of Blue Line Distributing in Farmington Hills June 2-6, causing \$300 in damage.

FRAUD
A check for \$690 cashed at the Comerica bank on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills April 28 came back with insufficient funds.

FIRE
Farmington Hills firefighters from station 4 put out a gas grill fire at a residence on Northwick in Farmington Hills at 6:49 p.m. June 7. The fire had flamed in the

controls of the grill, which is fed by a natural gas line. Firefighters put out the flame and turned off the gas. Damage to contents was estimated at \$50.

ASSAULT
A Farmington Hills woman told Hills police that a man who claimed she had "cut him off" while they were driving onto Grand River in Farmington Hills poured hot coffee on her at 7:30 a.m. June 9. The woman said she noticed a blue Ford Aerostar tailgating her car as she was driving east on Grand River. She changed lanes to allow the driver to pass, but he stayed behind her. When she came to a stop at Middlebelt, the man got out and came to her car. After she had opened the window and he had angrily told her she had turned in front of him, he poured hot coffee on her, she said. She reported his plate number to police, who called the man. He told them that he had poured coffee on her.

CHILD ABANDONMENT
A Farmington Hills woman, 31, was arrested by Southfield police for drunken driving June 10. Her three children, ages 6, 4 and 2, had been left unattended at her home, police said. Their grandparents were called by police and came to look after them.

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Fibromyalgia is an arthritic condition that involves widespread muscle aching and precise sites of pain. Research over the last five years has clarified this condition, therefore an update on fibromyalgia is appropriate.

One feature of fibromyalgia is the character of the discomfort associated with it. When asked "where do you hurt?" the individual with fibromyalgia will respond, "all over." This reply does not represent an exaggeration. Muscles are present throughout the body and the strain placed upon them in fibromyalgia can cause an ache that is felt "everywhere."

Another feature of fibromyalgia is trigger points. These are sites of pain set off by firm palpation. In fibromyalgia these trigger points are at particular areas in the body, and distinguish the condition from other causes of sore muscles.

The intensity of pain and tenderness in fibromyalgia is modulated by the individual's emotional state. Hardly any other rheumatic condition is as influenced by fatigue, poor sleep, financial fears, worry, or conflicts at home, marriage, or work.

At times the physician must withhold discussing the diagnosis until the person's emotional state is cleared of recent strife. To leave the patient to attend to the pressing personal problem, the doctor will offer reassurance that the present pain does not herald a life threatening or crippling condition.

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