

Drug debt led to extortion try against dad, police say

An unpaid drug debt led to an extortion attempt involving a Farmington man on June 11, police said.

A Lamar Street resident told police a man telephoned and threatened to shoot his son, a 28-year-old Canton Township resident, if he didn't pay \$700. Canton police were able to trace the calls to a pay phone near the Grand Motel in Detroit.

A surveillance unit watched as a man made the call with the victim nearby. Detroit police took both into custody. In a statement to police, the victim told police he spent the night at the motel smoking crack cocaine with three men.

The man who reportedly made the calls wanted to be paid for the drugs the victim used. The victim said the men took his wallet and

keys to his van.

It isn't known if charges will be filed, police said.

"It's unclear as to who was doing the extorting," said Michael Higgins, deputy director of the Farmington Public Safety Department. "In other words, what's the son's role? It appears to be nothing more than to secure money from his parents to pay his drug debts."

Storm-related emergency calls rain down on Hills firefighters

There were downed arcing wires, lightning strikes and other storm-related problems in the Farmington area Monday, but no serious injuries.

Pete Baldwin, Farmington Hills deputy fire chief, said Monday afternoon and evening were busy with calls that included a smoke scare on Deer Run Court, an arcing electrical wire on Pilla-

bury, lightning striking underground electrical equipment on Green Spring and a man being shocked by lightning.

"We did have one house on Spring Hill that was hit by lightning and every outlet inside was blackened," Baldwin said. "That's a very unique situation."

Farmington Hills resident Dennis Campbell received a

shock when he leaned against an aluminum-framed window at his home, but he was not seriously injured.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department conducted 31 runs for the 24-hour period from midnight Sunday to midnight Monday, many of them storm-related. The department normally has about 13 runs in 24 hours.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

■ FRAUD
Farmington Hills police are looking for a woman who tried to cash a stolen payroll check at the NBD bank on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills June 10. The woman, described as black, 5-foot-3, 110 pounds, with a chipped front tooth and wearing blue jeans and a green T-shirt, tried to deposit the \$673.49 check and take \$150 in cash from an account. When confronted about the check, the woman left.

■ STALKING

A Redford woman, 21, was arrested for stalking June 10 after she would not leave the home of her former boyfriend on Barfield in Farmington Hills. The woman had also threatened the man and threatened to kill herself.

■ DRUNKEN DRIVING

Farmington Hills police arrested a Milford man, 40, for drunken driving after the man had been involved in a minor accident on westbound I-696. The man had a blood alcohol level of .22 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive.

A Farmington Hills woman, 20, was arrested for drunken driving after she rolled over a gray 1983 Chevy Lumina on Middlebelt near 13 Mile at 5:24 a.m. June 11. The woman had an expired Michigan driver's license and had a blood alcohol rate of .20 percent.

■ THEFT

A woman's necklace worth \$700 with the name "Olivia" spelled in diamonds was stolen from a residence on Bristol Court in Farmington Hills between April 30 and May 8.

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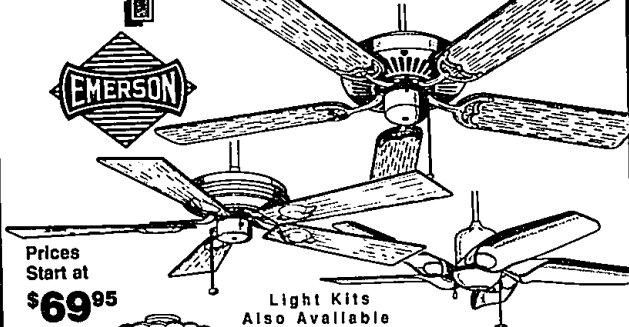
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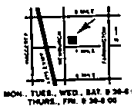
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