

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

VANDALISM

A cement statue and fountain at a residence on Scott in Farmington Hills was vandalized June 14, causing \$1,500 in damage.

The windshield of a 1993 Toyota Previa parked on Drake in Farmington Hills was smashed June 14.

Four tires of a 1984 Ford pickup truck parked at Specialty Lighting on Crestview in Farmington Hills were slashed June 14-15, causing \$500 in damage.

A 1993 red Acura Integra parked on Old Timber in Farmington Hills was scratched with a key or other sharp object, resulting in \$200 damage June 15.

The hood and driver's side of a red 1993 Pontiac Sunbird parked on Bunker Hill in Farmington Hills was scratched (\$400) June 15-16.

The driver's side window of a white 1990 Geo Metro parked on North Park in Farmington Hills was smashed June 15-16 (\$250).

THEFT

A Pitney-Bowes postal meter with \$1,200 in postage and \$1,170 in cash were stolen from Domestic Supply on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills June 10-11.

Ten VHS camcorders (\$5,604)

were stolen from the ABC Warehouse on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills June 9.

A gold wedding ring (\$1,800) and \$45 in cash were stolen from Nissan Research on Sunrise in Farmington Hills June 3.

A \$2,200 Gateway computer, camera equipment (\$500) and 160 CDs were stolen from an apartment at the Spring Valley Apartments on Spring Lane in Farmington Hills June 14.

A Stillwater speaker (\$200) was stolen from a 1986 Jeep CJ7 parked on West Gate in Farmington Hills June 13.

A truck bed cover (\$200) was stolen from a white 1992 Ford Ranger pickup parked at the Target store on Grand River in Farmington Hills June 14.

Two boxes containing 29 pair of shoes (\$743.63) were stolen from the shipping area of Famous Footwear on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills June 16.

A blue vinyl woman's wallet with \$300 in cash, a check book, ATM card and credit cards was stolen from a purse at Botaford Hospital in Farmington Hills June 15.

AUTO THEFT

A \$26,000 1994 tan GMC Suburban was stolen from Metrobank Linen Supply on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills June 14.

An attempted theft of a green 1993 Olds Bravada parked at the

Arboretum on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills caused \$250 in damage to the driver's side door June 14.

The passenger door of a blue 1994 GMC Suburban was pried open and the ignition shroud broken at the Clarion Hotel on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills June 14 causing \$1,000 in damage.

EMBEZZLEMENT

Office supplies and telephone charges totaling \$650 were embezzled from Ratner Steinberg Associates on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills from April 28 to June 13.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a West Bloomfield man, 33, and two Detroit women, 21 and 19, at the Knight's Inn on Grand River in Farmington Hills June 15. Police had followed the women, who were driving a gray 1984 Dodge, as they tried unsuccessfully to get money from two automatic teller machines at the Michigan National Bank and Comerica Bank on 10 Mile. The car had no plate. When police went with the women to a room at the Knight's Inn, they found the man and a plastic bag of cocaine and some marijuana.

Farmington Hills police pulled over a Farmington Hills man, 28, who was driving his 1984 Olds Delta east on M-5 near Grand

River at 70 mph in a 55 mph zone at 9:50 p.m. June 16. There was an open beer bottle in the car, but the man passed a preliminary breath test. Officers then found marijuana in the car and arrested the man.

Farmington Hills police arrested an Oak Park man, 33, a West Bloomfield man, 19, and a Farmington Hills man, 21, in the parking lot of Exotic Rubber on Grand River in Farmington Hills June 15 for possession of marijuana.

FIRES AND EMERGENCIES

Lightning struck a transformer on a utility pole in the rear of Ural Interiors on Orchard Lake at 1:40 a.m. June 14, knocking out power. Firefighters from Station 2 found no hazards.

Firefighters from Station 2 found wires down and arcing from trees that had fallen because of the storm June 14 at 4:27 p.m. at a residence on Westmeath in Farmington Hills. Firefighters stayed until Detroit Edison workers arrived.

Firefighters from Station 2 put out a fire in a trash container that caused \$100 in damage at the Birmingham Temple on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills at 11:27 p.m. June 12.

Lightning struck an underground telephone and outside cable box at a residence on Greenacres in Farmington Hills at 7:59 p.m. June 13, causing

damage to two televisions and the security system.

A Detroit Edison pole south of Rockdale on the west side of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington caught fire on Thursday. An Edison worker told police the fire was caused by an overload.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

A Northville man, 46, was arrested for drunken driving June 16 in Farmington Hills at Eight Mile and Goldsmith in Farmington Hills. Hills police followed the man, who was driving a 1993 Ford Probe west on Eight Mile. The car weaved over the centerline two times before officers stopped the man. He had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too intoxicated to drive.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hamtramck man, 37, for drunken driving at 3:43 a.m. June 16. The man was driving a brown 1984 Oldsmobile south on Orchard Lake to the east ramp of I-696 after stopping at the Mobile gas station. He was driving on the median of Orchard Lake over the bridge when police followed. The man refused to take a preliminary breath test and refused a breath test at the police station.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Brighton woman, 29, for drunken driving June 16. The woman was driving a 1987 red Ford Aerostar west on I-696 at 85 mph in a 55 mph zone when po-

lice began to follow. She swerved three times, almost striking the center cement median. Police pulled her over near I-275. She had a blood alcohol level of .15 percent.

BREAK-INS

The driver's window was smashed of a blue 1984 Ford Mustang (\$250) and a \$250 AM/FM cassette radio was stolen June 15-16.

Subway Shop on Grand River in Farmington was broken into twice last week, according to police. The first time was Monday, and entry was made with a key. A petty change cash box, with \$228.15, was reported missing. Employees told police that the first person they thought of as a possible suspect was an former employee. On Thursday, another burglary report was made at the sandwich shop. Unlike the previous break-in, the culprit pried and peeled back the door using a large screw driver or crowbar type tool to gain entry. The burglars ransacked a desk and metal shelf and took \$67.56.

Sunview Manor Apartments on Farmington Road in Farmington was broken into on Monday. The culprit cut a screen window at the southeast corner leading to the basement. They found a washer and dryer and broke into the coin boxes of both machines. It is believed no more than \$35 was stolen.

Organizers seek entrants in MDA benefit bed race

It's good for the community, it's good exercise, and it's for a good cause: It's the annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival Bed Race for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The event, which enters its sixth year at the festival, supports MDA's local research and patient-service programs. The Chamber of Commerce encourages all groups and businesses to get involved and participate in the race, which takes its mark on Grand River at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, July 16, just before the annual Festival Parade.

The three-year defending champions, from the Farmington Hills Fire Department, go all-out to ensure their efforts are successful. According to Bob Rebtzy, assistant to the fire chief and one of the coordinators of the race effort, the department even holds tryouts for the bed race.

"We hold 100-yard-dash races, and those with the best times represent the Fire Department in the bed race," said Rebtzy. "I think

FESTIVAL BED RACE

we'll be even faster this year than in past years. We have a whole group of younger guys who recently joined the department, and we have new oil for the bed wheels," he said with a smile.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department participates in dozens of events for charitable and community causes throughout the year. "If there's a worthy cause, the firefighters are always willing to help," said Rebtzy.

All that's necessary to join in on the fun is a \$400 entry fee for each bed (which is a donation to the MDA) and a team of five people to participate in the actual race. Beyond that, all that's needed is as many people as it takes to help build a bed or modify an existing bed.

"We found in the past that many prospective race participants felt that constructing a bed was out of their league," said Darlene Rothman, district director for MDA/Greater Detroit-North.

"They were surprised to find out it was as simple as identifying an appropriate hospital bed that conformed to MDA bed-race restrictions. Going beyond that minor roadblock, their preparatory efforts were really clear sailing from that point on."

"Race participants really have a good time," continued Rothman. "Because the festival generates such a large crowd, it is a natural for an event like the bed race — and race participants get great exposure for their efforts as good community citizens. And as we enter our sixth year with the festival, I believe we've grown into an event that many festival attendees look forward to."

Those interested in participating in this year's bed race need to get in gear and submit their entry, as the deadline is Friday, July 1, and the event is limited to 20 entries. For more information, contact Rothman at 354-0950.

South Farmington Baseball marks 25 years

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