

Squad detonates found grenade

An unexploded grenade was detonated in Farmington City Park Sunday night after it was found in the basement of a Grand River residence.

A man called Farmington police after he found the explosive behind some jars while cleaning. The grenade's pin appeared to be removed half way.

Farmington police sealed off the area. Personnel from Selfridge Air Base's 75th Ordnance Detachment unit removed the grenade.

City Park was evacuated and Power and Shawnee roads were closed. A hole was dug and covered with sandbags where the grenade was exploded.

"From what I understand it was loud," Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Mike Wiggins said. "We got a few calls."

The homeowner's husband had been in the military, police said. The person was cleaning the vacant home, preparing it for sale.

Police say heart attack possible cause of crash

Farmington Hills police believe a traffic death Monday may have been triggered by a heart attack or similar problem.

An autopsy to determine the cause of death of Lewis Russell Vernal, 76, of Farmington Hills and Lake Panasotkee, Fla., was scheduled Tuesday. Vernal died after his 1990 Buick hit a tree on the west side of Drake just south of 12 Mile at about 1:30 p.m.

The car had been traveling north and had crossed over the center line, police said.

Hills traffic supervisor Sgt. Ray Granston said Vernal had had

three previous heart attacks and was taking nitroglycerin for his condition. He had some of the medicine with him at the time of the accident and may have removed his seat belt in an effort to take some.

Hills firefighters were able to remove Vernal from his car without extraction equipment. He was breathing with difficulty when firefighters arrived, and he went into cardiac arrest while being transported to Botsford General Hospital by ambulance. He died about two hours later, police said.

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A brick ledge at the Independence Green Apartments on Lincoln in Farmington Hills was pushed over (\$200) between Sept. 26 and Oct. 1.

A window at the Summit Cleaners on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills was broken (\$500) on Oct. 2.

Three tires were slashed (\$800) on a blue 1990 Jeep Cherokee parked on Clear Lake in Farmington Hills Sept. 30.

Four tires were slashed (\$800) on a white 1992 Cadillac Deville parked on Clear Lake in Farmington Hills Sept. 30.

Windows, lights, an air conditioner and a boiler were damaged (\$1,330) at the Independence Green Apartments on Madison in Farmington Hills Sept. 1-30.

A blue 1992 Toyota station wagon parked at Perry Drugs on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills was keyed (\$1,000) Oct. 2.

A mailbox was struck by a vehicle on Britany Hill in Farmington Oct. 2, causing \$150 damage.

IN ROSSBY

A Redford man, 43, told Farmington Hills police that he was attacked by four men at 7 a.m. Oct. 2 while on Eight Mile near Grand River in Farmington Hills. The men hit him over the head with beer bottles and then kicked him while he was on the ground at took his wallet (\$20) with \$28. He was treated at Botsford Hospital.

IN DRUNKEN DRIVING

Farmington Hills police arrested a Wilson man, 35, for driving while drunk at 4:12 a.m. Oct. 2 on Runnymede. Officers found a blue 1992 Ford Ranger pickup nose down in a ditch. The man had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 27, for driving while drunk Oct. 1. The man had driven a blue 1985 Mazda off the road and had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit man, 67, for driving while intoxicated on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills Oct. 4. The man was driving a red and silver 1990 Dodge van west on Grand River when officers noticed that the van was stopping in traffic, weaving and going at a slow rate of speed. The man had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit man, 66, for drunken driving on Grand River in Farmington Oct. 1. The man was driving a 1988 Mercury Cougar east on Grand River when police noticed the vehicle was drifting. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

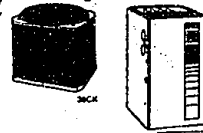
Farmington Hills police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 49, for drunken driving on Orchard Lake Oct. 2. The man was driving a 1993 Ford Aerostar van north on Orchard Lake when he was seen traveling 55 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone. He had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent.

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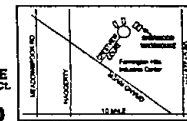
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