

## Officers travel to make arrest

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Sometimes, if you want something done, you have to do it yourself.

Farmington Hills police Sgt. Dennis Green found that out recently, when he and Officer Mike Ciaramitaro traveled to Grand Blanc Township near Flint to arrest a woman in connection with a Farmington Hills traffic death.

Elsmore Marie Young, 39, of Grand Blanc had driven a Mercury Sable into a Ford Taurus station wagon driven by Jeffrey Harward Gragg, 50, of West Bloomfield at the intersection of Northwestern and Middlebelt April 3. The crash killed Gragg.

Oakland County prosecutors charged Young with negligent homicide, a high misdemeanor punishable by up to 2 years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

But Young, who had been injured in the crash, was first treated at a Botsford General Hospital and then taken to a hospital in Flint.

Green said police, through Young's attorney, tried to arrange for her to come in voluntarily after the warrant was issued in early June. When that did not work, the Grand Blanc police were contacted and they tried to arrest Young.

"They made several attempts," said Green, the Hills police traffic

supervisor. "But it's just like us. We have requests from other departments to pick up people with outstanding warrants. When we can, we do. But it isn't always our top priority."

So, with the cooperation of the Grand Blanc police, who sent along an officer, Green and Ciaramitaro drove to Grand Blanc and made the arrest.

"I have empathy for the victim's family," Green said. "They are looking for some sort of closure on this."

Young is in the Oakland County Jail awaiting a forensic examination to determine if she is fit to stand trial. Her bond is \$50,000 cash.

## Man fires 3 shots after robbery

An armed robber fired three shots into the air after stealing \$100 from a Clark gas station in Farmington July 6.

At 9:40 a.m., a man walked into the station on Farmington and Nine Mile and handed the attendant a note. The message said to empty the cash drawer within 15 seconds, according to Farmington police reports.

He pulled a blue revolver from his pants pocket and laid it flat

on the counter.

After taking the money, he fled southwest around the building on foot. The employee followed and he fired three shots into the air.

The West Bloomfield police K-9 unit was brought in, but tracking dogs lost the scent.

A Southfield woman said she saw the man enter and later exit the station while her husband was getting gasoline. She also heard three shots.

The culprit is described as a

brown-haired white male in his 20s, 5 feet 6, 160 pounds with blue eyes. He was wearing a white T-shirt with an insignia on the front and baggy stone-washed blue jeans.

Witnesses said he had a day's beard growth. A man matching that description was seen at a nearby Amoco station on Farmington Road shortly before the robbery. It is believed the man bought a pack of cigarettes there and left.

ford General Hospital on Grand River in Farmington Hills July 6.

### DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested two men from Ypsilanti, both 23, for possession of marijuana at 1:45 a.m. July 6. The men had parked their blue 1985 Pontiac Grand Prix, which had improper plates, on Sheffield. Officers found four marijuana cigarettes and a pipe.

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Hills man, 18, and a Walked Lake man, 18, trying to hide items in a 1988 Ford Tempo. Officers found a 1994 Winnebago motor home had a broken window and pried lock (\$300) and also found a 1986 black Ford Escort with a broken window and busted steering column (\$300). A TV, VCR and stereo (\$1,605) were missing from the motor home and were found in the trunk of the Tempo the men were driving.

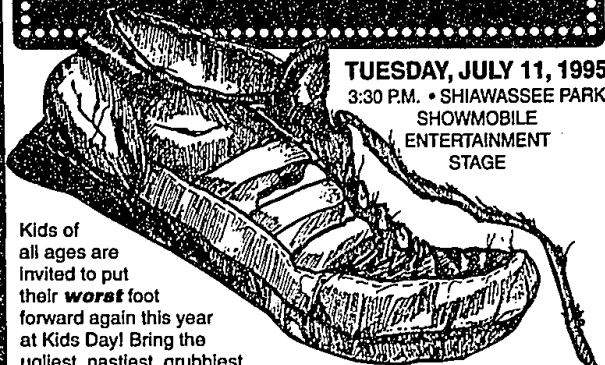
### AUTO THEFT

A \$20,000 green Plymouth Voyager was stolen from Cassel and Associates on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills between June 30 and July 3.

A blue 1983 Pontiac Bonneville worth \$1,200 was stolen from the Twelfth Estate Condominiums on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills July 3-4.

A \$27,000 green and tan Ford Mustang was stolen from Bots-

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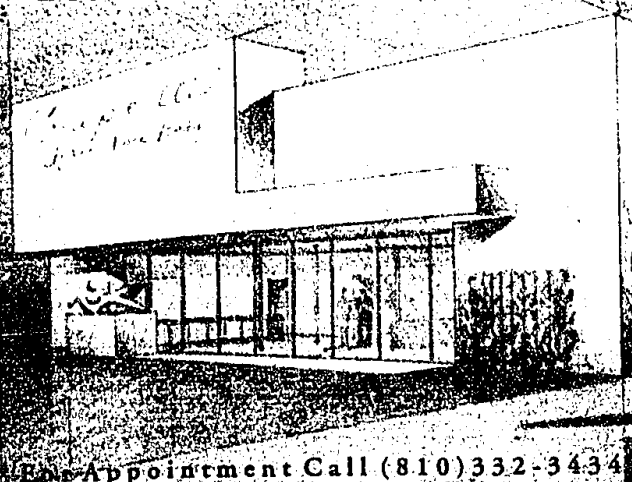
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