

Driver who hit boy on bicycle sought

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A Farmington family would like the driver of a brown car who hit their son to step forward.

Zachary Dube, 14, is in a full leg cast. The tibia and growth plate in his left knee were fractured after he was struck while riding his bike on a sidewalk outside Drake's Plaza Aug. 9.

Farmington police are also investigating. People with information can call the department at 474-4700.

At 4:45 p.m., the teen and another boy approached a driveway on their bikes where a tan or brown-colored vehicle was waiting to exit, according to police re-

ports. The driver was looking to his left to exit. Dube waited and thought the driver had seen him before proceeding.

After the accident, the unidentified man drove the boy to a Parklane Street residence and dropped him off and left. The boy's father said they need to talk to the man for insurance purposes.

"We'd like some closure on this," Jim Anastasiow said. "The individual didn't handle the situation properly. I'm not out to go after a big lawsuit."

Police have little to go on. The only description they have of the driver is he's a white male between the ages of 20-23, 5-foot-9

and 170 pounds. He's also described as wearing a black cap, having curly hair, and possibly having the name Steve.

The boys didn't get a license number on the vehicle and there are no other witnesses, Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Mike Wiggins said. Also, the late-afternoon accident was not reported to police until 11:30 p.m.

"It's an open accident (case)," Wiggins said. "We have no additional information to follow up on so that we can locate the driver. There's no witnesses other than the boys."

"It (lack of witnesses) probably had everything to do with the time that elapsed (between the

accident and when police were notified)."

Dube was staying at a friend's house on Parklane Street because his parents were out of town, said his mother Karen Anastasiow.

Dube hobbled up the driveway with his broken bike when a family friend asked what happened. When his knee began to swell, he was taken to the hospital.

Dube, who starts ninth grade at Farmington High this fall, wanted to try out for the school's soccer team. The 6-foot-1 teen also plans to play basketball.

"He's pretty bummed," his father said. "The next six weeks he's in a full leg cast."

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

ILLEGAL ALIEN APPREHENSION

Farmington Hills police arrested a Mexican native, 20, who was at a business on Northwestern Highway at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 12 when officers tried to question him. He lived in Detroit but spoke little English. A Spanish-speaking Hills officer talked with the man and found that he had no

green card, passport or visa, and had crossed the border at Tijuana, Mexico, four months ago. Border Patrol officers arrived to pick up the man Aug. 13.

BREAK-INS

The driver's side window of a 1995 Chrysler parked at the Beechwood Condos on Borwick Road in Farmington Hills was broken Aug. 14-15 causing \$300 in damage and a AM/FM CD stereo worth \$1,000 was stolen.

A garage door was kicked in at a residence on Mirion in Farmington Hills Aug. 16 and \$400 in change was stolen from a bedroom closet.

The rear passenger window of a white 1993 Ford Escort parked at the Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted in Farmington Hills was broken (\$150) and a pair of women's size 8 Rollerblades (\$100) were stolen Aug. 16-17.

The passenger door lock was punched (\$300) on a white 1991 Ford Escort parked at the Mulwood Apartments on Verdant in Farmington Hills and a \$400 cellular phone and a \$600 VCR were

stolen Aug. 16-17.

The passenger window of a burgundy 1995 Ford Contour parked on Fox Creek in Farmington Hills was broken and a \$250 Motorola cellular phone was stolen Aug. 16-17.

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