

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

BREAK-INS

The driver's side window of a white 1993 GMC Sierra pickup was smashed causing \$300 in damage and the driver's window of a black and silver 1992 Nissan Pathfinder was smashed causing \$900 in damage while both were parked in a drive on Clear Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 23-24. A \$300 CD player, \$1,300 Oki cellular phone and a \$350 CDE changer were stolen from the Nissan. A \$300 cellular phone, \$250 Realistic CB radio, \$100 Texas Instruments calculator, \$70 text book and \$400 in ski clothing were stolen from the GMC.

The passenger window of a silver 1990 Nissan Maxima was broken, causing \$250 in damage, and a \$175 cellular phone was stolen Oct. 23-24.

The driver's window was broken on a red 1992 Ford Escort parked on Shadowline in Farmington Hills Oct. 24 causing an estimated \$300 damage and a \$700 Alpine tape deck, \$150 equalizer, \$600 Kenwood speakers, \$250 Alpine amp, a \$250 Pioneer AM/FM stereo and \$120 in CDs were stolen.

The passenger window of a silver 1994 Ford Probe parked on Baywood in Farmington Hills was broken and a \$500 CD player, \$400 cellular phone, \$300 CDs and other items were stolen Oct. 24.

A door lock was punched out and the dash panel damaged on a silver 1990 Buick parked at Country Lanes on Nine Mile causing \$300 in damage and a \$200 AM/FM stereo cassette was stolen Oct. 24.

Jewelry valued at \$3,400, a \$700 CD player and other items totaling \$800 were stolen from a red 1992 Mitsubishi Eclipse parked at Kenmore in Farmington Hills Oct. 24 after the passenger window was broken.

The driver's window was smashed and a \$350 cellular phone and other items valued at \$650 were stolen from a 1984 GMC S-15 parked at Tamara Studio on Northwestern in Farmington Hills Oct. 24.

The passenger window of a black 1994 Toyota Camry parked at Buddy's Pizza on Northwest

in Farmington Hills was broken and a \$150 cellular phone and \$300 pair of Rollerblades were stolen Oct. 24.

The driver's window was broken on a white 1994 Toyota parked at the Fairmont Apartments on Maywood in Farmington Hills and a \$500 cellular phone was stolen Oct. 26.

The driver's window was shattered and a \$300 Motorola cellular phone was stolen from a Ford Mustang parked at the Polo Club Apartments on Polo Club in Farmington Hills Oct. 25.

The passenger window was shattered on a 1994 Jeep Cherokee parked at the Fairmont Apartments on Maywood in Farmington Hills Oct. 25 and a \$200 cellular phone was stolen.

The passenger window was smashed on a black 1995 Pontiac Sunfire parked at the Cordoba Apartments on Cordoba in Farmington Hills Oct. 25-26 and a \$300 cellular phone was stolen.

The passenger window was smashed and a man's wallet (\$25) and \$125 in cash were stolen from a black 1993 Toyota station wagon parked at the Woodhouse Apartments on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Oct. 25-26.

The passenger window was smashed, causing \$250 in damage and a \$400 Valentine radar detector was stolen from a silver 1995 Eagle Vision at the Polo Club Apartments on Polo Club in Farmington Hills Oct. 25-26.

VANDALISM

The driver's window of a black 1995 Ford Mustang was broken causing \$250 in damage on Clear Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 23-24.

The hood was dented (\$300) on a gold 1993 Chrysler LeBaron parked at the Little Valley trailer park on Tuck in Farmington Hills Oct. 24 causing \$300 in damage.

The rear windshield was smashed (\$1,200) on a 1986 Chevy Camaro parked on Waldron in Farmington Hills Oct. 23-24.

The tires were punctured on a 1995 Ford van (\$200) at the Detroit News distribution center on Crestview in Farmington Hills Oct. 24.

A bridge from a property on Plumbrook to the Copper Wood golf course in Farmington Hills was vandalized causing \$410 in damage Oct. 15-26.

Someone used blue spray paint

to scrawl a private message with drug overtones on the beige wall of Vitamart, 23337 Orchard Lake Rd., in Farmington Thursday afternoon, causing \$50 in damage.

The owner of Fox Printing Service, at 23030 Mooney, in Farmington, reported someone smashed baseball size pumpkins against his building, making mess and breaking a large motion detector light. He said numerous other small incidents have occurred recently, including a broken window and broken metal building panel. The owner has no idea who is responsible.

THEFT

A \$300 Motorola cellular phone was stolen from a white 1995 Ford F-150 pickup parked on Ashover in Farmington Hills Oct. 23-24.

A \$200 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen from a maroon 1993 Chevy Camaro parked at the Country Lanes on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills Oct. 24.

A \$283 Craftsman chain saw and \$31 hammer were stolen from the front of a residence on Corn in Farmington Hills where the owner was doing some work Oct. 19.

A \$5,000 dual voltage, single-phase welder with "Great Lakes Mechanical" on the side was stolen from the Bosch Corp. on Hills Tech in Farmington Hills Oct. 25-26.

A 21-year-old Farmington man was charged with shoplifting a \$13 pair of gloves from Aco, 31580 Grand River, on Tuesday. He set the alarm off when he left the store without paying and later told police he got them at Frank's Nursery. Frank's was called and a spokesman there said they didn't carry the Wells Lamont brand that was lifted.

BAD CHECKS

Four checks totaling \$550 were written to the Shoe Carnival on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 9-10 but came back from an account with insufficient money.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A man described as 6 feet, 150

pounds, wearing a plaid skirt, blond wig and a mustache was seen exposing himself behind Pension Consultants and the Ruby Tuesday restaurant on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A Farmington Hills couple told police that their son, 16, had kicked the woman, 41, and hit her after an argument at their Section 3 house Oct. 25. The boy had been out as late as 4 a.m. on several nights and had quit school.

DUNKING DRIVING

Farmington Hills police arrested a Sylvan Lake man, 43, for driving a maroon 1989 Chevy Astrovan north on Middlebelt north of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills at 9:45 p.m. Oct. 23 while drunk. The van ran a red light at the intersection. He had a blood alcohol level of .15 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

ASSAULT

Farmington Hills police arrested two Detroit men, 21 and 24, for hitting a Hills man, 28, at a card party at a trailer in Section 35 at 11:35 p.m. Oct. 25.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a Canton man, 27, for possession of cocaine and issued a ticket to a Southfield man, 27, for open intoxicants after stopping their westbound 1986 Dodge Fury on Eight Mile near Tuck at 2:55 a.m. Oct. 26.

A teacher at Farmington High School called police when a small plastic bag with crystal residue was found in a student's jacket pocket. The 14-year-old student was in detention at the time. His jacket also contained a box knife and a paper with gang symbols.

AUTO THEFT

A \$13,000 1993 GMC Sierra was stolen from a residence on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Oct. 26.

Tips to treat kids to safe Halloween

Farmington Hills police and Farmington public safety remind parents to make sure young Halloween revelers "play it safe for Halloween."

Chris Cogar, Hills crime prevention technician, and Joe Schomack, Farmington fire marshal, said following some basic safety rules can ensure a safe, fun Halloween.

Parents should:

- Make sure your child's costume allows freedom of movement and good visibility. It should either be light color or have reflective strips on it and also be fireproof. Use makeup to paint faces instead of obscuring vision with a mask. If possible, have children trick or treat before dark.

- Check to make sure costumes are made of flame retardant material. Keep hem lines short enough to prevent tripping and avoid loose, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts. Avoid flimsy materials such as lightweight cotton fabrics which are easily ignited.

- Use battery powered lights — never candles — to light jack-o-lanterns. Instruct children to stay away from open flames.

- Insist that your children trick or treat with a friend, a group, or an adult. Young children should always go with an adult or responsible teen-ager.

- Insist that your children stay in their own neighborhood and on an agreed route. Set a reasonable time for children to reach home.

- Keep your own outside lights on so children can see where they're walking.

- Remove objects from the yard that present a hazard to children (garden tools, hoses on portable sprinklers, etc.).

- Be extremely careful with tind-

er-dry cornstarch and other hazardous items. Keep them away from sources of heat. Don't let them block doorways or stairs.

- If you are driving on Halloween, take care. Watch for trick-or-treaters who will be too busy to watch out for you.

- Be certain that small children are under supervision at all times.

- Before your children eat any treats, check them over. Use your discretion about any homemade treats — even with an address label. The safest rule is to throw away anything that is not store wrapped or in good condition.

- Discard fruit or cut into pieces before eating to make sure it is all fruit and has not been tampered with.

- Sponsor a party in place of trick or treating.

- If you find anything suspicious in your child's treat bag, contact the police or public safety department.

For children:

- Stay in your own neighborhood.

- Go with a friend, a group, or an adult.

- Go only to homes with lights on or with Halloween decorations up.

- Don't eat any treats until your parents have checked them.

- Walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk. Watch for cars when crossing the street and don't cross between parked cars. Use a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.

- Tell your parents about anything that makes you uncomfortable or scared.

- Stay away from strangers. Don't go inside anyone's house and never get into a stranger's car.

- Bring all your treats home so your parents can check them before you eat anything.

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