

Robber hits three gas stations

A strong-armed bandit pushed a cashier out of the way and made off with \$140 in a robbery at the Grand River and Haledel Station Dec. 5.

Around 9:30 p.m., a man came into the station after pumping \$18 worth of gasoline into the vehicle he was driving. He then picked up a bag of potato chips and asked the cashier the price, according to Farmington police reports.

When the cashier rang up the sale and opened the cash drawer, the man stepped behind the counter and grabbed the money. He told the cashier he needed the money and left.

He fled on westbound Grand River in a late model white Cadillac. He left behind a \$10 bill and a dollar bill, which police are checking for fingerprints.

The suspect is described as a white man in his 40s with short

blond hair. He was wearing dark clothing and spoke with an accent, police reports said.

A robbery occurred at a service station on Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville later that night. The assailant and car matched the same description as in the Farmington heist.

Also, Novi police reported an attempted robbery at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook involving a similar description.

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p.m. Dec. 7. The woman's purple 1996 Ford Taurus had been involved in an accident, police said. She reportedly had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A Farmington Hills woman, 47, told Hills police that her husband grabbed her and hit her and pulled out the phone when she tried to call police at 3 a.m. Dec.

6. Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills woman, 28, for allegedly slapping, punching and kicking her live-in boyfriend, 36, in the groin during an argument at their northwest Hills residence Dec. 8.

A Farmington woman, 23, told police her brother slammed her into a refrigerator Dec. 7. He also kicked her and threatened to kill her, police said. The brother had

a prior conviction for aggravated assault stemming from a June incident.

ASSAULT

A Farmington Hills boy, 12, told police that a Southfield man, 22, came across the street from a Christmas tree lot at St. Francis and Eight Mile and kicked him 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7. The man told police the boy and his friends were damaging the trees.

Pedestrian bridge over I-696 opens

The long-awaited pedestrian bridge along Farmington Road at I-696 was installed Sunday morning, Nov. 19. The bridge is now open to the public.

The bridge connects the north

and south parts of Farmington Hills along the Farmington Road safety path corridor.

Installation went smoothly, according to assistant city manager Steve Brock, with some adjust-

ments to the center pier hardware. Some cosmetic work remains.

The project is the culmination of several years of fiscal planning by the city with more than half of the cost covered by state and federal grants, Brock said.

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Smith was told by a lunch aide that the boy was telling others he had a bomb under his coat.

"Not for one moment did I think that was a real bomb or anything of a destructive nature," Smith said.

"There was no real instance of fear or hysteria. Probably only five or six kids knew that this had happened."

Smith sent a letter home to parents, explaining the incident. He also went into classrooms to tell others joking about bombs is no laughing matter.

"It was a prank," Smith said. "And it was certainly unfortunate."

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