

Day care centers increase security after disturbance

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A Westland man is free on \$500 bond while awaiting a forensic exam to determine his mental competency after he allegedly caused disturbances at two area day care centers.

John Glen McNair, 28, of Westland posted the maximum allowable bail for a misdemeanor last week. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

The charges stem from incidents at two Kinder-Care day care centers, one in Westland and one on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills. Police said the man asked to see the children at the centers early on the morning of May 1, and then made threats when he was not allowed into the centers.

Police could only charge the man with the 90-day misdemeanor. Judge Fred Harris ordered that the man undergo a forensic exam in Ypsilanti to

determine his mental competency. He posted the bond.

In the meantime, security measures were taken at both centers. Those include a special combination lock that only staff and parents know.

Police believe that the man who made the threats was looking for a former girlfriend who once worked at the Farmington Hills center. She has not worked at either center since long before the incident, said Dawn Heid, director of the Farmington Hills Kinder Care.

"We were very impressed with the way the police responded," Heid said.

Hills Detective Kathy Tiano said the kudos should go to the Hills center's staff.

"Not only did they respond quickly and professionally, but they have been very cooperative and have continued to contact us to keep updated and inform the parents," Tiano said.

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

THEFT

A \$125 CD player with headphones, a \$29 CD case and 25 CDs worth \$360 were stolen from the auditorium at North Farmington High School May 1.

An \$800 AM/FM stereo was stolen from a blue 1994 Olds Cutlase parked at Botsford Hospital on Grand River.

A \$175 Sony CD player and 25 CDs in a case (\$395) were stolen from a car parked on Flanders May 11.

A \$250 20-inch BMX GT Interceptor chrome bike was stolen from the front lawn of a house on Fink May 10-11.

A \$2,400 diamond bracelet was stolen from a residence on Bunker Hill May 10-11.

A nine-inch, AM/FM GE color TV was stolen from the Muirwood Apartments on Woodington April 22-24.

Sixteen traditional Indian formal gowns (\$1,920) were stolen from a residence on Vacri May 8.

A \$2,500 McIntosh lap top computer was stolen from Vordenberg Marketing on 12 Mile May 10-13.

A \$450 CD player was stolen

from a 1994 blue Ford Probe on Creek Bend May 11-12.

A sum of \$214 in cash was stolen from a purse left unattended on a clothes rack at T.J. Maxx on Grand River between 4:40-4:45 p.m. May 12.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: The locks were punched causing a total of \$1,100 in damage to 11 Toyotas parked at Bob Saks Toyota on Grand River and the air bags, worth \$5,000, were stolen May 8-10.

The lock was punched (\$200) on a blue 1995 Chevy Baretta parked at Pep Boys on Eight Mile and a \$500 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen May 10.

The rear windows were broken in 11 Toyota Camrys parked at Bob Saks on Grand River May 10-11 and the air bags were stolen (\$8,000).

The passenger window was smashed (\$200) on a red 1995 Jaguar parked at Enco Systems on Halsted and a \$425 radar detector was stolen May 11-12.

A safe was pried in a room at Botsford Hospital on Grand River May 10-13 (\$250).

A door was pried open (\$100) at Armstrong Industrial Specialties, Inc. on Haggerty and a

\$4,000 Dell lap-top computer, a \$4,000 Gateway 2000 lap-top computer, a passport, Northwest Airlines ticket vouchers (\$200), a \$350 Samsonite briefcase and a \$100 computer carrying case were stolen May 10-13.

The trunk was pried open on a gray 1992 Pontiac Grand Am parked at Lucky's Collision on Industrial Park and a \$1,000 amplifier was stolen May 13.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 43, at a Section 36 residence at 11:56 p.m. May 11 for punching his girl friend several times in the head. She was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 44, for pulling his wife's hair and putting pressure on her chest at 12:30 a.m. May 12 at their Section 12 residence.

Farmington Hills police arrested an Oak Park woman, 50, and a Royal Oak man, 30, at a Section 33 residence at 3:10 p.m. May 12 after the two fought.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a Wyandotte man, 32, for possession of 17.5 grams of marijuana

at a residence on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills at 1:44 p.m. May 11.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A silver 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee worth \$30,000 was stolen from a residence on Mingwood May 10-11.

A gray 1989 Dodge Caravan (\$2,000) was stolen from Pep Boys on Eight Mile May 11.

The passenger door lock was forced open and the steering column broken in an attempt to steal a black 1996 Chevy Blazer at Percepton on Research in Farmington Hills May 13. A \$200 cellular phone was stolen.

ARMED ROBBERY

A West Bloomfield man told Farmington Hills police that he was robbed at gun point at 6:28 p.m. May 11 at the Orchard Place Condos on Orchard Lake. The man, who is a jewelry dealer, told police a black man, 25, 5 feet 10, 175 pounds with a thin build, approached him before he could enter the building, pulled a semi-automatic handgun and demanded his watch and jewelry bag with a total value of \$100,000. The robbery is under investigation.

ROBBERY ATTEMPT

The manager of the Arbor Drugs on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills was unlocking the business at 7:50 a.m. May 13 when a man described as black, in his 30s, 5 feet 9 and 180 pounds with black sunglasses, a white Panama hat, tan winter coat and some beard growth showed him a black pistol under a newspaper and told the manager to open the door. The manager talked the man out of the robbery. The man left the scene.

ASSAULT

Farmington Hills police arrested a Westland man, 26, for grabbing and shoving a Hills woman across her porch on Belfast after she refused to give him a ride home at 9 p.m. May 11. Police found him walking north on Middlebelt near Grand River.

VANDALISM

The kitchen counter of a residence on Tuck in Farmington Hills was scratched causing \$300 in damage May 11-12.

The front and rear of a green 1993 Ford Tempo and a 1995 Ford Escort were scratched (\$1,000) at the Inverary Condos on 12 Mile May 12-13.

A blue 1995 Ford station wagon was egged and dented with a hammer (\$300) on Muirland May 3-12.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

Farmington Hills firefighters made 96 runs for the week of May 6-12 including 57 medical emergencies (59 percent), 12 rescue and four fires.

FIRES

Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 2 responded to a basement fire at a residence on Halsted in Northville at 5:27 p.m. May 9. The fire originated to two points and was believed to be caused by lightening. The fire was extinguished by a broken water pipe. A basket of cloths as well as several spray cans of paint near a junction box had ignited.

Farmington Hills firefighters from Stations 2 and 4 responded to a fire in the men's room of the Lone Star Steak House on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills at 5:12 p.m. May 12. The fire was extinguished by the restaurant's sprinkler system. One employee suffered an asthma attack but there were no other injuries. Firefighters consider the incident an arson. Damage to the property was \$10,000 and damage to contents was \$1,000.

EXPLOSIVES

A Farmington Hills resident showed Hills officers home made explosives he found in woods near his Mayfield house May 13. Several plastic bottles with aluminum foil and muriatic acid had been used in an attempt to make explosive devices.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested two West Bloomfield boys, 16 and 15, for possession of a small amount of marijuana in a silver 1991 Ford Escort parked near Marvelous Marvin's on Orchard Lake May 13.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit man, 33, for driving a white 1984 Mercury Marquis east on Grand River at Eight Mile while drunk. The car almost struck a police car while turning. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent.

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