

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some Farmington-area police incidents reported during the past week.

ARMED ROBBERY

In Farmington Hills: An armed robber targeted Brothers Bagels last Friday, just around closing time.

A lone employee told police that a black man entered the store 10 minutes before 4 p.m. and purchased a bagel and a drink. He asked what time the store closed and explained that he was waiting for a ride. The employee told the man he could wait inside until his ride came.

After everyone else in the dine in area left, the man walked to the west entrance, turned around, walked back and reached into his pocket for a knife, the victim told police. The man then ordered her into the freezer at knife point.

Police said the man returned a couple minutes later saying "I don't want you to freeze to death. I've found another room for you." The he led her to the back restroom and propped boxes of soda syrup against the door.

The woman told police she heard glass breaking, pounding and then the man driving away.

She went next door to call police. The robber escaped with a \$2500 computer. There are witnesses.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

In Farmington Hills: A 20-year-old Farmington Hills man walked into his apartment Friday, only to find someone trying to hide in his bedroom.

A resident of Gateway Apartments, the victim returned to his third floor unit at 1 a.m. and heard footsteps. Upon entering the bedroom, the intruder pushed the victim onto the bed and ran.

The victim got up and gave chase but the intruder, a white male in his 20s with brown hair and a medium build, struck him on the right side of his head with a cylindrical object and ran for the door.

The suspect, approximately 6'9", weighing 170 pounds is believed to have scaled the support posts to the balcony and open door wall. He cut a hole in the screen.

CREDIT DENIED

In Farmington Hills: A 25-year-old Farmington

Hills woman received a strange letter July 3. It was addressed to someone bearing her social security number and last name, but the first name was spelled incorrectly.

The sender was a bank saying that her request for a credit card was denied. The strange thing is, she never applied for the credit card.

UNWANTED ATTENTION

In Farmington Hills: A 35-year-old Taylor woman reported being followed by two of her supervisors from a Farmington Hills business last Monday.

She told officers the two 45-year-old men, one driving a 1996 Mercury Sable and the other driving a Chevy pickup truck, followed her from work July 2 to a friend's house in Waterford. She did not see the pair as she left the friend's house, but said she saw the second man behind her on Interstate-94 minutes later.

UNPAID TICKET

In Farmington Hills: Authorities stopped two men in a car traveling 12 Mile east-bound near Middlebelt because the characters of the license

plate were not visible. Neither were wearing seat belts.

After asking for identification from both occupants of the car, police focused on the passenger who did not match the description on the driver's license. When questioned about the discrepancy, the man told police "they (the state) messed up."

The 19-year-old Hamtramck man was asked to sign his name to see if it matched the signature on the license. It didn't.

The officer questioned the man further, obtaining his real name. The man told police he lied because he has an "unpaid littering ticket in this city."

The passenger was arrested for his previous public order crime, the seat belt violation and presenting false identification. The driver was released.

RETAIL FRAUD

In Farmington Hills: Last week was busy for K mart's loss prevention agents assigned to the Orchard Lake and 14 Mile store. On July 4, agents noticed a 15-year-old West Bloomfield boy go into the home improvement department and stuff merchandise inside his jeans.

He attempted to fit three Sega

video games, two compact discs and a bike repair kit inside his pants, the K mart employee told police. The total purchase price, if the items were paid for would equal approximately \$93. The teen had \$47 on him.

Four days later, the same loss prevention agents noticed two Farmington Hills teens come in together. One agent followed one of the 15-year-old girls while the other agent followed the second girl.

One of the teens went into the ladies fitting room with a two-piece bathing suit and walked out with nothing but her purse. The price tags were found on the floor of the dressing room.

The other teen stuffed candy, clothing and other items into her back pack. The pair were stopped outside the store with about \$80 worth of merchandise.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

In Farmington Hills: Police were called in to settle a dispute between two workers at Halsted Forest in Farmington Hills. According to the 34-year-old victim, he was attacked after firing the 24-year-old employee. The ex-employee punched him in the face, tried choking him with a necktie and rear ended him as

he tried to go to the hospital, he told police.

Security personnel were forced to throw the 24-year-old out of West Bloomfield's Henry Ford Hospital, where the victim received 10 stitches for a gash in his right cheek. He also sustained two chipped teeth, abrasions on his arm and knee and a bruised neck.

STOLEN GOODS

In Farmington Hills: Loss prevention agents at Target on Grand River recovered over \$600 in stolen goods from a Detroit woman, 35, and an Oak Park woman, 30, last Saturday.

Police said the store employees watched the two women enter the store with two minor children. The two adults were then seen removing items from hangers and stuffing them inside Target plastic bags.

Both women went through the check out line separately and purchased a 12-pack of pop and some other small items, totaling \$21. The women exited the store before being asked to return. The first woman allegedly harbored \$404 worth of belts, headbands, clothing, sunglasses, toys and health and beauty products. Target employees reportedly found purses, clothing, candy, healthy and beauty products and sunglasses on the second woman totaling \$463.

COMPUTERS TAKEN

In Farmington Hills: Representatives of Merrill Lynch on Northwestern highway are looking for \$8,000 worth of computer equipment that was stolen July 5. There was no forced entry. Police are looking into a cleaning crew that was there the night of the crime.

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