

### POLICE & FIRE CALLS

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

**GAZ LINE RUPTURE**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
A gas line rupture Thursday on Eight Mile between Metroview and Halsted had the road closed for almost two hours. Livonia and Farmington Hills firefighters along with Detroit Edison crews were on the scene at 8:11 a.m. after construction crews widening Eight Mile accidentally ruptured a 6-inch gas line. The road was blocked off, but gas levels did not become hazardous in Farmington Hills, said Hills

**Battalion Chief Don St. Clair:**  
"We took air samples and monitored the situation," he said. "But the gas never did reach the residential area."

**DRUGS**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
Police arrested a Hills boy, 16, for possession of three grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a black 1986 Mercury Cougar n Castlemeadow at 7:20 a.m. Sept. 10.  
Police arrested a Hills man, 19, for possession of 3.5 grams of marijuana in a gray 1986 Olds Cutlass on Farmington at 10:15 p.m. Sept. 11.  
Police arrested a Bloomfield

Hills man, 22, for possession of two grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a 1989 Pontiac Grand Prix at the Best Western Hotel on 12 Mile Sept. 13. Police also seized \$266 in cash.

**VANDALISM**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
The driver's side of a tan 1996 Toyota Camry parked at the Seven-11 store on Orchard Lake was keyed Sept. 7 causing \$500 in damage.  
A white Chevy K1500 was keyed (\$500) at the Hunters Ridge Apartments on Pheasant Run Sept. 6.

**THEFTS**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
A \$2,200 Packard Bell computer was stolen from a residence on Lake Park Sept. 9.  
An \$800 men's 21-speed Harow yellow and blue bike was stolen from the Village Green Apartments on South Floralview Sept. 8-11.  
Tools, uniforms, keys and other items (\$1,200) were taken by a former employee of the White Castle restaurant on Industrial Park July 23 and never returned.  
A \$600 cellular phone was stolen from a car at a business on Orchard Lake Sept. 11.

**In Farmington Hills:**  
A sum of \$534 in cash and a \$250 fax machine were stolen in a burglary at Dogwood's Deli on Grand River sometime during the night of Sept. 10-11. Entry was made through a rear door, which was pried open.

**DRUNKEN DRIVING**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
Hills police arrested a Hills man, 32, at 9:05 p.m. on Nine Mile at Gill for driving a 1991 Ford pickup while drunk. The truck was tailgating another a car. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.  
Hills police arrested a Hills woman, 32, for driving a 1994 Ford Taurus on Middlebelt west of Eight Mile at 11:30 p.m. Sept. 10 while drunk. The car was swerving on the wrong side of the road. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .33 percent.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRADMAN LESTER

*Dressed for the event: It's almost fall, after all, and autumn temperatures... fall. The temperatures Thursday afternoon, dropped about 10 degrees, according to those who attended a cross country meet. In the photo above, 8-year-old Chad Atkins buries his head inside the jacket of his dad, Dennis, while 11-year-old Laura snuggles. At left is Gail, their mom. They're watching brother Brian run for Farmington High. In the photo at right, Nathan Strouther, 5, wears a sweatshirt many sizes too big.*



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