

# Drugs led to death in hospital lot

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Farmington Hills police say a drug overdose appears to have caused the death of a Livonia woman, who was found in the Botsford General Hospital parking lot on Oct. 1.

"The toxicology reports indicate an excess amount of opiates were present," said Hills Police Inspector Marty Bledsoe. "We had information that she had abused drugs excessively before. This was not a complete shock to people who knew her."

The woman, Sheryl Ann Livingston, 36, was found in the back seat of a red Chevy Cavalier in the parking lot of Botsford General Hospital on Grand River at about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 1.

A visitor and one of the valet parking attendants noticed that the woman was not moving and called hospital security. They then called Community EMS. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police do not know whether the mother of three had driven herself to the emergency room or had been driven there by someone else. The car was in the ER lot.

"There's no indication of foul play," Bledsoe said. "We're still trying to find out how she got there."

Police said the woman had been found stretched out in the back seat of the car, with no apparent signs of trauma, leading passersby to think she was napping.

She had not been seen by her husband for

two days. Some sources had told police that she was at a party two days before where drugs were being used.

Bledsoe said the woman had previously overdosed on heroin.

"It's a regrettable result," he said. "People can have a bad reaction from prescription drugs. But this lady did not use that kind of pharmacist that most people do."

Bledsoe said that even though friends knew of her drug use, they were still saddened by her loss.

"Someone may well have been trying to get her some help," he said. "That's what we're trying to find out."

## POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

### FIRE RUNS

Farmington Hills firefighters made 103 runs for the week of Oct. 7-13 including 62 medical emergencies (67 percent), 17 rescues and two fires.

### FIRE

**In Farmington Hills:** Firefighters from Stations 2 and 3 were dispatched to a residence on Lakeland at 7:11 p.m. Oct. 14. A grease fire on a stove had been extinguished by the resident using baking soda. The fire caused \$3,000 in damage to the house and \$500 in damage to contents.

### THEFT

**In Farmington:**

The purse of a Hills woman was stolen from the Kmart on Grand River at 1 p.m. Oct. 5. It contained her checkbook and \$3 in cash.

Construction equipment (\$14,000) was taken from a construction site at Grand River and Drake the night of Oct. 11. Cash (\$133) was stolen from the offices of Mooney & Process Equipment at 8 Mile between Oct. 4-14.

### In Farmington Hills:

A \$170 cellular phone, \$125 Cannon camera and a bag with seven wrapped gifts were stolen from a green 1993 Ford Explorer on Fox Club Oct. 10.

Two AM/FM CD stereos (\$1,000 total) were stolen from two 1997 GMC Jimmys, one green and one white, at Bob Saks on Grand River Oct. 11.

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## Driver pleads no contest in bicyclist's death

A California man, who was drunk when the car he was driving struck and killed a woman on a bicycle, will be sentenced Nov. 6.

James Hein, 41, of Del Mar California, pleaded no contest to driving under the influence of alcohol resulting in death on Oct. 9 before Judge Robert Anderson in Oakland Circuit Court. Hein, who is free on \$10,000 personal bond, could receive up to 15 years in prison for the felony.

The victim, Elenya Rainbow, 45, was staying at the Red Roof Inn on Sinclair in Farmington Hills while visiting her parents in Farmington. The avid bicyclist was bicycling back to her hotel at about 10:15 p.m. when the 1985 Mercury Marquis driven by Hein struck her.

The woman suffered severe head injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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