

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court reports in the past week.

BREAK-INS
In Farmington Hills:
 A thirsty thief helped himself to a 40-ounce bottle of beer after breaking into a home in a mobile home park on Eight Mile. The resident told police Thursday morning that, along with the beer, the burglar took a TV and VCR.
 Tools and generators with a total value of around \$1,300 were taken from the bed of a pickup truck overnight Wednesday.

The work truck had been parked in a fenced, locked yard, the victim told officers, but the cap of the pickup was not locked.
 A man returned home to the Gateway Apartments on 12 Mile after 2 a.m. Wednesday to find that his apartment had been broken into and the kitchen and bedroom ransacked. He told police that a VCR, portable stereo and \$200 were missing. Police saw marks on the door.
 It was reported to police on Wednesday that someone had broken into a home under construction on 14 Mile Road.

Missing were 12 boxes of ceramic tiles valued at \$8,000, according to reports.
 Two trailers were broken into Tuesday night or Wednesday morning at a construction site on 12 Mile Road. Two generators worth \$2,000 each were taken, along with two spools of electrical wiring with a total value of \$2,500.
 Three teenagers attempted to break into an abandoned gas station on Ten Mile at Middlebelt around 1 p.m. on Tuesday. A woman called police to report seeing the teens trying to get inside a former Amoco station. Officers found that glass has been smashed out of the south side bay doors, but nothing else

appeared damaged or tampered with.
DRUGS
In Farmington Hills:
 A 27-year-old man was arrested at Botsford Terrace Apartments Tuesday night for possession of marijuana. Officers saw the man leaning into the passenger window of a running 1981 Dodge driven by a 37-year-old man and, suspecting a drug transaction, confronted the pair.
 The suspect said he was just talking to a neighbor and consented to a search, police said. The officer found a plastic bag of marijuana in a zippered pocket of the man's leather coat, along with \$262. The driver of the car was arrested and released.

The man had apparently hit his head behind his ear on the metal window frame which separates glass plates in the cell. Fire rescue personnel were called and found the man sitting up, his head bleeding badly. He remained argumentative and had to be restrained on a stretcher to be taken to the hospital to treat the cut.
SMASH AND GRAB
In Farmington:
 A \$700 Sony camcorder was stolen after the driver's side window of a 1994 Ford Taurus was smashed while parked on Frederick Street Feb. 17-18, causing \$350 damage.

Heist nets \$15,000

A safe containing \$15,000 was smashed from a wall and hauled off last weekend from Brass Point Food & Spirits on Orchard Lake Road.
 Police anticipate making an arrest in the case soon, said Farmington Hills police Sgt. Tim Swanson of the investigative division.

An owner of the bar discovered the burglary the morning of Feb. 16, first finding that the business' alarm was turned off and then seeing the door to an office was kicked open.

The safe had been encased in concrete, police said. Smashed concrete debris was scattered on the floor and metal shavings on the floor indicated the culprit had unsuccessfully tried to grind open the safe at the scene.

A dolly belonging to the business was used to get the safe out the back door. The dolly was left at the rear of the building and the back door was left ajar, according to reports. There was no sign of forced entry.
 Besides the safe, thieves took a computer, 40 bottles of liquor and some cash from the bar's register.

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The \$110 million bond and millage renewal would help, Maxfield said.
 "The more that people sense that their elected officials believe this is good stuff — that it is an integral part of a mutually successful future — it helps," Maxfield said. "But the voters usually make up their own minds."
 Neither mayor rules out possibly endorsing a motion for the bond and millage renewal election. They're taking a wait-and-see approach.

In Farmington Hills, the council will support a resolution for the school election "if there is unanimous support," according to Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi.

"I don't think it would look good to have a resolution without unanimous support," he added.

Farmington and Farmington Hills councils received a preview during a joint meeting Feb. 6.

Few commented. Hills councilman Jerry Ellis called it, "a tough sell" before asking school officials how they intended to inform the community.

How well the district informs voters is more important than a council's stamp of approval, said JoAnne McShane, Farmington mayor.

"I think the voters want us to look at this on a case by case basis," she said. "The voters will decide if this is the right way to do this."

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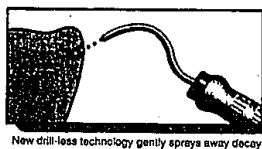
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TRAFFIC STOPS
Farmington Hills:
 A dangling ornament on her rear-view mirror proved to be the undoing of a 31-year-old Detroit woman who was wanted by Farmington police. An officer stopped the woman Tuesday afternoon on Eight Mile near Inkster for the vision obstruction caused by the ornament. She was arrested after it was found she was wanted on a contempt of court warrant and for driving during on a suspended license.
 An officer noticed the license plate had expired on a carpet company van so the van was pulled over Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. on Orchard Lake near 13 Mile. The driver, a 23-year-old Hamtramck man, was arrested after it was found he had no drivers license and was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant in Detroit.

INJURY IN JAIL
Farmington Hills:
 It was a rough night Monday for a 42-year-old Farmington Hills man, who was arrested for illegal entry and later

wound up being taken to the hospital after accidentally cutting his head in his jail cell.
 Police said the man, who apparently was intoxicated, was arrested at his ex-girlfriend's trailer, which she said he had been into. He was locked up at the police station around 2:30 a.m., and later, an officer at the command desk saw on a surveillance monitor that there was a pool of blood on the mattress near his head.
 The man had apparently hit his head behind his ear on the metal window frame which separates glass plates in the cell. Fire rescue personnel were called and found the man sitting up, his head bleeding badly. He remained argumentative and had to be restrained on a stretcher to be taken to the hospital to treat the cut.

SHOPLIFTING
In Farmington:
 A Canton woman, 19, was arrested after she was seen putting rings on her fingers from a display case at Kmart on Grand River and Halsted Feb. 18. She didn't take the rings off and was seen concealing a sweatshirt, T-shirt, hairbrush and earrings — goods totaling \$105. The woman has a 1996 conviction for retail fraud in Southfield.



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