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there has been a decline in burglaries.

Armed robberies increased to six from three the previous year. Two incidents — including one at Kentucky Fried Chicken on Farmington Road in December — involved guns. Knives were used in two others and one perpetrator used a fake pop bottle bomb to rob the Mobil gas station on Farmington and Eight Mile roads.

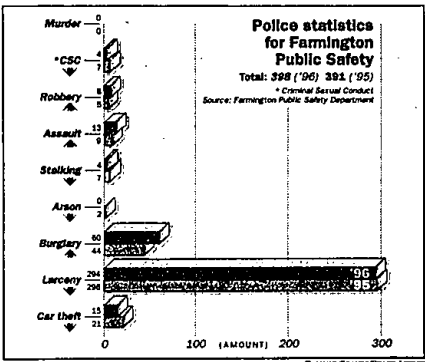
Arrests were made in four of the six armed robbery cases.

Aggravated assaults — those involving a weapon or injury — also increased from nine in 1995 to 13 in 1996. Six assaults involved knives, but five of those were threats and one victim received a small puncture wound where no treatment was needed.

A chair, scissors, baseball bat and chemical spray were used in other incidents, which resulted in three minor injuries that didn't require medical attention.

Two assaults involved pointing a firearm. No injuries resulted.

Of crimes reported, 93 percent were against property and 7 per-



cent against people. That ratio is the same as 1995.

Adult arrests dropped 19 percent, which was mostly in the apprehension of drunken drivers.

A main part of that was due to the department being down three officers most of the year, Goss said. Drunken driving arrests are typically self-initiated by officers.

Two officers took new jobs and another retired. Another officer has been on extended sick leave. Three new officers were hired in 1996.

"Although we've hired three new officers, it takes us six months to prepare them and train them for the road," Goss said, noting "Our response time has not been affected (2 minutes for an emergency)."

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nance that will not unfairly exclude antennas, while requiring an appropriate setback and other limits on the technology.

In its most recent form, the ordinance would set a 500-foot setback for towers from a residential area and 1/2 mile setback from any school. A tower's height would be limited to 100 feet, or 120 feet if more than one company used it.

Haron said the ordinance would permit an antenna to be placed in a residential area with restrictions if it were located on a non-residential property, such as a church, and were concealed. The ordinance would also require that property be accessible from a main or secondary road, not a subdivision street.

"Even then, it would require a public hearing on a case-by-case basis," he said.

Haron, an attorney who has worked for residents opposed to the antennas in Grosse Pointe, said he sympathizes with the study committee that labored for more than two years. The majority of those on that committee questioned the health effects of cellular technology.

Haron said the ordinance would encourage the industry to conceal the technology, thereby not adversely affecting the aesthetics of the area or property values.

"If you can't see it, what do you care?" he said.

The 1996 FCC Act prohibits excluding the technology upon health grounds and also makes it illegal to prohibit cellular towers outright because it would unfairly exclude that industry.

"It cannot have the effect of prohibiting that technology," said John H. Murphy, regional real estate manager for Air Touch Cellular.

Opposition to any incursion into residential areas remains strong. Residents are circulating petitions opposing the ordinance and the Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners is critical of some of the provisions.

"We consider this a zoning conflict," said Gail Haynes, COHA president. "It's a commercial use in a residential area and it favors one industry."

Haynes said the non-residential property owners allowed in residential areas, such as churches, should abide by residential zoning requirements.

Murphy, whose area includes Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, said there have been different zoning requirements in different communities, including moratoriums and ordinance reviews.

"Every community is treating this differently," he said. "There is no model that fits everybody's values."

needs." Murphy said the industry's efforts to expand cellular service have been "a struggle" at times, as with any new technology.

"We've gone from the horse and buggy to the automobile," he said. "And there has always been some resistance along with acceptance."

Although many of the cellular companies have offered incentives and even free cellular phones to customers, Murphy said that was not a case of creating a demand that isn't there.

"I think that in general, if people are aware of something that will make communication better, faster and more convenient, they will want it," Murphy said. "We had four focus groups in Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus look at this and they all said if you make it look like what's there, it's OK with us."

Planning Commissioner Bob Bruckner, a past president of COHA, said he expects the commission to vote on the ordinance March 13 and send it on to the city council.

"The only thing they're (COHA) fighting is antennas in residential areas," Bruckner said. "But we need to get an ordinance on the books and if need be, revise it. That's been the problem."

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**ASBURY COLLEGE HONORS**  
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