

Bandit makes off with lottery tickets, cash in store stick-up

A gun-toting robber made off with \$60 cash and a batch of instant lottery tickets after holding up a 7-Eleven on 10 Mile and Middlebelt Tuesday.

At 4:40 a.m., a man with an orange-hooded sweatshirt walked in and demanded that the store clerk give him "all the money."

When the clerk hesitated, the robber pulled up his sweatshirt to reveal what appeared to be a handle of a gun.

The robber reached over the

counter and grabbed the cash from the register. The stick-up man then ordered the employee over to the Shurpee machine and punched him in the left ear.

The bandit went behind the counter and started stealing instant lottery tickets. He put the money and lottery tickets in a white plastic bag before leaving.

Police describe the suspect as a young black male in his late teens or early 20s, about 6-feet tall and having a thin build.

Here are the police and fire incidents reported in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area during the past week.

MONEY STOLEN

**In Farmington Hills:** Between \$2,300-\$2,400 cash was stolen from a pair of jeans in a Muirwood Apartments residence Aug. 28. The pair of jeans were later found behind Chatham Hills subdivision. The money was receipts from a business.

COPIER COPPED

**In Farmington Hills:** A \$999 Hewlett Packard color copier was stolen from Office Max on 14 Mile Road Aug. 28. A woman tried to pay for the copier with a check, but the check authorization was denied. The woman said she'd pay by credit card and went to her vehicle, which already had the copier inside after a clerk already put it there. The woman drove off and did not return.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Walled Lake man, 21, after finding 6.5 grams of marijuana in his front pocket after a traffic stop of his Ford Ranger on Inkster and Nine Mile Aug. 29. Police stopped the vehicle for having a cracked windshield and found the man was driving on a suspended license.

**In Farmington:** A 21-year-old Novi man was stopped early Saturday on Grand River near Cass Road after a public safety officer noticed a vehicle weaving and straddling the center line.

The man subsequently failed field sobriety tests. Officers also found 7.2 grams of marijuana, 20 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms and a hand-held scale under the driver's seat.

An appearance in 47th District Court was scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday.

WALLET STOLEN

**In Farmington Hills:** A 75-year-old woman had her wallet containing \$50 cash and credit cards stolen while shopping at Target on Grand River Aug. 29. The woman saw another person begin to push her shopping cart with her purse inside and then the person returned it saying she took it by accident.

VEHICLE FIRE

**In Farmington Hills:** Firefighters put out an engine fire on a 1988 Dodge Daytona on eastbound I-696 and Orchard Lake at 9:10 p.m. Aug. 30. The front end of the vehicle was engulfed in flames when fire and police arrived.

DRUGGED DRIVER

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 37, for driving under the influence of narcotics after a 1995 Dodge Intrepid went off southbound Inkster Road and crashed into a tree around 10:50

p.m. Aug. 30. The driver was not hurt but was incoherent when police arrived.

He told police he drank vodka after taking two Vicodin pills for a bad back. He also admitted smoking marijuana four hours before the crash. A passenger told police she was pouring him a drink before the crash. Officers found a half-filled bottle of Absolut vodka.

VEHICLES VANDALIZED

**In Farmington Hills:** Two tires were flattened, antenna broken and the driver's door kicked and dented on a 1996 Honda Acura parked at the Cadillac Cafe on Grand River between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. Aug. 31. The vehicle's owner believes it was a random attack.

**In Farmington:** A Canton woman reported someone, between 4 p.m. and midnight Friday, punctured the front tires of her car, parked in the 36000 block of Grand River. An estimated \$125 in damage was caused. There were no witnesses or evidence.

CAR WASH BREAK-IN

**In Farmington Hills:** An unknown amount of money was stolen after entry was made through a roof vent at Farmington Auto Wash on Eight Mile Road between 4 p.m. Aug. 30 and 8 a.m. Aug. 31. An employee arrived to find the safe upside down on the floor and coin machine forced open. Similar burglaries have occurred at other area car washes.

OUR SHOT

**In Farmington Hills:** A Farmington Hills man, 29, said the owner of a house he was moving out from fired a gun shot at him while he was driving away from the Shinawasee residence at 8 p.m. Aug. 31.

The two were arguing after the homeowner accused the man of stealing his property. Police found a .22 caliber handgun between the mattress and took the homeowner in for questioning. A neighbor said she heard the argument, but not a gun being fired. Police did not find any spent shell casings in the yard.

SHOPLIFTING

**In Farmington Hills:** A 13-inch color TV and \$300 VCR were stolen from Kmart on Orchard Lake Aug. 31. Two men put several items in a shopping cart and left the store. Security

confronted them, but they sped off in a white pick-up truck. The suspects were described as two middle-aged black men.

ASSAULT

**In Farmington Hills:** A Farmington Hills man, 25, was arrested after a fight at the Little Valley mobile home park on Tuck at 11:50 a.m. Sept. 1. The man asked to see a resident at the trailer and reportedly "went nuts" and began kicking and banging on the door. A woman suffered a small cut and had a bump on her head after the door struck her. The man, who had been drinking, was thrown out by the owner.

ITEMS STOLEN

**In Farmington:** A storage shed at the Drakeshire Apartments, 35105 Drakeshire Road, was kicked in and emptied, sometime between 4 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

According to public safety reports, the shed had about \$400 in damage. Several pieces of lawn maintenance equipment were also stolen, as was a still-in-the-box General Electric dishwasher, worth about \$300.

The miscellaneous lawn equipment, such as a weed trimmer, were valued at a combined \$13,500.

NO FIGHT

**In Farmington:** Between 30-40 teenagers, some drinking beer, showed up for a rumored fight, shortly after midnight on Monday in the parking lot behind Flanders Elementary School, 32600 Flanders Road.

The gathering was prompted by trouble apparently brewing Sunday at the Putt & Games on Grand River. Two youths discussed scheduling a fight at the school, according to public safety reports, but they didn't show up at the appointed time.

Some of the teens drove to the lot, and were issued citations for trespassing. Baseball bats were found in some of the vehicles.

When officers arrived at the scene, they saw 10-15 members of the gathering fleeing to their vehicles, throwing unknown objects. Beer cans were later found strewn about the lot.

The incident was not related to a fist fight that took place Tuesday morning at the Farmington Alternative Academy, according to public safety officers.

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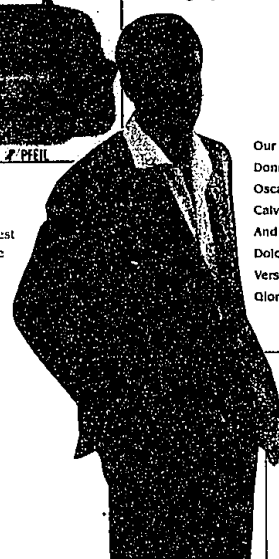
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