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Smith, Air Touch Cellular manager for Special Activities.

"A less than honorable person will do that to gain service for normally criminal purposes. What they're doing is causing you to get the bill."

"That whole area is of utmost concern to us - Southfield, Farmington, the suburbs of Detroit. That's where a lot of the activity is ongoing. We're trying to educate law enforcement."

A Farmington Hills police officer, who attended a department-spon-

sored phone fraud seminar conducted by Cellular One, became suspicious when he saw one of the occupants of the vehicle shove something in his pocket.

The driver and passenger revealed they had cellular devices, but couldn't tell the officer their service providers or their phone numbers.

The officer examined the phones and discovered the internal numbers did not match the electronic serial number sticker on the back of

the device.

The driver, a 16-year-old Detroit male, later admitted he bought his cell phone from an unknown man on Seven Mile and Woodward for \$10, which included cell phone service. It's not known where the 19-year-old obtained his device.

"He gave us several stories," said Al Patterson, Farmington Hills police detective. "We don't know where he got it from. More than likely, he purchased it somewhere." Police found the cellular phone on

the 19-year-old had been registered with a Canadian phone number. The 16-year-old's phone did not have a number on file.

A Michigan Phone Fraud Investigation staff member informed police that both units were likely clone or slam phones.

Police took the teens into custody and both cellular phones were confiscated. The 16-year-old was later released to his mother. He could be charged later, Patterson said.

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