

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

STOLEN CARS

In Farmington Hills:
A thief stole an \$18,000 blue 1998 Ford Mustang from Extended Stay on Stansbury the night of June 1-2. The car belonged to an employee. A \$13,000 silver 1991 Lincoln Continental was stolen from Farmington Manor Apartments the same night.

Bob Saka Olds on Grand River is missing a \$21,169 1998 Olds Intrigue Sedan, \$19,399 1998 Suzuki Sport J1X and \$12,999 1998 Suzuki Esteem GL. The vehicles were taken between May 15 and June 4.

BOMB THREAT

In Farmington Hills:
A man left a message on the answering machine saying he was going to blow up St. Clair Marketing on Hugo Street at 3:30 p.m. June 6. The caller stated, "Hi, this is your worst nightmare. I'm going to blow your building up high tomorrow at 3:30 p.m." The caller tried to garble his voice and there were children in the background. Nothing was found undisturbed in the building. The company has a 7-800 number and a second office in Atlanta.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills:
Someone busted the window

and stole an AM/FM stereo from a 1998 Jeep Cherokee parked at TriStar-Compuware on North-western Highway June 2, causing \$100 damage.

A thief broke the passenger window and stole a woman's purse from a 1996 Plymouth parked at the Farmington YMCA on Farmington Road June 2, causing \$260 damage. A 1998 Plymouth Voyager was also broken into and the purse stolen while parked at the YMCA June 2.

CELL PHONE THEFT

In Farmington:
When a 41-year-old Farmington woman received her telephone bill last week, she noticed a string of phone calls dating back to April 24 that she did not make.

The woman realized that the calls were made on an Ameritech cellular telephone, valued at about \$160, that was taken from her unlocked car around that date. She said someone took the phone from a car door pocket. The car was parked at Arbor Drugs, in the 23000 block of Farmington Road.

BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:
Someone broke into a Haynes Street house and stole \$6,000 cash sometime between May 30 and June 1. A teen who lives in the home found out about the burglary at school. The homeowner noticed the money miss-

ing a day earlier, but thought it may have been misplaced.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

In Farmington:
A 38-year-old Farmington woman told police that someone exposed himself to her about 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot.

According to police reports, the woman was sitting in her parked car when a burgundy, 1980s model Chrysler four-door backed into the next space. She said the man was fondling himself. Although she said she could not identify the man, she said she might be able to recognize the vehicle if she saw it again.

CHILD NEGLECT

In Farmington Hills:
Police found an 8-year-old girl watching her 2-year-old sister at Cordeba Apartments June 4. The girl told officers she stays home from school to watch her younger sister while her mother goes to work. Officers contacted the mother, who returned home.

NONE TOO NEIGHBORLY

In Farmington Hills:
Through the magic of videotape, Farmington Hills police arrested a woman for assault after she hit a neighbor, a 41-year-old man, in the head with a baby monitor on Haynes Street 2:30 p.m. June 2. A neighbor recorded the incident that depicts the woman spitting at

the man and then hitting him with the monitor. The man's daughter is also seen punching the woman in the head and body. The daughter was ticketed and released at the scene. Police ticketed the 32-year-old woman for assault and battery with a weapon. The dispute between the two neighbors has been simmering for three years, she told police.

TROUBLED CHILD

In Farmington Hills:
A family called police after an 11-year-old boy hit his mother in the arm and stomach with a plastic pipe and then rammed a kitchen knife into a cabinet June 3. The ruckus started after the boy refused to take his medication and began arguing with his brother.

SANDWICH SQUABBLE

In Farmington:
Two magazine solicitors from out of state got into a heated argument at Tweeny's sandwich shop, in the 34000 block of Grand River, at about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

A 20-year-old man from Chicago, a Moslem, returned to the Tweeny's front counter to complain about pork being put on his sandwich. His colleague, a 35-year-old San Diego man, stopped the younger man and told him not to "make a scene," prompting the argument.

GENERATOR GONE

In Farmington Hills:
A thief cut a chain and absconded with a \$2,000 generator belonging to Time Warner cable from a pole near Windermere Apartments on Independence June 3.

VAMPIRE WORRIES

In Farmington Hills:
A woman showed up at the police command desk claiming there is a vampire in her apartment at 7:30 a.m. June 3. Officers tried to calm the woman down and contacted her brother-in-law, but she refused to talk to him. She continued to pace and drum her nails on the desk. A month ago, the woman tried to commit suicide in a hotel room. While in the station lobby, she dropped a credit receipt for the hotel room that day. After contacting her doctor, police took her to Common Ground.

UP IN SMOKE

In Farmington Hills:
A thief and possibly a cigar aficionado stole 25 Chohobas worth \$150 and a \$250 cigar humidor from a 1997 Ford Expedition parked at Kroger on 12 Mile the

night of May 29-30. The stoic bandit also helped himself to 12 compact discs and a green and white Michigan State blanket.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Chicago male, 17, after finding 6 grams of marijuana in plastic bag found inside a 1995 Ford Mustang parked at 12 Mile and Halsted around 12:50 a.m. June 6. The teen admitted the marijuana was his but later tried to recant his story.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington:
Police arrested a 43-year-old Farmington Hills man for drunken driving, at about 1:50 a.m. on westbound Grand River near Gill. He was seen speeding at twice the speed limit in a 25 mph zone and drifting from lane to lane.

After stopping the driver, officers noted the strong odor of intoxicants. The driver subsequently struggled with some dexterity tests and registered a blood alcohol level of .136 percent.

Block schedules at issue

Harrison High School parents plan on continuing their fight against block scheduling until they are satisfied their concerns will be thrown into the decision-making mix.

Next stop: Tuesday's Farmington Board of Education meeting. According to parent Beth Grossman, about 20 parents, primarily of Advanced Placement students at Harrison, attended an informational meeting Thursday night about the proposed "four-by-four" block schedule that the district apparently wants to implement in fall 1999.

"Parents were very impressed and upset by what we had to do," Grossman said Friday.

Grossman and parent Barbara Cooper raised the issue of parental involvement—or lack of it—at the recent Farmington school board candidates' forum co-hosted by the Farmington Democratic Club and Farmington PTA Council. A group of parents are expected to again address the subject during Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. school board meeting at the Lewis Schulman Administration Building, located

at 32600 Shilawasee.

The parents aren't just upset about the proposal because they weren't included in formulating it. They also are worried that their children, who are on an Advanced Placement college credit track, might veer off course under the new schedule.

Instead of six 65-minute classes over the course of an entire year, the "four-by-four" would enable students to take four 90-minute classes, but for a semester only.

One worry is, because AP courses require students to pass an exam for college credit, students who conclude an AP course in January might have to wait until May to take that test—possibly forgetting what they had already learned.

If students must then take so-called "double blocks," or one segment per semester to complete their AP work, they might be penalized by missing out on electives such as art and music.

Grossman, Cooper and other Harrison parents want the district to consider delaying the program until fall 2000.

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