

COUNTY NEWS

The following police and fire incidents were reported in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week:

**TRAILER THEFT**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A thief made off with a U-Haul open trailer from U-Haul on Grand River the night June 30-July 1. A windshield was also damaged.

**BREAK-INS**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A thief stole a cellular phone after hearing a chunk of asphalt through the passenger window of a 1993 Lincoln Mark VIII parked at Botsford Continuing Care on Archwood Circle July 1.

Someone stole \$2,000 worth of sound and production equipment after prying open a rear window on a 1995 Ford Econoline van parked at Star Trux on Haggerty the night of July 3-4.

**CHILD ABUSE**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A man told police he saw a woman hit her child with a belt while he was strapped in the back seat of a 1991 Buick Regal parked outside a party store on Grand River around 12:30 p.m. July 2. When the man told the woman to stop, she swore at him and hit the child, believed to be about 2 or 3, before leaving. The

man got a license plate number, which is registered to a Livonia address. Livonia police talked to the woman, who said she hit the child with toilet paper after losing her temper.

**ASSAULTS**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A man described as a former fiancé forced his way into a woman's apartment and then punched her in the head after she refused to take him back July 2. The two had been engaged for six months until she broke it off.

A 17-year-old boy told police he was beaten by five teens at Farmington Hills Mobile Manor on Eight Mile July 6. He was talking to a 15-year-old girl when the five males approached and started punching him. He suffered a broken nose and a cut lip and was treated at Botsford Hospital.

**GETTING THE DOUGH**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Burglars stole \$350 cash after busting a window to get inside Farmington Hills Donuts on Farmington Road sometime between 2-3 p.m. July 3. After getting inside, the thieves pried open a cash register and then rifled through desk drawers in the office.

**SANDWICHES**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Police arrested two Detroit men, ages 28-27, after one of them stole two sandwiches from the Total gas station on 12 Mile and Halsted July 3. An undercover officer noticed a commotion inside the service station and radioed to a dispatcher to phone the station to see if the attendant needed help. He did. The men, who appeared drunk, tried to punch the keys on the cash register and then took numerous food items without paying for them. Police stopped the 1986 Ford Bronco near the station and found a bag with 1.6 grams of marijuana in the pocket of the driver.

**LIQUIDATED**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A thief has made an unwanted splash by stealing money from a safe in the pool area of the William Costick Center on 11 Mile the night of July 1-2. The perpetrator may have used a coat hanger to lasso the loot. It's the third such incident reported.

**BUSINESS BURGLARY**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A thief, or possibly a frustrated novelist, stole a typewriter and a bottle of Scotch whiskey after breaking into a Hunter's

Ridge office the night of July 2-3. Someone stole a power edger after prying open at wood door on a storage shed on Walsingham the night of July 3-4.

Thieves smashed a window and stole a gift box of Louis XIII cognac and two bottles of Remy Martin from Vineyarda Wine Collar on Northwestern July 4.

**PARTY BUSTED**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Police ticketed a 20-year-old woman after they found a house party in full swing at a Shady-lane residence after midnight July 5. Officers took a 15-year-old boy to the station after he registered a blood alcohol level 0.18 percent. He couldn't remember his mother's phone number. Police contacted his mother, who picked up the boy.

**SHOPLIFTING**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Police arrested a Detroit male, 16, after store employees saw the teen stuff six compact discs, two men's watches, cologne and a necklace down his pants at Kmart on Orchard Lake July 3.

**BURGLARIES**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A burglar stole a laptop computer and ransacked the apartment after breaking into the Greenhill Apartment residence

between June 30-July 3. Burglars stole two TVs, two VCRs and stereo speakers after kicking in the door of a Haleded residence between July 1-8. The homeowner was on vacation during the break-in.

**THEFTS**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Someone stole a computer monitor from Weight Watchers on Orchard Lake from July 2-4. Someone stole \$300 worth of tools from a 1992 Ford pickup parked at Metal 6 on Grand River July 6.

An employee is suspected of taking \$300 cash from the Shell station on 12 Mile June 26.

**MALICIOUS DAMAGE**  
**In Farmington:**  
 Police are seeking a person or persons with a penchant for throwing smoke-bombs into parked vehicles following two afternoon incidents July 5.

In the first, a 67-year-old Redford woman shopping at TJ Maxx between 2:30 and 4 p.m. returned to her car to find a smoke-bomb thrown through the open window on the passenger side had burned a \$200 hole in the seat.

In the second, a resident in the 22700 block of Mayfield reported a similar incident occurring

sometime between 2:30 and 9 p.m., causing \$300 damage to the leather front passenger seat. In another incident between 2 and 6:30 a.m. July 5, someone apparently armed with a baseball bat broke the windshield and both side windows on a 1990 Ford Mustang parked at the Star Orchard Lake. Police notified the owner, a Farmington Hills woman living in the 26600 block of Livingston Circle.

**RETAIL FRAUD**  
**In Farmington:**

A Farmington father made sure his 16-year-old daughter understood that half a pizza costs as much as a whole one. The incident began about 5 p.m. July 5 when a driver for the Domino's store at 31606 Grand River delivered a cheese and pepperoni costing about \$10.40 in the 23600 block of Beacon.

The teen took the pizza inside, then returned it a few minutes later, saying she had no money. The driver opened the box, finding half the pizza gone, but the girl had already closed the door. He knocked, but got no answer.

The father, reached by police July 5, said his daughter had been at home with an unknown friend. He took her to the store, where she paid and apologized, police said.

In a separate incident at the Shell station, 37375 Grand River, a clerk found a humidor containing 40 cigars worth about \$80 missing after a confrontation with five males.

She said the five people, four of whom appeared intoxicated, drove into the station in a large Sears rental truck and a sport utility vehicle, parked and entered the store.

They purchased several items, including a lottery ticket, then started arguing with the clerk, 43, that the lottery ticket was a \$250 winner.

When she told them no, they complained and demanded money. She told them to leave and they became angrier, so she threatened to call police, which was when one of the five persuaded the others to leave.

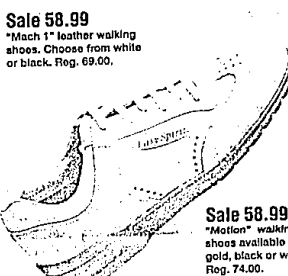
Shortly afterward, she noticed the humidor, which she said was in the store when the five entered, was missing. She did not get vehicle descriptions but the incident was believed captured on store videotape.

**LARCENY**  
**In Farmington:**

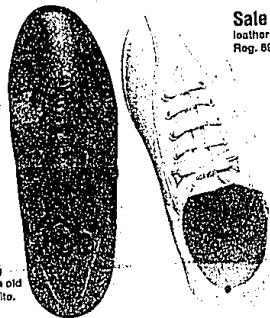
A Novi man who drove off without paying for \$14 in gas July 5 at the Clark station, 22146 Farmington Road, told police he thought he paid at the pump with a credit card. He said he had no intention of not paying and would make restitution.

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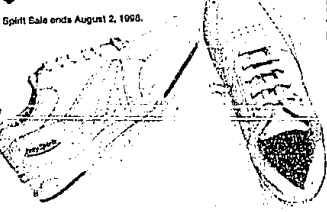
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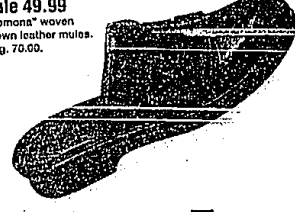
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