

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

RETAIL FRAUD

In Farmington Hills: Three cartons of Newport cigarettes, valued at about \$75, were reportedly stolen about 2 a.m. Friday, from a 7-Eleven store at 29375 10 Mile Road. The suspect was described as a clean-shaven, light-skinned black male, about age 30, with a short haircut. He was spotted getting into a newer model Chevrolet Blazer, and then heading eastbound on 10 Mile.

STOLEN PLATE

In Farmington Hills: At about 12:30 p.m. Friday, an officer observed a 1987 Lincoln Mercury, headed westbound on 12 Mile at Orchard Lake. A computer check on the plate showed it was stolen, along with a 1996 Ford, out of Detroit.

The vehicle was stopped at 12 Mile and Farmington, and the driver, a 25-year-old Detroit man, said his uncle gave him the car and his aunt gave him the plate. The driver said he knew the plate was improper, but didn't know it was stolen.

Dispatchers were unable to confirm the status of the plate with Detroit police. The driver was ticketed for driving without a license and receiving and concealing stolen property under \$100. He was released, the plate was confiscated and the vehicle impounded.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills: At about 1:30 p.m. Friday, in the 29700 block of Hemlock, it was reported that someone was spotted "pulling at the phone lines going into his home, in an attempt to tear them away, according to police reports. The amount of damage was not determined.

Someone, between 6 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Sunday, in the 28000 block of Kendallwood, apparently drove a vehicle into the garage door, causing about \$1,000 in damage.

CHILD NEGLECT

In Farmington Hills: About 9:15 p.m. Saturday at Kohl's, in the 30000 block of Grand River, a security guard told police that a car was parked with children sitting alone inside. A security guard spoke with the children, ages 6, 9 and 11, and then the mother came out, accompanied by a male friend, about 9:20 p.m. The man told police that the children do not behave well in stores. A 30-year-old Redford woman was arrested for abandonment. It was not known how long the children were in the car by themselves.

URINATING IN PUBLIC

In Farmington Hills: A 23-year-old Redford man was arrested for urinating in public about 3 a.m. Sunday outside the Alibi Bar, located at 30555 Grand River.

Police observed the man standing up at the rear passenger side of the pickup and urinated into the parking lot.

Two others were waiting in the car, the driver, 22, from Farmington Hills, and a 22-year-old Redford man. Police found a pint of Captain Morgan's

rum in the back seat, about half-full. There also was a second pint, uncapped, as well as three full beers. The driver was cited for having open intoxicants in a vehicle.

BARKING DOGS

In Farmington Hills: A 35-year-old Farmington Hills woman told police her small dog was attacked by two Rottweilers, sometime Friday afternoon in the 21000 block of Dunkirk.

She, and a Livonia woman, were in the front yard with the small dog when the Rottweilers emerged barking from a fenced-in area across the street, chasing after the smaller animal. The women placed their dog into an open car trunk to protect it from the Rottweilers, but the bigger dogs continued in pursuit. The women picked up the dog and ran to the house, upon which the Rottweilers returned to their yard. The owner of the Rottweilers said he was unaware the dogs got out of the yard, and indicated his dogs are not normally vicious. He was issued a citation.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: A 30-year-old Romulus man was arrested for drunken driving about 2 p.m. Friday, in the 31000 block of Eight Mile. According to police reports, officers responded to reports of an intoxicated, disorderly person stuck on a hill after driving over a parking block. Employees of a nearby business reported that the man revved up his engine in attempts to exit. Those employees then got into a verbal altercation with the driver, to keep him from driving away. The driver struggled with field sobriety tests and had a blood alcohol level of .23 percent. He was arrested and held overnight.

A 29-year-old Commerce Township man was arrested for drunken driving about midnight Saturday. He was speeding and crossing the center line on northbound Haggerty at 14 Mile. He struggled with field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol count was registered at .12 percent.

A 19-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested for drunken driving, about 9:20 a.m. Sunday, near Haggerty-14 Mile. He was observed speeding on northbound Haggerty, and was subsequently stopped by police. He had bloodshot eyes and the odor of intoxicants coming from his breath. His blood alcohol level was registered at .12 percent.

A 30-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunken driving, about 2 a.m. Saturday, near Rockwell and Shawwassee. He was spotted driving across the center line. His blood alcohol count was registered at .12 percent.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: It was reported by a Farmington Hills resident, in the 22000 block of Albion, that someone broke into his home, between 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, and 3 a.m. last Thursday, April 1. Stolen was a 20-inch Mitsubishi color television set, valued at about \$300. The suspect forced in the south side door, breaking the door jamb.

A 41-year-old Ferndale man reported that his business, located in the 24300 block of Orchard Lake Road, was broken into between 3:30 p.m. Fri-

day and 8:30 a.m. Monday. Stolen were two blue hammer drills, valued at \$300 each, and a yellow hammer drill, valued at \$200. There were no signs of forced entry into the building. The hammer drills were stolen after someone cut off two locks off a tool chest.

Someone smashed in the driver's door window of a 1998 Ford Explorer between last Thursday and Sunday, and attempted to steal it. Also, a makeup bag, valued at about \$10, and another \$70 worth of cosmetics were stolen from the Explorer. Witnesses said they saw someone get out of a red pickup truck and smash the window.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills: It was reported Friday that an employee of the Bagel Transit, 23218 Shawwassee, stole approximately \$8,000 worth of bank deposits, between Feb. 19 and March 30.

According to police reports, deposits on Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 6 and March 19 were never made to the Comerica bank, at 12 Mile-Halsted, by the employee, a Redford woman.

The victim wishes to pursue prosecution.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

In Farmington Hills: It was reported between 10:30-10:45 p.m. Friday that a patron at Roosevelt's was disorderly. Roosevelt's is located in the 27000 block of Orchard Lake Road.

The manager told police that he had cut the man off from alcohol about 90 minutes previously. But then, he later saw the patron with a drink in his hand and advised him that he had been told to stop.

At that point, the customer became loud and belligerent and jumped on a pool table. He also pushed a bouncer who tried to intervene, before being ushered out of the bar.

The man, a 38-year-old from Novi, was issued a citation for disorderly conduct and was released.

SELLING CIGARETTES TO MINORS

In Farmington Hills: The clerk of a Shop 'n' Save station at Nine Mile Farmington was issued a ticket for selling cigarettes to minors. Police, acting on a tip, watched from the parking lot while the clerk, a 32-year-old from Detroit, sold the cigarettes.

DRUNK DRIVING

In Farmington: A 41-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor April 6 near Nine Mile and Folsom. He was given a variety of sobriety tests and registered 0.115 on a preliminary breath test. Michigan's legal limit is 0.10. A 50-year-old Waterford woman was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor April 2 near Mooney and Grand River. She registered 0.17 on a preliminary breath test and was given other sobriety tests.

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AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills: Someone stole a \$7,000 black 1988 Chevrolet Blazer parked at Fairmont Apartments on Maywood March 31. A 1995 Toyota Camry was stolen from the Wayne State University parking lot March 31.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A \$3,000 diamond ring was stolen from a Country Ridge Circle residence March 17. Someone stole a woman's purse from a shopping cart at Kroger on Middlebelt March 31.

Seven men's wallets were stolen from a locker room at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena March 31. There were no signs of forced entry in the locker room. A day planner, wallet and cell phone were stolen from a 1998 Mercury Cougar parked at the arena March 29.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills: A 21-year-old man was severely beaten at Angie Apartments March 29. The victim told police an argument started over a chair when one of the assailants hit him with a cordless phone and punched him. He went into the kitchen and grabbed a knife with the intent of getting out of the apartment when all three men jumped him. He was kicked repeatedly and dragged outside of the apartment building. He walked into Botsford Hospital's emergency room. His face was bruised and both eyes swollen shut. He had a dried blood on his nose and ears. Police arrested a Hills man, 17, who admitted kicking the victim but said he was defending a friend from a possible knife attack.

BREAK INS

In Farmington Hills: Thieves broke the driver's window and stole a cellular phone from a 1997 Cadillac Catera parked at the Michigan Ear Institute on Middlebelt March 31, causing \$200 damage. Another vehicle, a 1998 Chrysler Town & Country, was also broken into and had a cellular phone stolen.

ALCOHOL TO MINOR

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 44, for buying an 18-year-old male two 40-ounce bottles of Budweiser at the 7-Eleven on Farmington Road March 30. Officers saw the man and teen part separate ways outside the store after the older one handed over a brown bag. In searching the man, officers turned up a crack pipe and a heroin spoon. The man admitted he is a heroin addict.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills: A business owner suspects three employees stole \$25,000 from University Moving and Storage Nov. 6, 1998.

COCAINE

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Hills woman, 40, for cocaine possession after finding .76 ounces of the drug inside a pocket of a work shirt during a traffic stop on Inkster and Eight Mile at 1:15 a.m. April 1.

Republican Club meets April 13

The Bloomfield Republican Women's Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 13 at Fox and Hound's Restaurant, 1550 North Woodward Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Shelley Taub, Oakland County Commis-

sioner. Her topic will be Oakland County in the year 2000. Reserve \$18 tickets by April 9. Mail check to Bloomfield Republican Women's Club at 30757 Charleston Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

Free seminar will be offered

The public is invited to a free seminar to learn nine ways to beat the high costs of college at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, in the Hamilton Room at the Alexander Hamilton Building, 33045 Hamilton Court in Farmington Hills.

The seminar is offered by GE Financial Assurance. The seminar will teach you how to ensure your financial security while trying to pay for your children's college education. Reserve a seat by calling 248-324-1880, Ext. 220.

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