

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
A white 1999 Toyota Tacoma was stolen from Bob Saks Toyota on Grand River and Drake between May 1-7.

BRIKES INS

In Farmington Hills:
Thieves cut through a convertible top and stole an AM/FM CD stereo and amplifier from a 1994 Suzuki Sidekick parked at Maple Ridge Apartments between May 6-7, causing \$500 damage.
Someone punched the lock and stole \$1,000 worth of tools from a 1995 Ford van parked at Arbo Electric on 12 Mile the night of May 8-9, causing \$100 damage.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 30, for drunken driving at 10 p.m. May 7. Police stopped the 1999 Cadillac DeVille for speeding. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .10 percent.

Alcohol is believed to have played a role in a traffic accident on Orchard Lake and I-696 at 10:45 p.m. May 7. A 1994 Mercedes rear-ended another car. The Mercedes driver had alcohol on her breath. A witness saw the woman put something in her trunk after the crash. Police found a half-full bottle of Bacardi wrapped in a brown paper bag, which was covered in blood. The driver suffered a broken nose and was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment. She refused to take a blood alcohol test, so her blood was drawn and sent to the Michigan State Police crime lab for analysis. Besides the driver, there were eight passengers - mostly children - in the Mercedes. At least two of the kids did not have seatbelts on, police said.

Police arrested a Hills man, 35, for drunken driving on Drake and 12 Mile at 2:40 p.m. May 7. The driver of a 1994 Ford Taurus had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

Police arrested a Detroit man, 41, for drunken driving on M-6 and Power Road at 12:55 a.m. May 8. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent.

Police arrested a Hills man, 23, for leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and drunken driving after crashing a 1988 Mustang in the area of Liberty and Roosevelt at 2 a.m. May 9. Police had seen the driver squeal his tires and drive recklessly, nearly striking a parked car, after leaving Alibi on Grand River. Police lost sight of the Mustang but heard a crash. They were called to a Collingham residence after a man there broke a window. He was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment.

BOTTLE BASH

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Livonia woman, 23, after a woman had a beer bottle smashed over her head in the parking lot of The Alibi on Grand River at 1:40 a.m. May 9. The victim had a bump on her head and was taken to Botsford Hospital. A sister of the woman arrested was ticketed for disorderly conduct after she refused to leave the scene and threatened the victim in front of police officers. The assault stemmed from an early skirmish on the dance floor.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:
Vandals smashed the windshield of a 1993 Chevrolet Corvette parked on Spring Lane between April 26-May 7.

ASSAULT WITH KNIFE

In Farmington Hills:
Police questioned an 11-year-old boy after he held a knife to a 9-year-old girl's throat, threatening to cut her head off May 8.

The boy's mother heard about the incident and phoned police. The girl said the two were calling each other names when the boy put the knife to her throat. Police found the 5-inch knife on the lawn.

TRESPASSING

In Farmington Hills:
Police questioned a man who an employee said has been playing at Cooper Creek Golf Course without paying. When confronted, the man became combative and brandished a golf club in one incident, the employee reported.

CHECK STOLEN

In Farmington Hills:
Someone stole three checks from Response Nursing Agency on 12 Mile April 6 and later cashed them for \$2,420.

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A Compuware employee used a yellow highlighter to help nab a cleaning crew member who is believed to have stolen money from workers' desks. On May 6, security stopped the man as he tried to leave with a computer in a box marked "trash." An employee left a \$20 bill on his desk marked with yellow highlighter. When police questioned the man, he said he found several dollars on the floor, including \$100 in Greek currency. He also had the \$20 bill marked with a highlighter. At the station, the man admitted to police he had a \$100-a-day crack cocaine habit.

BICYCLIST STRUCK BY CAR

In Farmington:
A 21-year-old Farmington Hills man sustained minor injuries after the bicycle he was riding was struck by a motor vehicle about 9 p.m. Monday near Farmington-Nine Mile roads.

According to Farmington Public Safety Department reports, a vehicle turning left from northbound Farmington Road onto westbound Nine Mile hit the bicyclist. The victim was crossing Nine Mile, using the crosswalk, when he was struck. He sustained small contusions to the back of his head and lower back, but was not hospitalized. The driver was issued a ticket.

MONEY STOLEN

In Farmington:
About \$40 in cash was taken from a cash register at Wishing Well Gifts, 35171 Grand River, sometime between 6:05-8:25 p.m. There were no signs of forced entry.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

In Farmington:
Officers headed westbound on Shiawassee, about 2 a.m. Sunday, noticed a vehicle parked in the middle of the street near Lilac, with several youths standing nearby.

One teenage male, 18, dropped a can of beer and ran through a nearby yard. Officers then asked what was going on, and a 20-year-old Farmington Hills man said he and two friends in the vehicle stopped to talk to the other friends walking in the street. There was the odor of intoxicants on his breath and he did not have personal identification.

He was arrested for being underage in possession of alcohol by consumption. Also arrested were: a 17-year-old Farmington Hills woman, who was apparently intoxicated; and the driver, an 18-year-old Farmington Hills man. The vehicle was impounded.

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ROBOTS

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