

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

THEFT
In Farmington Hills:
A man reported his grandmother's purse with \$100 cash and credit cards was stolen while she was in the triage unit at Botsford Hospital June 3.
A CD player, 22 CDs and a cellular phone were stolen from an unlocked 1986 Olds Cutlass Sierra parked on Tredwell between May 28-June 2.

Someone reached in through a partially opened window to unlock the door and stole a woman's purse and a cellular phone from a 1991 Buick LeSabre parked on Walnut Lane June 4.

HAPPY CAMPER

In Farmington Hills:
In responding to an open burn, police found an 18-year-old male lying in a hole 2-3 feet deep that resembled a grave next to a fort from carved branches stacked 5 feet high in a wooded area on Bond and Gladstone June 4. The man, who was dressed in an army jacket, jungle hat and boots, said he likes to build camp fires by his fort. Witnesses said flames reach 4-5 feet. Firefighters doused the blaze while officers took the man home. He told police he is a special education student and is being treated for schizophrenia and manic depression.

CONCEALED WEAPON

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested an Allen Park man, 19, for carrying a concealed weapon after finding a lead pipe in a 1986 GMC truck he was driving June 4. Officers questioned the driver and passenger after the truck was parked in the Indoplex area where all the businesses were closed. The driver said he was waiting for a friend. When asked about the lead pipe protruding from under his seat, the driver said the object was for protection.

HOUSE PARTY

In Farmington Hills:
Police ticketed a 19-year-old woman for having a house party at which minors were drinking at a Westerleigh Street house

around 11:45 p.m. June 4.
At a Fox Club residence, 20 teenagers ran out of the house after police arrived to check on a loud party at 11:20 p.m. June 5. Three or four teens remained behind and told officers who hosted the party. Police found several cases of beer and other alcoholic drinks. Officers waited for the 18-year-old girl, believed to be the host, but she didn't return. Police dispatched the remaining kids and secured the house.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills:
A manager at Burger King found a rolled up jacket with \$1,600 inside and then discovered the safe was missing the same amount June 4. A videotape revealed an employee going into the safe.

COUNTERFEIT CHECK

In Farmington Hills:
A Southfield man passed a check for \$25,722 at Andy's Market on Middlebelt May 22, which turned out to be counterfeit. The check was drawn from a Botsford Hospital account through Chase Manhattan bank.

STORE CAPER

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Detroit man, 23, who tried to pass a bad check and then pushed the manager to get it and a bogus I.D. back at Staples on Orchard Lake around 5 p.m. June 6. When caught near the store, the man told police he "wasn't going alone" and implicated three others, including store employees. A store employee agreed to handle the transaction at the register when another worker went on break. He started to ring up the man's \$1,800 worth of merchandise when the manager appeared and asked that the check be called in. That prompted the man to jump over the counter and push the manager before running out.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
Someone stole a \$500 mountain bike from a storage room at Gateway Apartments May 23-27. A laptop computer was stolen from A&W on Halsted between May 28-29.

Several pieces of construction equipment, including a loader,

comment mixer and cut-off saw, were stolen from Green Hill Apartments between May 28-June 3. No dollar amounts were available on the items stolen.

A wallet with \$140 cash, radar detector and cellular phone were stolen from a 1995 Toyota Celica parked on High Valley May 27.

BREAK INS

In Farmington Hills:
Thieves broke a passenger window and tried to steal a stereo from a 1993 Ford Escort parked at Muirwood Apartments the night of June 1-2, causing \$200 damage. A Ford Taurus parked in the same complex was minus a stereo and CDs after the passenger window was broken. Two cell phones were stolen after the vent window was broken on a 1999 Olds parked at Muirwood the same night.

PEDESTRIAN HIT

In Farmington Hills:
A car's side mirror is believed to have hit a 65-year-old woman as the vehicle drove through a gas station at Grand River and Middlebelt around 2:30 p.m. May 25. The woman was treated and released for a bruised elbow, which also required stitches. The car, which is described as an older model vehicle, didn't stop.

OUT OF CONTROL

In Farmington Hills:
Police had to use pepper spray twice to subdue a Hills man, 25, who was described as "out of control" at a Rhonwood Street residence May 29. The man, who had been drinking, punched his sister and pushed his mother and father when police were called. He continued to thrash in the patrol car and tried to kick out the window. He was taken to Botsford.

BEER BUST

In Farmington Hills:
Police ticketed two Hills teens, 18 and 17, after they stole two cases of beer from Kroger on Middlebelt at 4 a.m. May 29. Police stopped the 1999 Chevy Cavalier with the two girls inside on Middlebelt and 10 Mile. The teens had been drinking. The driver, a 25-year-old Lafayette, La. man, was ticketed for receiving and concealing stolen goods under \$100. Police returned the two cases of beer to

Kroger.

BREAK INS

In Farmington Hills:
Thieves broke into three cars parked on Stabileview early morning May 29. A stereo, speakers and CDs were stolen from a 1988 Chevy Beretta, causing \$500 damage. A stereo, cell phone, CDs, and papers were stolen after breaking the vent window on a Jeep Cherokee. Thieves stole a pair of sunglasses and an Adidas book bag after breaking the driver's door window on a 1988 Ford Mustang, causing \$100 damage.

PROWLER

In Farmington Hills:
Police ticketed a Hills man, 32, after a woman and her husband saw someone on a bike looking into their home from an adjacent lot shortly before midnight May 29. Police stopped the man who said he was headed back to Fairmont Apartments from 7-Eleven. He said he had been in the back of the Century 21 lot to fix his bike when he looked over the wall and saw a woman in her nightgown. She saw him and he said,

"hi" the man told police. Police took him into custody for three unrelated warrants in Wayne County.

A woman told police she saw a man standing a tree limb and looking into windows outside of Echo Valley Apartments around 9:15 p.m. June 2.

BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:
Someone broke into a Medbury Street home and stole \$5,000 in quarter-ounce, 1987-issue, gold panda coins, a \$1,000 video camcorder, gold bracelet and \$250 in cash between May 28-30. There were no signs of forced entry.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:
Police caught two 12-year-old boys from Livonia throwing rocks at windows in Newport Creek Apartments around 6:30 p.m. May 30. The pair broke six windows.
Three vehicles were damaged while parked at 21500 Haggerty Road. Vandals broke a driver's side window and mirror on a 1997 Chevy Lumina the night of May 31-June 1. A driver's win-

dow was broken on a 1998 Ford Escort and 1997 Ford Taurus, causing \$500 in damage.

Someone used an explosive device, believed to be an M-80, to break a windshield on a 1997 Nissan parked on Country Ridge and 14 Mile the night of June 1-2, causing \$400 damage.

MEDICAL RUN

In Farmington Hills:
Police and fire crews had to break down the door to an emergency medical call and found a man holding a woman in a bear hug on the steps of a Dartmouth Street residence at 1:35 a.m. June 1.

The woman said the man was trying to kill her, but then said she'd been smoking crack cocaine all day. The man phoned police after he found the woman convulsing on the floor. Police found 1.2 grams of crack cocaine in the bathroom. The man said he was unaware the woman was using crack.

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