POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

STORE BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:

Thieves stole 20 cartons of cigarettes, lottery tickets and cash after breaking into Mid-9 Party Store on Middlebelt around 3 a.m. June 26. Police arrived two minutes after the alarm went off and found the front door shattered with a rock. Inside, officers found shoe prints on top of the counter. Thieves left behind a trial of lottery tickets in two back yards of homes south of the store. Muddy tire tracks were found on nearby Rockcastle Street. The store alarm is not hooked up to the main door, the owner told police. Thieves set off the alarm when they jumped over the counter, which means they could have been in the store for a considerable amount of time before the alarm activated, police said.

HOME BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:

Burglars stole gold earrings and three gold chains after kicking in a garage door at a Valley Creek residence June 26. A daughter of the homeowner noticed the garage door open when she pulled in. She heard noises at the rear of the house. Police searched the area and questioned a group of teens in a nearby house. Police found a pair of Nike shoes, which matched a print found on the garage door. Several witnesses also saw teenage males near the house.

NICOTINE NICK

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Chesterfield woman, 21, after she tried to steal five cartons of Marlboros from Kmart on Orchard Lake and 14 Mile June 26.

FISTS AND SLURPEES

In Farmington Hills:

Police broke up a fight between two teens outside the 7-Eleven on Orchard Lake around 1:14 a.m. June 28. The melee dispersed as soon as officers pulled up. A Farmington Hills man, 18, was ticketed for fighting, vandalism under $200 and refusing to take a Breathylizer test.

ROBBERY

In Farmington Hills:

A 19-year-old woman told police a man stole two payroll checks for $300 and $26 from purse as she walked outside Little Caesars on Farmington and 12 Mile roads around 1 p.m. June 25. The victim said the man approached her from behind and demanded her purse. After taking it, he handed it back and ran off.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills:

A manager at Country Lanes on Nine Mile said he gave an employee between $1,000-$2,000 in cash and checks for a bank deposit and a blank check to buy some paint around 8 a.m. June 24. At 5:45 p.m., the employee hadn't returned.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:

Vandals used firecrackers to blow up a mailbox on Springbrook Street June 25.

Someone shattered the front door glass at VCA Hospital on 13 Mile June 26, causing more than $100 damage.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Redford Township man, 19, for drunken driving as well as for assaulting his girlfriend and kicking out the taillight of her car around 2:20 a.m. June 26. The woman phoned police after her boyfriend backhanded her across the face and then damaged her car. Police stopped the 1992 Ford mini-van he drove away in, on Colwell. He had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent, which is above the state legal limit of .10 percent. Police also found four grams of marijuana inside a plastic bag in the van.

Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 18, for drunken driving on Middlebelt and 11 Mile around 3 a.m. June 28. Police stopped the 1996 Chevy Caprice for going 52 miles an hour in a 40 mph zone. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

In Farmington Hills:

A 17-year-old girl said a man in a red pickup pulled up and asked her where Rhonswood was located June 28. She told the driver he was on Rhonswood. The driver told the girl to "come here now." The girl ran away and told her mother about the incident an hour later. A man driving a red pickup, believed to be a Chevy S-10, has been reported trying to lure young girls in Novi, Northville, Livonia and Wixom as well as Farmington Hills.

An Ashley Street resident phoned police after seeing a red S-10 Chevy pickup in his neighborhood June 27. Police learned the driver was passing out literature for a Baptist church.

VENDING MACHINE THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

A manager at Marvelous Marvin's confronted two boys, 15, after he saw them counting quarters inside the museum June 28. The kids told him they got the money from the bank but fled after he found a machine had been pried open. The manager grabbed their bikes behind a Dumpster until police arrived. Police confiscated $56 from the teens, who were turned over to their parents pending petitions to family court.

MARIJUANA ARREST

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Novi man, 18, and a Las Vegas, Nev. man, 18, after finding more than 6 grams of marijuana in the Chrysler Sebring they were in on 12 Mile and Middlebelt June 28.

CHILD NEGLECT

In Farmington Hills:

Police ticketed a Detroit woman for leaving her 11-year-old son unattended in a 1999 Cadillac outside 7-Eleven on 10 Mile June 26. The car windows were rolled up but temperatures were in the high-80s with high humidity.

HEROIN ARREST

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Hills man, 44, after finding heroin on him during a pat-down search on westbound Grand River and Middlebelt around 8 p.m. June 26. Police stopped the 1983 Olds for having a loud exhaust and having a door tied onto the roof.

MEMORABILIA THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

Someone stole a signed Joe Montana 49er's football jersey, a signed baseball bat, a Green Bay Packers helmet signed by Bart Starr, a 49er's helmet and an autograph baseball from Kramer Air Tool on Industrial Park Drive between June 25-26. The memorabilia is worth nearly $3,000.

MOUSE HUNT?

In Farmington

A mouse in the building was blamed by a company official for twice setting off the burglar alarm early last week at Dependable Hard Chrome, 32728 Eight Mile Road, according to Farmington police.

BURGLARY

In Farmington:

Three floral-print wall-hangings and an AM-FM radio were stolen and a specimen box damaged in a breaking-and-entering Monday at the Professional Pavilion office building, 23133 Orchard Lake Road.

The prints, valued at $140, were located in a physical rehabilitation office while the $150 radio, which plays music when the telephones are on hold, and the $50 metal specimen box were located outside a doctor's office.

Both offices are on the second floor of the building. A defective entrance door may have provided entry, police said.

MINORS CONSUMING

In Farmington:

A 20-year-old Walled Lake man was ticketed for driving with expired plates and his two female passengers, also 20, were ticketed as minors in possession of alcohol during a traffic stop at Grand River and Drake Road at 3:37 a.m. Saturday.

One of the women recorded a .22 reading on her breath test. The legal limit is .10.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington:

A 30-year-old Sterling Heights man was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants after he was stopped while speeding 60 miles per hour in a 35 zone on eastbound Grand River at 12:15 a.m. Sunday. His Breathalyzer test recorded a .12 alcohol reading.

VANDALISM

In Farmington:

Farmington police are investigating an incident of vandalism they discovered at 12:48 a.m. last Thursday at the Big K Kmart store, 36175 Grand River.

Officers on patrol discovered storefront floral displays, garbage cans and newspaper racks overturned.

EXAM ORDERED

In Farmington:

An elderly Farmington woman who has called police weekly asking for a hug was scheduled to undergo a psychiatric examination and evaluation after the latest incident last Thursday.

Officers sent to investigate the calls were told by the 64-year-old woman that she wanted help in contacting her psychiatrist.

But when they reached the physician, he told them he had just spoken with her and was having a hospital van pick her up.

CELL PHONES

In Farmington:

A Detroit man told Farmington police he left his $190 cellular phone on top of a parked car at a used-car lot for about 20 minutes the morning of June 23 and that when he returned, it was gone. Police had no witnesses or suspects.

A Farmington Hills man said he left his 1995 Ford Explorer unlocked while he shopped in a grocery store at Orchard Lake and Ten Mile Roads for about a half-hour Monday afternoon and that when he returned, his cell phone had been stolen.

ASSAULT

In Farmington:

Police are investigating a complaint Sunday evening by a nurse from a temporary agency who said an 84-year-old patient

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The Reform Party of Michigan is inviting all friends of reform to it's meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Polish Community Center building on 15 Mile Rd. and Dequindre, Troy at 7 pm. Featured: speakers and presenters in the areas of education, taxes and campaign finance reform. Come share with your fellow reform minded neighbors your concerns and ideas. Excitement is building for this year's National Convention to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, MI July 23-25. Reform Party candidate training and support will also be available.

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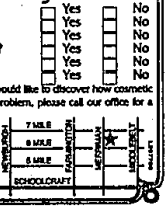

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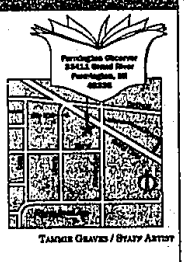

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