

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: Someone stole a \$2,000 laptop computer from Bob Sellers on Grand River Aug. 31, according to a report filed Nov. 3.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills: Someone busted out the rear window of a 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier parked on Hystone the night of Nov. 2-3, causing \$300 damage.

BALLOT PEEK

In Farmington Hills:

Police responded to Precinct 22 at the Finnish Center after a voter complained an election worker looked at his ballot before putting through the Scan-Tron machine Nov. 3. The man became enraged, demanding that the police and FBI be called. The election worker said he didn't look at the ballot, nor wanted to look. Other precinct workers said the machine operator performed his duties correctly.

BARED IN BREAD STORE

In Farmington Hills: Police took a 42-year-old Dearborn man in custody after he went into the restroom at the Breadsmith and came out wear-

ing his underwear and jacket with no shirt on Nov. 3. The man, who suffers from bipolar disorder and has gone off his medication, went over to where patrons were eating and begin to dress. He was taken to Botsford Hospital.

Police ticketed the man after he went into Merchant of Vine and commandeered the public announcement system, offering free bread to customers Oct. 31. The man also went behind the meat counter and began serving customers. When escorted out, the man swore and gave the middle finger to the store manager. Police spotted the man at an Arbor Drugs nearby. He went

back into the store and asked to use the restroom but fled through a back door. Police tracked down the man after he ran door to door between houses. Store employees said the man was fired on Oct. 26 and told never to return.

APARTMENT BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills: A thief stole a stereo receiver, tape deck and CD player after getting in through a sliding door at Muirwood Apartments Nov. 3. The resident said his former roommate owed money to another man, who had threatened to break in and steal items as payment. The burglar ransacked the

apartment during his visit. While taking the report, officers noticed the smell of narcotics and found a crack pipe and suspected cocaine. Police arrested the resident and another roommate who had an outstanding warrant for breaking and entering on auto.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: Someone busted the driver's door window and stole a factory stereo from a 1996 Jeep Cherokee parked at Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted the night of Nov. 3-4.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a 16-year-old Harrison High student after finding 3.8 grams of marijuana in his pants pocket Nov. 4.

FLEEING POLICE

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Redford man, 19, after he tried to hoof it from officers during a traffic stop on Halsted and Grand River around 10 p.m. Nov. 1. Police stopped the 1990 Olds Cutlass for failing to yield and while running a check found the passenger had two outstanding warrants. The passenger ran from the car when the officer went back to arrest him. Police found him at his girlfriend's apartment hiding underneath a pile of clothes in a bedroom closet.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: Police made six drunken driving arrests between Oct. 30 and Nov. 4. One involved a Detroit man, 23, who was stopped on Orchard Lake and Bristol Lane driving a 1992 Olds Cutlass while intoxicated at 5 p.m. Oct. 30. Police stopped the car for having an expired plate. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent. Police also arrested a Warren man, 38, who was driving a 1995 Jeep Cherokee on Middlebelt and Northwestern with a blood alcohol level of .19 percent.

ROUGH REF?

In Farmington Hills: Police were called after a father said his 12-year-old son was thrown to the ice by a referee during a fight following a game at the Suburban Training Center Oct. 30. The father said the referee picked his son up in the air and slammed him to the ice. The referee and an opposing coach dispute the father's version. The referee said he pulled the boy out of the fight and took him to the ice after the player kicked an opponent with his skate. The opposing coach said the referee did not slam the kid to the ice and did nothing wrong.

Police seek charges in ring caper

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A Farmington Hills woman is expected to be charged with filing a false police report after she tried to pawn a diamond ring she claimed had been stolen.

She was seen to be arraigned Friday in 47th District Court. If convicted, she could be sentenced to four years in jail or fined \$2,000.

FARMINGTON HILLS

On July 27, the woman reported a \$50,000 five-carat diamond ring and a \$600 men's bracelet stolen from a dresser in her Claymore home. She told Farmington Hills police she believed the maid service that cleans her home was involved.

Police interviewed two maids who cleaned her house between June 26 and July 23. Both denied stealing the jewelry and offered to take polygraph tests, police said.

The woman received \$2,000 from her homeowner's insurance for the ring, which wasn't itemized in the policy. A claim was also filed by the maid service's insurance company, which hired a private investigator.

Police became aware of the suspected ruse by checking a list of transactions from area jewelers. Those who deal in jewelry and pawn business send transaction lists to police agencies.

"What really did it was the computer checks with area jewelers," said Detective Ron Shankin, Farmington Hills police investigative bureau. "The fact she tried to pawn the ring is when she ran into problems."

Shankin said the insurance company that paid the claim is aware of the situation. An additional charge of insurance fraud is not out of the question, he said.

"At this point, the insurance company is aware of it," Shankin said. "They haven't contacted me yet."

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