

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following are police and fire reports made during the past week in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Car fire

In Farmington Hills:
The overheated engine of a 1984 Mercury Cougar burst into flame early Sunday morning.

Firefighters were called to Corrigan Moving Systems on Research Drive at around 7:15 a.m. Sunday morning. Upon arrival, they found the car's

The owner said his car sometimes overheats, and that's what

he thought was wrong when he saw steam pouring from beneath the hood. He pulled into the parking lot and left his car. A short time later, another employee told him his car was on fire.

The estimated value of the car was \$1,500.

Intimidating threats

**In Farmington Hills:
A Farmington Hills business**

owner requested police protection after receiving what he deemed a threat of physical harm.

After he had refused to do business with a potential client from Bloomfield Hills, the other man reportedly said he would send someone over to "straighten this out."

Concerned by the implication, the owner asked that police officers position themselves on the premises when employees left the building, which took place between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Car versus deer

In Farmington Hills:
A Sterling Heights woman driving a 2000 Ford hit a deer shortly after 5 p.m. Friday. She had been traveling east on 12 Mile near Drake.

Vehicle theft

In Farmington Hills:
A Livonia woman who parked her leased 1998 Ford extended cab pick up in the Botsford Hospital parking lot returned to find it missing late Friday afternoon. The truck was parked and

locked.

Personal injury accidents

In Farmington Hills:
A 20-year-old West Bloomfield man was ticketed for failure to stop on Friday evening after he rear-ended another car while heading southeast on Northwest 10th Highway. The 1988 Lincoln driven by a 34-year-old Southfield woman was pushed into the car ahead of her, a 1978 Dodge driven by a 39-year-old Hazel Park woman. No one was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

one of the drivers complained of chest and neck pains.

Another "chain reaction" accident happened about half an hour later at 12 Mile and Hamilton, when a 1996 Toyota driven by a 73-year-old Farmington Hills man struck a 1998 Toyota, driven by a 35-year-old Novi woman. The 2000 Ford she struck was driven by a 16-year-old Farmington Hills girl.

Breaking & entering

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a 42-year-old Redford man late Friday evening after a security guard saw him tampering with employee lockers at Bob Saks Ford on Grand River. The guard watched the man remove a hinge from one of the locker doors. She told officers that when the man spotted her, he dropped the tool he was using and disappeared. She went around the back of the building and stopped him as he was leaving through the garage door.

The man said he was employed by the company and was just getting some rags out of another employee's locker to clean them. He said he had replaced the hinge pin. The owner of the company confirmed the man was employed there, but said he shouldn't have been in the building that late.

In a routine search of the suspect's car, police found a police scanner, fireworks, a night scope, stop watches and a bucket of chemical-soaked rags. The suspect was arrested and charged with breaking and entering, possession of a police scanner and possession of illegal fireworks.

Minors possessing alcohol

In Farmington Hills: Police responded to several reports of loud parties over the weekend, including one at Citation Club Apartments that resulted in a 15-year-old Farmington Hills boy's being ticketed for hosting the open house party.

Officers saw a number of young teen-agers outside and inside the apartment. Most ran out the back door when they saw police. Four youths remained in the apartment, which was littered with beer cans and half-empty rum bottles. A 15-year-old Bloomfield Hills boy who appeared intoxicated blew a 0.07 on a preliminary breath test and was taken into custody, along with the party host.

Contacted in Florida, the host's mother approved his release into the custody of a relative; the Bloomfield Hills boy's father picked him up at the Hills Police station.

Theft from building

In Farmington Hills: Officers responding to a burglary alarm at Rhodia Engineering on Enterprise Drive Saturday afternoon found someone had smashed a glass door on the north side of the building. An employee said a Toshiba laptop computer and Zip drive, with a combined value of \$4,200, were taken. A softball-sized rock was used to smash the door.

Narcotics possession

In Farmington Hills:
When searching a suspect after making a routine traffic stop at 12 Mile and Middlebelt early Sunday morning, officers discovered hypodermic needles filled with an unknown substance, yellow pills, a half-full bottle labeled "Demerol," several vials labeled "promethazine" and several prescription receipts. After calling a pharmacy, officers determined the pills were Valium. Promethazine is a drug to promote nausea. A check of the man's driving record turned up two current convictions.

The 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for possession of narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while his license was suspended.

Officers spotted a car and a woman parked in a car at Colgate and Grayfield early Sunday morning and, after observing suspicious activity, found the couple had been smoking marijuana. A search turned up a rolling machine, a marijuana cigarette, and 38 boxes of nitrous oxide cartridges. The man explained that he used the cartridges and a balloon to get a "high."

When the man was being booked, a baggie dropped out of his sock. He said it contained pills he identified as "X-tasy." Both suspects were charged with narcotics possession. They posted bond and were released.

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