

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

An employee of a janitorial service hired by Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River arrived at work late Saturday night to find security van had been broken into and a cellphone taken. A brick used to break the passenger side window was still on the front seat.

CHILD NEGLECT

At around 12:45 a.m. on Sunday, police found three young children, ages 3, 7 and 12, asleep in a truck that had been parked and left running in the parking lot at Players. Inside, they found the 38-year-old father of the youngest child, who said the other two children were his girlfriends.

While he claimed to have been in the bar for a short time to use the phone, an employee estimated he'd been inside for as long as 30 minutes. In addition, a preliminary breath test showed a .083 blood alcohol level. The father and children were taken home by Hills police.

WANDALISM

On Saturday morning, a neighbor reported the wooden sign at Kendallwood School had

been damaged. When police arrived, they found it in pieces, and a mailbox had been vandalized as well.

A 33-year-old Farmington Hills woman believes the former girlfriend of her fiancé is responsible for damage to three cars parked in Mulwood on Sunday. Someone poured bleach and hair dye on the front, back and sides of two Mercedes and a Corvette. The girlfriend, a 28-year-old Redford woman, had called to say she was not going to give up the father of her child and knew where the victim lived.

NARCOTICS USE/ACCIDENT

Hills police were called to Motel 6 at 10:45 a.m. Saturday morning after a minivan rented by a 22-year-old citizen of Mexico smashed through the wall of the building, into Room 166. The driver ran from the scene with two other people, but was later spotted headed into the nearby Holiday Inn. A second van that left the area at the same time was stopped later in the day.

Because all of the people involved were Spanish-speaking, a translator was called to help take their statements. He said all five gave him different stories, and the stories changed frequently. As the driver was being identified, officers found a 1.5 gram baggie of marijuana laying on the seat of a squad car where he had been sitting, and he was

ticketed for narcotics possession.

A search of the second van uncovered several boxes of new office supplies, including dozens of Laserwriter toner cartridges. No one in the van claimed ownership, so they were confiscated.

BREAKING & ENTERING

Employees at Executive Hotel Management Company on Northwestern arrived late Sunday morning to find someone had broken out a floor-to-ceiling window and stolen a \$2,500 laptop computer.

AUTO THEFT

A 2000 Lincoln Towne Car parked and locked in front of an apartment building on Steeplechase was stolen some time between 7 p.m. April 29 and 8 a.m. April 30. It was a company car, and there was no sign of broken glass or any indication of how thieves got into it.

NARCOTICS USE/POSSESSION

Police stopped a car at 11 Mile and Beecham Sunday night that had been reported taken without permission by a Farmington Hills couple, who suspected their daughter was driving. When police searched the 1996 Taurus, they found 68 tablets of Ritalin, a folding mirror with powdery residue and razor marks, a pen tube and the parents' checkbook with some checks missing.

The girl was also driving without a license or registration, though her past driving record showed no violations. She said the Ritalin belonged to her boyfriend.

RETAIL FRAUD

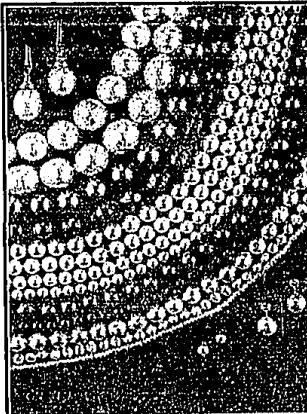
Kohls and Loehmann's retail stores both reported several incidents of retail fraud involving teenagers who attempted to

walk out of the store with clothing for which they hadn't paid. A Loehmann's security officer watched as two women walked out of the store with approximately \$100 in jewelry, then drove off.

He wasn't able to follow after them because he was in training and was not allowed to apprehend them.

THEFT

An 89-year-old resident of Hunters Ridge found thousands of dollars in jewelry - including diamond earrings, a strand of pearls, a ladies' watch, a pocket watch and necklace - had been taken from her dresser drawer sometime in the past two weeks. She said nurses had been in and out of her home during that time, but she rarely left.

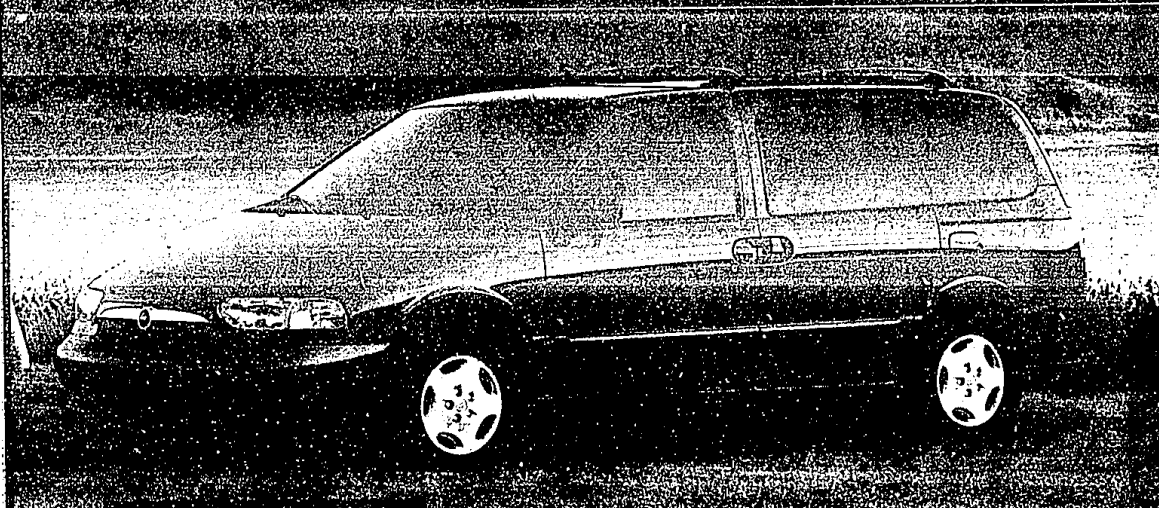


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