

Theft of statue upsets owners; search continues

The theft of a sentimental statue has Mary Ann and Joe Bliss shaking their heads. On the night of May 22, a painted statue of the Virgin Mary was taken from the couple's Farmington Plaza Apartment patio. The statue, which was on a pedestal, weighed about 25 pounds. "Whoever got it has it for keeps," said Mary Ann, who is losing hope that it will be recovered. She bought the statue two years ago for

\$80, but it was priceless to her. She spent hours putting 10 coats of paint on the concrete statue, complete with a golden rosary. "It was a beautiful thing to look at," Mary Ann said. If you have information regarding the stolen statue, please call Joe Bliss at (248) 477-8223.



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Missing: Joseph and Mary Ann Bliss miss their statue of the Virgin Mary that they have had for the past two years. The statue, which stood on a pedestal, weighs about 25 pounds. The couple still wants the statue returned.

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