

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

A resident in 33300 block of Walnut Lane told police he was in his bedroom when he heard a loud crashing sound. He found the window over his door broken and a unknown vehicle speeding away from his home. The incident occurred at 9:05 p.m. on Monday.

ASSAULT

Police received a call about three men fighting outside a trailer at 21395 Rensselaer. The men, who are brothers, were involved in an altercation over jewelry that was allegedly taken from a job site. One man was wielding a bat at others during the fight. He was arrested by Farmington Hills Police.

DUI, NARCOTICS POSSESSION

Police arrested a 45-year-old Commerce Township man on M-5 near Drake Road for driving under the influence. The car he was operating was weaving from side to side. The officer noticed a strong smell of "intoxicants." A

search of the vehicle revealed a marijuana cigarette. The man has two prior convictions for driving under the influence.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

A 24-year-old Farmington Hills woman walked into the police station and told officers her husband was threatening to kill her. The couple had gotten into an argument on the way home from a friend's house. The man allegedly punched her in the chest a number of times, and yanked her head up and down by the hair. He also threatened her with a knife. The husband, 44, was arrested at her home.

The incident was reported at 11 p.m. on Monday.

NARCOTICS ARREST

An 18-year-old man from Livonia was arrested Tuesday for possessing two baggies of marijuana. He was stopped while driving on 8 Mile near Tuck, after an officer clocked him driving 60 in a 45 m.p.h. zone. As he pulled the man over, the officer noticed him leaning

over in the car. A search of the vehicle uncovered the drugs in the passenger floorboard. The arrest was made at 1:28 a.m. on Tuesday.

STOLEN CAR

A man living in apartments at 35360 Grand River reported his 1986 Outback stolen. The vehicle had a locking bar between the steering wheel and the brake. Police suspect the car may have been towed. The theft was reported at 5:58 a.m. on Tuesday.

MEDICAL MISCONDUCT

A 24-year-old woman is alleging that a physician at Botsford Hospital made inappropriate sexual advances during a pelvic exam. The woman was being treated in the hospital Emergency Room for stomach pain. A nurse was present during the exam and told police that she saw nothing unusual. The incident is under investigation.

HOME INVASION

A small rock was used to break out glass in a garage door

window and gain entry to the garage at 31700 Stamen Court. Two cases of beer were reported stolen from a garage refrigerator. Neighborhood juveniles are suspected. The theft was reported at 7:32 a.m. Tuesday.

HOME INVASION

A garage and motor home were broken into at a home in the 28400 block of Wildwood Trail. A DeWalt radial arm saw was taken from the garage, and a TV was stolen from the motor home. The victim suspects two men who were going door-to-door sealing asphalt driveways a few days prior to the break-in. The break-in was reported at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday.

CHILD ABUSE

An employee of Botsford Hospital told police she had seen a man in a van hitting a small girl with a paint stirring stick. He had hit the child 8 to 10 times on the upper legs when the woman confronted him. The man threw the stick into the van and took the child into the hospital with

him. Police are still investigating the incident.

SHOOTING

A Farmington Hills couple told police they were shot at by their landlord over a rent dispute. The couple rented a room in the man's Inkster Road home. The man had previously knocked on the door, and was told to go away, as the couple were sleeping. He returned with a gun, opened the door and fired a shot into the room, missing the couple by about three feet. The man was arrested, and police found several weapons in the home, along with ammunition and a camouflage flak jacket. The incident occurred Tuesday.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

A construction trailer belonging to Synergy Construction was broken into at 27600 Halsted Road. A generator valued at \$1,800 and a hammer drill valued at \$900 were reported missing. The theft was discovered at 7 a.m. on Wednesday.

A&E spotlights murder with Hills connections

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It's not a movie act, but the Southfield police department looked a little like one this week.

That's because filmmakers from the *Arts and Entertainment* channel spent part of last week in town, researching and photographing items for a documentary on the 1995 murder of Oakland University student Tina Biggar.

The case will be featured on A&E's "City Confidential" program in late August or early September. To this day, the circumstances surrounding her death remain unclear.

Kenneth Tranchida, of Southfield, pleaded guilty to her murder and was sentenced to life in prison in 1996, her cause of death was never determined.

Biggar, 23, of Farmington Hills, had been missing for a month when her badly decomposed body was found behind a home at Nine Mile and Lahser in September 1995.

A psychology graduate student, Biggar was last seen walking with Tranchida, an ex-convict, on the OU campus before her death, witnesses at the time told police.

Biggar's boyfriend and father personally investigated her disappearance. Tranchida, who attended Southfield High School, was questioned by police early in the investigation. Reports indicate he admitted to involvement with Biggar and led police to her vehicle, then disappeared.

Blood was found in the trunk of her car and when her body was found in the back yard of a relative of Tranchida's, it lunched a nationwide manhunt for him that lasted a week, until he was arrested in an apartment in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

In statements to police, Tranchida said he was in love with the woman he knew as "Crystal" and paid \$170 to have sex with her. He said she came to his rented room in a house on Shiloh Street on Aug. 23 and fell backward and hit her head on a safe in his bedroom and died.

He later said he had pushed her and confessed in open court.

Workshop set on obtaining air use permit

The Department of Environmental Quality is sponsoring a workshop to help businesses prepare an administratively and technically complete air-use permit application.

The daylong workshop is June 19 in Novi and June 21 in Grand Rapids. It is sponsored in cooperation with about 40 partnering organizations.

The workshop is for any company with a process that is a potential source of air pollution, such as metal parts coating, electroplating, chemical manufacturing, incinerating, aggregate processing and similar activities.

The cost is \$50, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and workshop materials.

Register online at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/cead/cead/workshop.html> or the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 1-(800)-662-9278 to register or obtain information.

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Injury accident: Paramedics and Farmington Public Safety officers attend a victim of a Thursday afternoon accident on Eight Mile Road west of Orchard Lake. He was apparently driving the Mustang in the background. The driver, who sustained head and abdominal injuries, was transported to Botsford Hospital.

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