

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

NARCOTICS ARREST

A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a 46-year-old Novi man for felony possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

An officer on routine patrol on Eight Mile Road noticed a car that was westbound on Grand River weaving from side to side.

The man consented to a search of the vehicle and the officer found 34.5 grams of marijuana in an insulated lunch box in the rear passenger floor.

Empty plastic bags and a scale were found with the drugs. The man told officers he smoked marijuana "because I have glaucoma."

If convicted, the man faces up to four years in prison and a \$20,000 fine. The man was arrested at 12:05 a.m. on Wednesday.

MONEY TAKEN

A Farmington Hills resident is \$1,100 poorer after paying for services he never received. The man had hired a property maintenance company to do some work at his home on Fox Club Drive.

Numerous attempts by the man to reach the company failed. The incident was reported to police at 10:17 a.m. on Tuesday.

NARCOTICS, DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE

A 47-year-old South Lyon woman was arrested after a traffic stop revealed she was driving with a suspended license. The woman's driving record showed four current license suspensions — all from Novi; and 4 prior suspensions.

The man was westbound on M-6 when a Farmington Hills officer noticed he was weaving and had no working license plate light.

He stopped the man and he exited the car and ran north through the ditch adjacent to M-6. He then jumped a fence and ran down Freedom Road.

The off-duty state trooper tackled the man and held him for arrest. The man told police he ran because he had warrants out for his arrest.

A check of his record showed three prior license suspensions, a \$2,000 warrant from Oakland County and an \$1,100 warrant from Northville Township. He also had a prior conviction for evading police.

The man was transported to the Farmington Hills Police Department without further incident. The arrest was made on June 20.

As the woman was being booked at the Farmington Hills Police Department, a small baggie containing a single rock of crack cocaine fell from the woman's undergarments on to the floor of the police station. She was also charged with possession of crack cocaine. She was arrested at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

IDENTITY THEFT

A Farmington Hills man's identity was stolen and used to open a DisneyUSA credit card account. He learned of the theft when a credit card collection agency called about an outstanding balance of \$2,846.74.

The man informed the company he had never applied for the card. Police told the man, who lives in the 21200 block of Woodhill, to check his credit report to see if additional accounts had been opened fraudulently using his name.

The man told officers he had problems last year with someone writing fraudulent checks on his account. The report was made to police at 3:06 p.m. on June 20.

SUSPENDED LICENSE, RESISTING POLICE

Hills police, with assistance

that surfaced during the final weeks of the campaign," Neuman said. "I would hope that in the future diverse viewpoints on issues are welcomed as a way to generate a positive debate on important issues. I believe the Farmington Observer has appropriately addressed this matter in its recent editorial and I see not add to those comments."

He also saluted the other school board candidates who weren't at the meeting.

"I'm a very strong believer in the marketplace of ideas, and each of the other candidates brought fresh ideas to the campaign table," he said. "Pam Charleston-Lyons had some excellent ideas on improving parent-teacher communication. John Goshorn's idea to move school board meetings into the community is also a wonderful idea that should be seriously explored by the board."

"And, even though Terry Elsey may quack like a duck, he has alerted us to the needs of gifted and talented students in the upper grades."

Elsey had made a comment in response to a quote by Christian at the PTA Council's May 24 candidate forum that it is the ducks who are making a lot of noise who can lead the way because they have been there. Christian said she preferred to soar like an eagle.

She said parents often blame themselves when a child begins to express behavior problems. "They ask themselves, 'Am I doing a bad job as a parent?'"

Mison said the problem can become particularly "shame based" for parents when law enforcement gets involved.

Dwyer said the boy's parents have been uncooperative with police. "They required us to get a warrant to search the house. After one search, the parents drove him away from the house and would not let us talk to him."

He said the warrant was executed, and the home searched for physical and trace evidence at about 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

"We seized some evidence, but I am not able to discuss it at this time," Dwyer said.

He characterized the boy as being "obsessed" with fire and fire apparatus.

"I'm not trying to cause the mother and father any more grief. I want the boy to get the help he needs," Dwyer said.

Marinucci is anxious for the situation to be resolved. "I hope we can get this to end. The neighbors are obviously nervous."

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Neuman salutes board opponents

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Though Phil Neuman lost his bid for a position on the Farmington Public School board, he congratulated the winners — Frank Reid and Pam Christian — at the June 19 board meeting.

Reid was elected to his second term; Christian to her first term. She takes Bobbie Feldman's position, who chose not to run again after two terms.

Neuman also offered special recognition to Feldman.

"I saw the look of anguish on her face on election night, because while her head said it's time to go, her heart is still clearly with the Farmington School board," Neuman said. "Bobbie, you can leave with the highest sense of satisfaction on a job very well done."

He thanked his supporters and mentioned how much he enjoyed meeting both young and old. "Every time I rang a doorbell, I was never quite sure what to expect," Neuman said. "I must say that almost without exception people were receptive and very often shared their concerns about our school system."

Neuman also mentioned some disappointment. "I'll be honest, I was disappointed by the negative tone

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nature in Farmington Hills occurred about 10 years ago.

Marinucci said the situation is a dangerous one. "It puts people and firefighters at risk. It's not good for the neighborhood."

He said it is human nature to have a certain fascination with fire.

"We have fireplaces in our homes, candles ... That is why we put a lot of energy into public education and telling kids that fire is a tool and not a toy."

Julie Mison, therapist and district manager for the Farmington Hills Office of Oakland Family Services, said that, in general, fire setting among children can be a cause for concern.

"I think when there is repetition, especially when it continues after (causing) consequences — that can signal trouble."

She said fire setting can be an expression of anger or an attempt to gain power. "There is a rush that can come with the power of destruction."

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