

POLICE CALLS

The following reports were filed with the Farmington Public Safety and Farmington Hills Police Departments:

VANDALISM

Two tires were slashed on a car in the 20800 block of Ratcliff causing \$150 in damage. A woman at the home reported hearing a commotion outside and a man say "not that one." She then heard the sound of air rushing from the tires.

She told police her husband had recently had an argument with a neighbor. A similar event happened at the same home two years ago. The incident occurred on July 3 at 1:30 a.m.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE

A female resident of the Independence Green Apartments reported a "thin, naked man with curly brown hair" repeatedly ringing her doorbell. When she looked outside through the curtains she saw a Hispanic man with his hands covering his genitals. The call to police was made at 2:04 a.m. on July 3.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Farmington Hills police on

routine patrol stopped a car after a passenger in the vehicle shoved the driver in the shoulder and caused her to almost lose control of the vehicle. They arrested the passenger for disorderly conduct. He admitted to being intoxicated. He told officers it was the reason his girlfriend was driving the vehicle. The couple had been arguing.

During a routine pat-down, police discovered a marijuana pipe in the pocket of Peterson's pants. Officers stopped the car at 2:53 a.m. on July 3.

NARCOTICS ARREST

Police arrested a Toledo, Ohio woman for possession of marijuana and for failing to provide identification. The woman was stopped during a routine patrol on 12 Mile Road and Orchard Lake after officers noticed it had only one working headlight. Police found 6.5 grams of marijuana in a Marlboro cigarette box. After she was released from custody she began to throw-up and requested medical attention. The woman was transported to Botsford hospital.

THEFT FROM A VEHICLE

Items valued at over \$600 were taken overnight from an unlocked car parked in front of a home in the 28700 block of Oakpoint. A leather purse, a Ricoh camera and a cellular phone were reported missing. Police have no suspects.

THEFT

A go-cart valued at \$1,500 was taken from a residence at 28900 Bartlett. The cart was stored under a cover in a fenced back yard. Police have no suspects. The theft was reported at 9:30 p.m. on July 3.

VANDALISM

A mailbox was destroyed by fireworks in the 38400 block of Horton. The damage was reported at 7:10 a.m. on July 4.

A woman driving a 1999 Geo Prizm on Freedom Road near Orchard Lake told police her driver's side window was shot with a BB gun as an unknown male drove past her. The incident occurred at 7:48 p.m.

A 45-year-old Hills woman told police her windshield was damaged by shots from a pellet

gun at Nine Mile and Gill. The report was made on July 4 at 11:11 p.m.

ETHNIC INTIMIDATION

A resident of the Cedar Ridge Apartments reported to police that his 1994 Mustang GT was doused with black, gray and yellow paint. The words "and n—" were written on the car windshield. Police have no suspects. The report was made to police at 1:30 a.m. on July 4.

NARCOTICS

Police arrested three Detroit men for narcotics possession after a routine traffic stop for expired license plates on Eight Mile near Inkster Road.

A small amount of powder cocaine and one "rock" of crack cocaine were found in their possession. The driver of the car had a suspended license. He also provided officers with false identification.

The arrests were made at 10:09 a.m. on July 4.

MALIGNANT MISCHIEF

Juveniles on skateboards were reported throwing firecrackers at golfers at Greening and 13

Mile. The report was made to police at 1:46 p.m. on July 4.

NARCOTICS

Police arrested a 45-year-old Walled Lake man for possession of marijuana. Police became suspicious when they noticed the man weaving between lanes. A search revealed four Baggies of marijuana and a pipe. In an unsolicited comment the man told police he "was weaving because he was stuffing marijuana."

The man also had two outstanding warrants for failure to appear from Pontiac and Wayne.

VANDALISM

A Farmington woman reported \$1,000 damage to the rear windows of her 1999 Saturn which was parked in the parking lot of Kensington Manor Drive on South Manor Drive.

The car was parked in front of the building door between 5:30 p.m. June 30 and 8:50 a.m. July 1.

When she walked to her car she saw the rear windows were shattered.

A stone on the ground was surrounded by broken glass fragments on the rear driver's side of the car. The vehicle hadn't been entered and nothing was stolen, according to a police report.

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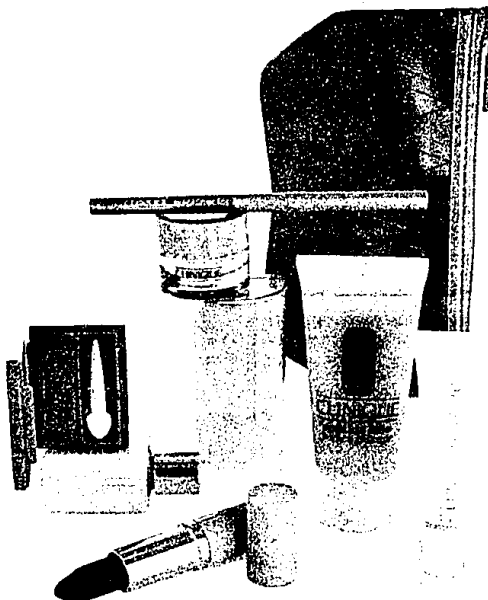
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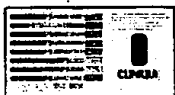
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