

## POLICE CALLS

## BUSINESS BREAK-IN

Farmington Hills Police were called at 7 a.m. July 20 to Acme Party Works, 20712 Robinson, on a report that four generators were stolen after thieves broke into a locked, fenced garage.

According to the incident report, thieves cut a latch that had been padlocked and cut a 4-by-4-foot hole in a fence to get inside a garage attached to the back of the business.

The generators were valued by their owner at more than \$2,100.

## NOT A JOB SKILL

Farmington Hills Police were called July 20 to Metro One, 28850 Haggerty Road, after an employee said her purse was stolen by a woman who said she was in for a job interview.

The employee, 56, of Detroit, said she'd left her purse on a computer as she spoke with the woman, who said she'd just completed her interview and had some questions.

The employee told police she

went to find a co-worker who could help answer the woman's questions. But when she returned, the purse was gone.

According to the incident report, some other employees noticed a woman matching the thief's description leaving the business carrying a purse that looked like the missing one.

The victim said the purse contained no cash or jewelry but several credit cards.

## DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENT

Farmington Hills Police were called just after 2 a.m. July 21 to M5 and Grand River, where a couple had exited their vehicle after crashing in a ditch.

The incident happened on the eastbound M5 exit ramp onto Grand River. Upon arriving at the scene, police said the suspect vehicle was visibly damaged in the front.

The male driver, 55, of Arizona, told police he had been drinking at a wedding in Livonia and was on his way to a hotel in

Brighton when the crash happened.

After the car struck a road sign and came to a stop in a ditch, the airbag deployed, giving the man a bloody nose. His wife was unhurt, the incident report continued.

The man was given an alcohol breath test at the scene and blew .33, more than twice the legal limit for drinking while driving. He was arrested on a charge of causing a property damage accident while under the influence of alcohol.

## HOSPITALIZED AFTER JUMP

A 51-year-old woman was being treated in the intensive care unit Sunday at Botsford Hospital after she jumped from a second story window and fell to pavement below in an apparent suicide attempt, Farmington Hills Police said.

Officers responded at 1:33 a.m. to a home on Furdue Street, on a call that a woman had a knife and was threatening to commit suicide. After the woman locked herself in an upstairs bedroom, police urged her to put down the knife and come out.

As police got the door open, she jumped out the open window still holding the knife, according to the incident report.

## THEFT DURING CHURCH

A Hewlett Packard laptop computer and a purse and wallet containing several credit cards were taken from a car as its owner, 24, of Birmingham, attended church on Sunday in Farmington Hills.

The theft, at 11 a.m., was from a silver Grand Am GT parked at Orchard Grove Community Church, 28123 Orchard Lake Road.

## HEROIN POSSESSION

A Beaverton man, 43, was arrested July 22 on a charge of heroin possession and driving while intoxicated after Farmington Hills police spotted him weaving while driving on Grand River.

The arrest happened just after 10 p.m. After police pulled the man over, they saw he was shaking and had dilated pupils, slurred speech and difficulty answering questions. Upon searching him, they found two foil packets in his pockets containing heroin.

The man told police he had heroin because he had run out of his Vicodin (a muscle relaxant.)

## HOLD UP SENTENCE

A Detroit man was sentenced to two years in prison last month after agreeing to a plea bargain in two motel holdups in Livonia and Farmington Hills.

Derrell D. Hamilton, 20, pleaded guilty to one charge of armed robbery and one charge of using a gun during a felony in the March 9 robbery of the Comfort Inn, on Buckingham near Schoolcraft Road and Middlebelt.

In exchange, identical charges in the holdup of a motel in Can-

ton Township were dropped. Hamilton was sentenced June 21 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Boykin.

Hamilton was arrested March 30 after Livonia and Farmington Hills officers stalked out his mother's Detroit house and he tried to flee. A loaded pistol was recovered.

He still faces three charges of armed robbery, three of using a gun during a felony and one of attempted armed robbery stemming from incidents in Farmington Hills and Southfield.

A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, in Oakland County Circuit Court.

## FIRECRACKERS

Police responded to a complaint about 6 p.m. July 20 about kids throwing firecrackers into traffic at the Towers and Cloverdale area in Farmington.

They spoke to a group of youths. One admitted lighting a firecracker.

—staff writers Kevin Brown, Sue Buck and Larry O'Connor contributed

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