

POLICE CALLS

PATIO SET TAKEN

A Farmington Hills woman, 62, returned at 5 p.m. July 26 to her home on 10 Mile Road to find her four patio chairs and an umbrella with stand had been taken.

She told Farmington Hills Police the set was there when she left home at 2 p.m. She estimated the value of the set at \$779. Police said there were no suspects or evidence.

DAIRY QUEEN THEFT

Farmington Hills Police were dispatched July 24 to the Dairy Queen at 22290 Middlebelt Road after \$600 was discovered missing from a safe.

A security recording revealed the theft happened at 2:55 p.m. July 23 while a manager was in a rest room and an employee was working in the front of the store, according to the police incident report.

The security recording revealed the thief to be African

American, about 5 feet 11 inches tall, and wearing glasses, a black shirt and black pants, and brown shoes or boots. The recording showed him entering through a rear door to the business which appeared unlocked.

The recording also showed the thief leaving the business briefly, then returning with a towel to wipe fingerprints off of a safe. Police were still able to obtain fingerprints from the scene.

THIEVES RETURN

After breaking into a McCarthy & Smith Inc. construction trailer at 29040 Shawanese, thieves made off with a fax machine, hammer drills and other items worth more than \$2,000.

Farmington Hills Police were called to the scene at 6:56 a.m. July 25. It was the second time in the last few weeks the trailer had been broken into, according to the police incident report.

Thieves entered the trailer through a window. A computer system in the trailer/office was left.

JEWELRY TAKEN

Jewelry valued at more than \$20,000 was reported missing July 25 by a Farmington Hills woman, who told police she suspected county workers in the theft.

Farmington Hills Police were called at 2:12 p.m. to a residence on Briarwyke Drive. The complainant, 58, told police that Oakland County Department of Public Works employees had been working earlier to replace a water meter in her basement, near a shelf where the jewelry was kept.

Missing was a diamond ring, diamond and gold bracelets and earrings. The woman told police she has been in contact with the Oakland County DPW over the matter.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Police are investigating a sexual assault that occurred July 24 after a 16-year-old girl babysitting in Farmington Hills went for a walk in the woods with an 18-year-old Detroit man.

According to the incident report, the girl, her sister and a friend invited a group of boys to meet them in a wooded area near a home where one of the girls was babysitting.

The victim told police she said "no" when her male companion asked for sex. He replied he would punch her in the face if she continued to refuse. Saying she was afraid he would hit her, she told police she undressed and lay on the ground. He put on a condom and had sex with her, then he and his friends left the area, according to the incident report.

The girl was taken to Botsford Hospital for an exam following the incident.

UNLOCKED CAR THEFT

A laptop computer and CD player were reported missing July 25 from an unlocked Toyota station wagon parked at the Citation Club Apartments.

The owner, 25, told Farmington Hills Police he did not lock his car because he lives in a gated apartment complex with limited access. Police said the CD player was in plain view and the laptop was in a black case on the back floor.

JEWELRY TAKEN

More than \$5,000 in jewelry was reported missing July 25 from a home on Fox Club Drive.

The homeowner told Farmington Hills Police she left home at 9 a.m. and returned at 6 p.m. to find windows on the southeast corner of the home had been broken out and jewelry from the dresser and bathroom counter were gone.

A home alarm was not armed, police said.

Snow plow charges settled

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Nine West Bloomfield residents who paid for snow removal services they did not receive last winter should get their money back.

In a plea agreement authorized Tuesday in 48th District Court in Bloomfield Township, John Church, a Livonia resident who owns The Snow Guys Inc., pleaded no contest to one count of misdemeanor larceny.

Church was scheduled to stand trial that same day on nine larceny charges, but he reached a deal with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office prior to the start of the proceedings.

Sgt. Tim Diamond of the West Bloomfield Police Department's Detective's Bureau said Church promised to pay some \$1,000 in restitution to nine West Bloomfield residents who paid Church money last fall, but did not see a snow plow at their home at all last winter.

Church is scheduled to return to Judge Diane D'Agostini's courtroom Sept. 10 for sentencing. Maximum penalties include 90 days in jail, a \$500 fine and probation.

Some two dozen police complaints were filed last winter by West Bloomfield residents who contracted Church's services when several heavy snowfalls came. Similar complaints were filed with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

According to contracts signed by the customers, Church collected \$99 from residents for 10 snow plowings during the winter. There was a \$10 charge per push after 10 initial pushes.

Church told Diamond he had no criminal intent but said he could not plow for all his customers because he was overwhelmed with the December snowfall and had several equipment breakdowns.

Several of the customers have filed lawsuits against Church.



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He is the son of Helen Amayo of Farmington Hills. Amayo graduated in 2000 from Farmington High School.

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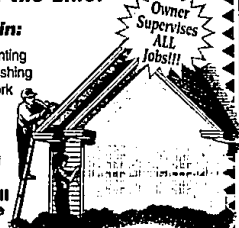
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