

## POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

## HOUSE BREAK-IN

Jewelry and other items were reported stolen Aug. 7 from a home on Gettysburg Road in Farmington Hills.

The homeowner reported the break in to police upon returning home that evening to find a kitchen screen had been removed and the window smashed to allow the thieves inside. Jewelry was discovered missing from a jewelry box.

Police said the method of the break in was comparable to a recent theft from a home on Clubhouse at Whitehall.

## CAR THEFT THWARTED

A Farmington Hills man stopped a thief in progress Aug. 8, by yelling at the thief, who then abandoned the CD player he'd taken from a car.

According to the report, the man, of Tulane Street, saw the thief open the trunk of a yellow Mustang and begin to remove the CD player inside. But after the resident called to him, the

thief escaped in a black Ford Explorer driven by an accomplice.

The thief had earlier entered the passenger compartment of the car and removed a wallet, the report continued.

## THINKING WAY AHEAD

A snowblower was reported missing Aug. 8 from a garage on Cora Street.

According to the incident report, a side garage door was closed but not locked. The snowblower is a Craftsman, gray, 5 horsepower, valued by its owner at \$471.

## CHILD SURVIVES POOL MISHAP

A 2-year-old Farmington Hills boy was released Aug. 9 from Beaumont Hospital after he fell into a pool and stopped breathing. Farmington Hills Police and paramedics were called to a home on Spring Valley Road on Aug. 8, at 9:48 a.m. There, the boy's mother, 35, told police that she had lost sight of the boy,

then looked toward the fenced pool and noticed that the gate was unlocked.

The woman told police she ran to the gate and saw her son in the pool. She jumped in and pulled him out, then called 911, the incident report continued.

En route to the accident scene, paramedics were radioed with the information that the boy was faintly crying. He was taken to Botsford Hospital, where he was pronounced to be in stable condition as he was breathing on his own.

The boy was transported to the pediatrics unit at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for 24-hour observation, then released.

## CASH TAKEN

The theft of \$775 was reported at 12:52 p.m. Aug. 8 from an unlocked safe in an office at Beaver Tile and Stone, 24700 Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Police said there were no suspects or leads in the theft.

## LICENSE FRAUD

A Detroit man, 45, was arrested on a charge of fraud Aug. 8 after trying to present a fake ID in an attempt to withdraw \$4,500 from Flagstar Bank, 28177 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Police were called to the bank at 4:30 p.m., after bank staff thwarted the fraud attempt by stalling the man long enough to where he left the bank, according to the police incident report. The man was arrested on foot outside the bank.

## CREDIT CARD PHONE SCAM

A Farmington Hills man, 45, told police Aug. 8 that he'd received a call from someone who claimed to be with Visa and who wanted him to give out his credit card number, claiming there had been a computer error and they were crediting accounts.

When the resident began questioning the caller, who identified himself as "Doug," the

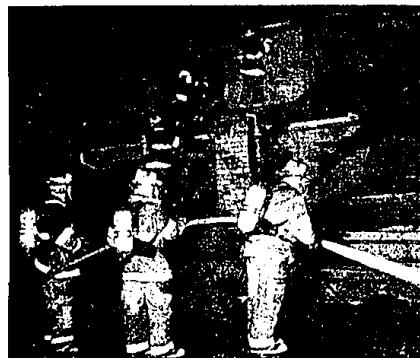
caller hung up. The man determined the caller's phone number and gave it to Farmington Hills police.

## THEFTS

A resident of an apartment on Grand River reported a \$1,000 laptop he had left on his desk was missing Aug. 8. There was no sign of forced entry, according to Farmington police.

A man who parked his car at the Comerica Bank at Grand River and Drake found a window broken out of his 1991 Plymouth and about \$1,000 worth of CDs stolen about noon Aug. 2.

A Marblehead Street resident found a window broken out of his 1999 Chevy about 8:30 a.m. Aug. 5 but nothing was taken from the car interior.



In the heat of the night, Hills firefighters worked to beat the heat Thursday night, when they were called to the scene of a garage fire on Cadigan Court. The garage and two vehicles parked inside were a total loss; a portion of the home's second story was also damaged. The hydrant in front of the building was inoperable, due to an apparent leak in the main supplying the hydrant; firefighters had to hook up to a secondary supply. The cause of the blaze was still under investigation Friday.

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