POLICE CALLS

LONG-DISTANCE BOMB THREAT

A bomb throat made at noon at Compuware corporate offices in Atlanta, Ga., was taken soriously enough that the corporation posted e-mails to offices around the United States, including the Compuware office at 31500 Northwestern High-

way.
Farmington Hills police were
called to the local office and conducted a bomb search with facility managers, All appeared normal, according to the incident
report filed by police.

Farmington Hills police seized 58 grams of powder cocaine and two grams of crack cocaine during a traffic stop at 6 p.m. Sopt. 15 on west M-5 near Drake. Police spotted a 1995 blue Chevy pickup weaving in and out of its lane, and stopped the driver for erratic driving. According to the incident report, the driver was norvous and sweating heavily, and his passenger appeared to try to hide items. Both were 36, married, and from Howell.

Police searched the driver and

the car, and turned up the nar-cotics. They also confiscated three crack pipes. The two were arrested for possession with intent to deliver cocains.

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INEST INWANTED
Police were called at 3:44 a.m.
Sept. 16 to Funcoland, 30042
Crand River, on the report of a
broak-in, only to spot two teens
running from the business with
stolen Sony Play Stations and
miscollaneous items.
According to the incident
report filed by Farmington Hills
police, the teens dropped the

items and ran when they spotted police. Police caught and charged two 16-year-old Southfield youths, who used hammers to break a large frame window and get inside the business, the

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Police charged a Farmington
Hills man, 43, with aggravated
assault after he attacked a 40year-old neighbor who he
claimed tried to run over his
done

dogs.
According to the incident report, police responded to

Appleblossom Lane on a report of two men fighting. The victim told police he was driving home when the neighbors dogs were in the street chasing his vehicle, as they are known to do. The man said he slowed down to avoid hitting the dogs.

Still, once in his driveway, the dogs owner came running and struck him. The dog owner had a minor abrasion, police soid, and the other man had a broken finger and a cut inside his mouth. Police charged the dog owner with aggravated assault.

BREAN-IN

The theft of \$350 from a cash box from lagersol, 277200 Haggerty Road, was reported to police at 11 a.m. Sept. 16.

Farmington Hills police responding to the call found broken door glass and a baseball-sized rock on the floor inside the business.

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Police were told an ex-employ-ee with a drug problem is sus-

Judge tells Tree House owners to make 'good faith' effort with plans

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On Friday, 47th District Court
Judge Fred Harris gave Christine Meinke, owner of a Mooney
Street business in Farmington,
more time to revise her site plan
which includes controversial
"urban planters."
Harris scheduled another
informal hearing in 47th District
Court for 9:30 a.m. Oct. 18. The
Meinkes, who own Tree House
for Earth's Children, are expectdto resubmit a site plan to the
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The city has been legally wrangling with Christine Meinke and her parents, Susan and Horman, since tearlier this year when they received a ticket for blight. They received additional tickets in July.

The city primarily cites safety concerns regarding the cinder block planters which the Meinkes stacked and assembled, but did not secure, in parallel rows from their door into the parking lot. They also installed six arbors in the planters which they hope to adorn with hanging roses and other herbs.

Besides Dave Trombley (the Meinke's attorney) Steve Meads, the city's attorney, Bill Richards, Farmington assistant city manager, building inspector, met behind closed doors prior to the hearing. "This was the fair thing for him to do, "Trombley said of Harris, outside the courtroom. There's no good reason we cannot have this."

During the hearing, Trombley told Harris that he was considering an appeal to Oakland County Circuit Court, it's hope to recommend the courtroom that the city had hoped the business would have submitted

Mends said outside the court-room that the city had hoped the business would have submitted a plant the planning commission could have approved and thus put an end to the violations. Christine Meinke was in court but didn't speak. "The planters are porous, so the plants and

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she waited. "I've been gardening since I was six."
She explained it was important to be able to take the eincerblocks apart to study the condition of the plant roots.
"There is a genuine safety of the learning. "The safety of the learning is vitally important."
City officials fear someone might run into the planters at night, a child might elimb onto the unsecured walls, and the planters will bear the effects of winter freeze-thaw cycles.

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The Farmington Planning
Commission found several problems with the Meinkes revises
site plan at the Sept. 10 meeting
"We will withdraw this considration and will reapply,"
Trombley said at the time. He
admitted that the plan was prematurely and inadequately submitted.

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Showing parking spaces, handicap accessibility, the tem-porary nature of the plantors and the location of the Dumpster were some of the features the commissioner Alton Bennett said there is no description of the type of flowers and plants.

"We need to know what is pro-posed, by name." Bennett said.

Bennett asked Morency what could be done to help the Meinkes because their plans were insufficient.

It wasn't the job of the plan-ning commission to help the pro-ponent present a plan that will meet the criteria needed, she said.

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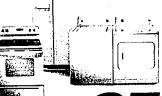
Morency suggested the owner contact a landscape architect and hire the right professional to help her do her job and work with the city administration.

"Mr. Tombley if you come back with a site plan that has everything on it but you have concretibles that are unpainted and held together only with earth, will not want to approve it, Morency said at that time.

"I won't approve it, because I don't think it is safe."

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