

Farmington woman arrested after vandalizing church

A 42-year-old Farmington woman was arrested Sunday after she told police she was responsible for damaging parts of the interior of the St. John Lutheran Church on Gill Road in Farmington, according to a police report.

She is a parishioner. A pastor at the church noticed late Sunday that a bookcase appeared turned over by a window. Inside he found there was food thrown around, writing on the walls and letters attached to walls with an e-mail address on the bottoms. Choir robes valued at \$3,000 were also damaged.

The e-mail contained the woman's name. She also had keys to the church. Police talked with the woman at her home and she told them God told her to

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damage the church. She also told her two young sons to help her.

She was arraigned Monday in 47th District Court on malicious destruction of property over \$1,000 and under \$20,000, a five-year felony and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a 90-day misdemeanor. A not-guilty plea was entered on her behalf. She was also ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation. Her children are staying with their father, police said. A preliminary exam is scheduled for April 29.

ARMED ROBBERY

At Priscilla's at 27620 Eight Mile around 9:35 p.m. Sunday, a

man with a black knit mask over his head armed with a revolver told an employee to give him the money from a cash register. The man also attempted to open a safe in a back room. The man told the employee to wait in the bathroom and fled on foot out the back door.

SUICIDE IN STORE

Police said a 28-year-old Southfield man who worked as a clerk at the Rite Aid Pharmacy at 11 Mile and Middlebelt fatally shot himself in the head in a back room of the store around 2:30 p.m. Monday. No one was else was hurt. About six employees were in the store with a minimal amount of customers at the time, police said. The employee was interviewed earlier by a loss-prevention officer, police said.

COFFEE STOLEN

A 37-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed after he took a can of coffee on his way out of the Tim Horton's restaurant on 12 Mile around 6:45 p.m.

Monday. Police went to his car where he was waiting for someone; he said he paid but did not have a receipt.

TIRES STOLEN

At the Bob Saks dealership on Grand River, four tires were stolen from a 2002 Dodge during Thursday night.

HOME INVASION

In the 30200 block of Fiddlers Green, a window was broken to open a door from the inside of a home on Friday. Nothing appeared stolen inside.

In the 27800 block of Berrywood, the glass to a rear door was broken to gain entry into an apartment on Friday. Stolen from inside were a \$50 watch and car keys.

BIKE STOLEN

A resident in the Gateway Apartments said someone broke into her storage shed between Monday and Wednesday and stole a \$300 mountain bike.

DRUG POSSESSION

Police responded to a loud

party at an apartment in the 27100 block of McKinley Ct. around 12:45 a.m. Saturday. In one of the bedrooms, police found an open dresser drawer filled with baggies of marijuana.

SHOPLIFTING

A 16-year-old Franklin girl was ticketed after security at T.J. Maxx on Grand River spotted her taking sunglasses and clothes from the store without paying.

At around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, a 66-year-old Farmington Hills woman was ticketed for shoplifting at the same store after she switched a price tag on a pair of pants and for putting a pair of pants hose in her purse. She left without paying.

DRINKS

Police were called to Discount Drinks on 12 Mile this week and spotted a 43-year-old Farmington Hills man asleep in a parked car. He had numerous open intoxicants in the vehicle and registered a .30 blood/alcohol level.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police pulled over a 23-year-old Troy man around 4 a.m. Sunday after he squealed his car's tires at an intersection near 12 Mile and Farmington Road. He registered a .15 blood/alcohol level.

BLADES STOLEN

An employee at Walgreens on Grand River told police a man walked in and took 50 Gillette Mach 3 razors worth about \$45 around 6:45 a.m. Sunday and left without paying. Managers said this is the third time recently someone has stolen the razor blades around the same time of day.

REF RIF OFF

A referee at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena said he put his cell phone and belongings in a gym bag in the locker room Sunday and discovered later, the bag had been rifled through and his cell phone was gone.

—Compiled by staff writer
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Police open house set for May 5

The Farmington Hills Police Department wants to show people that a trip to police headquarters can actually be kind of fun.

The 15th annual open house is planned for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the department, located on 11 Mile at Orchard Lake. The event is open to the public.

"It's important that we have these open houses. It's part of our community policing program," said Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer.

The open house offers educational programs for both adults

and children.

"It's a great way to let parents and youngsters know more about the police department," Dwyer said.

Lt. James Whitcomb, who is helping coordinate the open house, said they're trying to get the Western Wayne Haz Mat Team, which includes fire personnel from several Wayne County communities as well as Farmington Hills, to come to the open house.

Featured activities will include:

■ Demonstration by the Hills'

police Special Response Team

■ Child fingerprinting
■ "Survivor Obstacle Course" and moon walk
■ Miniature Air Force F16
■ School bus safety demonstration

■ Department of Natural Resources hunter safety firearms simulator

■ Police horses
■ Detroit Edison electrical safety demonstration
■ Simulator glasses

■ Driver safety simulator
■ Magicians Mike and Maya, father-daughter team

■ Inflatable bouncer

■ Child car seat installation training
■ Louie the Lightning Bug
■ Radar time pitching
■ Games and prizes
■ Fire trucks

■ Police boats and tanks
■ Farmington Hills Police K-9, including "Cooper," the newest crime-fighting dog

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