

POLICE CALLS

CARS MISSING

Representatives from Bob Saks Oldsmobile on Grand River said an inventory check done on March 30 showed six vehicles and their keys were missing from the lot. A vehicle number check had one of the vehicles abandoned in Detroit.

TRUCK BREAK-IN

At M.J. White and Sons on 10 Mile during Thursday night, a van's backdoor padlock was cut to gain entry. Stolen inside were a \$900 generator and a \$300 toolbox.

DRUG POSSESSION

Police pulled over a vehicle at

11 Mile and Inkster around 1 a.m. Saturday for matching a kidnapping suspect description out of Livonia. The driver, a 45-year-old Southfield man, had crack cocaine in his possession and he was turned over to Livonia police.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Orchard Lake and 11 Mile for failing to signal a lane change around 9:55 p.m. Saturday. The driver, a 26-year-old Southfield man, had marijuana stashed under the seat.

Police pulled over a vehicle for a defective license plate light along 12 Mile and Orchard Lake around 10:40 p.m. Sunday. The

passenger, a 34-year-old Flint woman, had a baggie of marijuana in her possession.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police pulled over a vehicle along M-6 and I-696 around 1:40 a.m. Saturday for erratic driving. The driver, a 29-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .15 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Orchard Lake and 12 Mile around 1:50 a.m. Saturday for weaving. The 35-year-old Plymouth man driving had a .19 blood/alcohol level.

A 25-year-old Westland man was pulled over in his vehicle

along I-696 near Farmington Road for weaving. He had a .14 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle for striking a road construction marker around 12:40 a.m. Monday. The driver, a 43-year-old Southfield man, had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

A 23-year-old Novi man was pulled over in his vehicle for squealing the tires around 1 a.m. Monday on 12 Mile and Bunker Hill. He had a .19 blood/alcohol level.

VACUUM MONEY

During Saturday night, someone used special tools to crack

open the money containers of three car vacuum units at the Farmington Auto Wash on Eight Mile. The quarters inside the units were stolen.

BIKE STOLEN

In the 22600 block of Walsingham, a \$180 mountain bike was taken from a garage between Thursday and Saturday.

CAR STOLEN

A 1996 Nissan Maxima was stolen from a carport in the 27200 block of Gateway during Sunday night.

JEWELRY TAKEN

An apartment resident in the 24500 block of Vendant Dr. said after a get-together with friends on Saturday night, two watches and three rings were missing from the bedroom.

APARTMENT BREAK-IN

In the 21300 block of Tulane, an apartment resident said someone kicked in his door while he was gone for a half hour on Monday afternoon and took \$250 cash from inside.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

COHA invites condo owners

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Helping people involved in their homeowners associations to make their life in their neighborhoods easier and more enjoyable is what the Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners Associations is all about.

But the group is looking to spread the word about the benefits of being a COHA member to condominium associations and residents in the city of Farmington.

"We had 67 associations join last year," said COHA President Ken Massey. "A lot of people don't know we're out there."

"We want to increase the utilization of our resources," Massey said. "We're making a push to get the word out."

The group meets every other month with representatives from each member association in attendance.

Massey said there are about 100 homeowners associations in Farmington Hills and about as many condo associations, but only four condo associations belong to COHA.

"Some of their issues are very similar to homeowners," said Massey. "We have the resources on how to deal with similar problems."

Some of the benefits of being a COHA member are hearing updates on city issues and projects, listening to guest speakers discuss topics that affect all residents, and the chance for subdivision representatives to share concerns and ideas.

Changes this year include formalizing a database of homeowners associations listings for the Hills city clerk.

A concern for years, Massey said, was the listing at the clerk's office was usually outdated.

The group also plans to have a Web site up this week at coha-fa.org that will help residents know more about the organization and homeowners associations.

The next COHA meeting on May 21 will have Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci discussing the department's new Emergency Medical Response program. COHA costs an association \$35 a year to join.

It's also a way to get support for an idea or project to the proper people, be it an administration issue or a policy issue for the city council, Massey said.

"We can be a collective voice of residents," he said.

The COHA president noted the group can help new homeowners associations by getting up their bylaws because the group has plenty of documents to reference.

Massey said condominium residents shouldn't feel any different than homeowners.

"They're still homes. We want to assist each other," he said.

Massey noted Farmington homeowners associations have called him about being involved as well.

"The city of Farmington is more than welcome to join us," he said. "We all live in the same area."

He noted COHA plans to run advertisements on local cable channels to help get the word out as well. Massey can be reached at (248) 476-4448. E-mail him at kennmassey@coha-fa.org.

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