

# Investigators seek clues in 'smash-and-grab' cases

Farmington Hills Police are investigating several smash-and-grab cases involving Farmington Hills businesses Sunday through Tuesday morning.

Police Chief William Dwyer said nearby communities Livonia and Novi suffered similar smash-and-grab cases early in the week. Hills Police responded to a break-in alarm at Orchard Market Place on 13 Mile around 3:55 a.m. Sunday. Someone broke the glass door to gain entry and took a cash register. Police later found the emptied cash register at Hampstead and Drake.

Police responded to a break-in alarm at Nevada Bob's Golf on 12 Mile around 11:22 p.m. Monday. Someone used a hammer to break the door glass to gain entry. Several golf club sets and bags were stolen.

At Tuesday Mornings on Haggerty about 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday three cash registers inside were tampered with, but nothing appeared taken.

Then at Jonna's Fine Wines on Haledel around 4 a.m. Tuesday, cash was stolen from the register.

Dwyer said the department believes at least two people are

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involved in the smash-and-grabs and the department is increasing surveillance of businesses.

**Tools stolen**

The Elite Tile company reported someone broke into a construction bin and took tools, a radio and a water heater at a construction site on Corporate Drive between Nov. 28 and Monday.

**Car break-ins**

At St. Fabian's church parking

lot on 12 Mile between 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday someone broke out a window to a minivan to gain entry. A purse was taken from inside. Between 5-6:35 p.m. Sunday, a Ford Explorer had its window broken to gain entry, and a purse inside was stolen.

At the McCabe Funeral Home on 12 Mile, the owner of a pick-up reported someone punched the lock to the vehicle and stole tools inside. The owner of an SUV also parked there said someone broke the vehicle's window to steal a medicine bag hidden under some papers. The

incidents happened Monday.

At the Blockbuster at 33212 12 Mile, the owner of a Cadillac said her purse, cell phone and gym bag were taken from the vehicle in a short time while parked there around 9:55 p.m. Saturday. She was unsure whether the vehicle was locked.

**Drunken driving**

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Colgate around 2:38 a.m. Monday for speeding. The driver, a 36-year-old Detroit man, had a blood/alcohol level of .15. Police pulled over a vehicle

along 12 Mile and Orchard Lake for nearly hitting a median and having a loud exhaust around 2:38 a.m. Monday. The driver, a 28-year-old Farmington man, refused a breath test and a blood test was ordered.

**Computers stolen**

Signal-Robot on Northwestern Highway reported three laptops were stolen from the office between Nov. 27 and Monday. Total loss was \$6,000.

**Car stolen**

A West Bloomfield man told police his Ford Ranger was stolen after he let it warm up unattended while it was parked at the Ramada Inn around 3:30 a.m. Monday. He said he locked the vehicle with his keyless remote.

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

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## OBITUARIES

**Geno Toffanetti**  
Services for Geno Toffanetti, 77, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 5 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Toffanetti was born in Butler, Pa. and died Dec. 1, 2002 in Farmington Hills. He worked as a sales manager for Kolene Corporation for 33 years and was a World War II Marine Corps veteran. Mr. Toffanetti earned two Purple Hearts and various other medals during his service in the Marine Corps. He enjoyed golf, traveling, sailing, reading, sports and was a Civil War enthusiast.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.



Mr Toffanetti

**Doris Gaiser**  
Services for Doris Gaiser, 77, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 3 at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Bradley Gee officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Gaiser was born June 21, 1925 in Detroit and died Nov. 29, 2002 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was a foster parent and a volunteer at Botsford Hospital for many years. She was also a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Carl E.; sons Carl T., Gary (Gail), and Kurt; daughters, Gayle (Glenn) Bachman and Beth (Kevin) Oldham; sister, Beatrice (Arnold) Krause; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331; Lutheran Children's Friends Society, Guardian Lutheran Church, 24544 Cherry Hill, Dearborn, MI 48124.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

**Dr. Malcolm J. Delaney, M.D.**  
Services for Dr. Malcolm J. Delaney, 82, formerly of Farmington, were held Nov. 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart, Fla.

Dr. Delaney died Nov. 15, 2002 at the Hospice of Martin & St. Lucie in Stuart, Fla. A native of Gannanque, Canada, he graduated from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. He was an emergency doctor and director of emergency services at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia and served as a general practitioner in Farmington for 33 years.

During World War II, he was a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart, Fla.

Dr. Delaney is survived by his wife, Norma; son, Brian; daughter, Kathy Becker; and three granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1101 North Lake Destiny Road, Ste. 415, Maitland, FL 32751-7105.

Arrangements made by Aycock Funeral Home in Stuart, Fla.